

# ISLAND PEAK 6189M EXPEDITION



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**Type:** Expedition (All inclusive) *International flight not included*

**Total no of days:** 20 Days

**Alpine grading / Difficulty:** F2

**Cost:** \$4550 P/P

**Deposit:** \$150 P/P

### **1:2 GUIDE/CLIMBER RATIO**

**Best season for Expedition:** March - May / September - November

## OVERVIEW

**Island Peak** is one of the most popular 6,000M+ climbing peaks in Nepal. This 20-day expedition itinerary ensures you acclimatize properly, trekking up the Khumbu Valley, via Gokyo lake to Everest base camp and gradually progressing before climbing the summit of Island Peak. The peak is actually an extension of the ridge coming down off the south end of Lhotse Shar. Imja Tse is a popular mountaineering objective for climbers in Nepal, with its standard climbing route having the difficulty rating of Alpine PD or 2B.

### **Island peak climbing technicality**

Island Peak Expedition Tour in Nepal is graded PD or 2B alpine mountain which has some technical climbing features and wide exposed glaciers. The final route includes basic rock scrambling, roped steel ladder glacier crossings, climbing on a steep snow/ice wall on fixed ropes, and exposed final summit ridge. Climbers undertaking this climb Island Peak trip will be trained with basic mountaineering skills by our guides, which includes scrambling on rocky surfaces and walking on snow/ice with ice axe and crampons. It is best if you have previous experience of basic winter or alpine climb as this will help you with basic technical knowledge for attempting the final summit. You will also need to be physically fit as the climb will demand your physical strength and endurance. Combine your physical fitness, basic climbing skills and your sheer will you will be celebrating your moments at the summit of Island Peak. Finally, to top it up 360 views of the Himalayas all around you, a perfect way to accomplish your Island Peak summit.

## **Expedition Highlights**

- Island Peak 6189M
- Hiking in beautiful Khumbu valley and 360 Panoramic views of the Himalayas via Gokyo lake lake and Everest BC
- 1:2 Guide/Client ratio throughout the expedition
- Base Camp and high camp alpine camping

## **ITINERARY**

Day 1 -2 Arrival and Gear check day

Day 3 Lukla / Monjo

Day 4 Monjo / Namche Bazaar

Day 5 Acclimatisation day

Day 6 Namche Bazaar to Phortse 3810M (5 to 6 hours)

Day 7 Phortse to Macchharo 4400M (4 - 5 hours)

Day 8 Gokyo 4800 M (5 to 6 hours)

Day 9 Gokyo Ri to Thanknag 4700 M (4-6 hours)

Day 10 Dzungla 4750M Via Cho-la-Pass 5363M (7 to 8 hours)

Day 11 Dzongla to Gorakshep to EBC 5346M and back to Gorakshep (8 hours)

Day 12 Kalapatthar to Lobuche

Day 13 Lobuche to Chukung

Day 14 Chukung to Island Peak BC

Day 15 IPBC to Summit to BC to Chukung (10+ hours)

Day 16 Chukung to Pangboche (5 - 6 hours)

Day 17 Namche Bazaar (5 - 6 hours)

Day 18 Lukla (6 - 7 Hours)

Day 19 Kathmandu

Day 20 Departure



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### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- IFMGA or NMA certified Guide leader
- \$300 Individual tip pool. *(This is not a summit bonus tip)* The tip pool will be fairly distributed among all Namas staff members. (Guides, porters, drivers, hotel security and staffs). Guest may personally hand in extra tips to our guides and porters)
- Namas Branded merchandise (Down Jacket, Cap, Buff)
- 1:2 Sherpa/client ratio. (Additional Sherpa Guide can be arranged, extra charges apply)
- 2 nights before the expedition and 1 day after the expedition. Hotel in Kathmandu. *(Should clients return early from their expedition, clients will be responsible for their extra Kathmandu hotel bookings)*
- All trekking and climbing permits
- All internal-local transportation to and from the trekking trailhead
- 2 person tent at higher camps
- 30 kgs personal weight ***(Extra additional weight, clients will need to hire an additional porter. Estimated \$1000 USD for 12 - 18 days)***
- Meals during camping days
- Burners and expedition equipment
- Satellite phone
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner on trek and expedition days.
- Lodge accommodation during the trek
- Porters per guest
- Arrival pick-up and departure
- Internal flights
- Basic First aid kit
- Welcome or Farewell leave Dinner

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Visas and travel insurance
- Summit Bonus (\$300+ per member)
- Entertainment and food (Kathmandu)
- Bottled drinks and beverages
- Evacuation (will be done in your account)
- Single supplement Charges
- Laundry, Phone services, Personal expenditure transactions
- Optional trips
- Tea breaks, chocolates or other snacks, and any meals besides breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Delay and cancellation because of natural phenomenon
- International flights to Kathmandu

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### TIPS FOR GUIDES AND PORTERS

Most of our guest give tips during the end of the trek/climb. Your booking payment already consist a tip pool of \$300. We will fairly distribute the tips among your drivers, assistant guides and porters.

Guest also donates trekking equipments like jackets, trek poles, gloves or hats to porters which is greatly appreciated. Guest can also buy our porters dinner, during the final day of the trek for all their hard work and for making their trek possible

**Additional Summit tips \$300 per member.**



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### Why choose Namas Adventure team. (More on about us)

- Client safety is our primary focus and is implemented in all decision we make on our expeditions.
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- We assemble best Sherpa, co-ordination and guiding team on all our expeditions.
- Use of highest quality gears and equipments on all treks and expeditions. ( i.e. Tents, ropes, climbing gears, base camp essentials)
- Best experienced team to help you achieve your one of the greatest adventure.
- Creating a fun memorable experience and target successful summit on all our expeditions.

### **Namaste - " Our soul recognises your soul "**

At Namas, core mission is to invoke sense of adventure, exploration and inspire human spirit through outdoor adventure activities.

### **Our Moto - Live Your Story**

Namas Adventure is a premier adventure activity service provider specialising in hand picked adventure activities with trekking, motocross and expeditions to the peaks. We aim to provide the best adventure tours around the globe. What makes us different is also our commitment to responsible, ethical and sustainable tourism. Our central aim is to help you attain your personal adventure/expeditions goals while experiencing the best of our planet, its unique cultures and environments. We aim to offer the highest quality adventure tours and expeditions at a great value while focusing on our primary goals: safety, success, and recreation. We hire only the best leaders and we don't cut corners on costs. Our adventures and expeditions strive to set the highest standards. We prioritize the wellbeing and safety of our teams, being responsible to the environments we operate in, respecting culture, contributing to local economies by employing regional partners and paying them higher than the industry standard or influencing higher pay when we feel the market has underpaid the working staffs and working in a self-sufficient and self-reliant way. We promote a sustainable/responsible approach to adventure travel by connecting people to the natural world and giving back to local communities. **(More on our about us website page)**

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### ALPINE GRADING

1 or F: Easy These routes involve easy glacier travel and may require some rock scrambling. Except for the glacier sections, you can often climb rope less.

2 or PD: a little difficult. These routes involve some technical climbing sections and glaciers of higher difficulty. There may also be some short sections of steep terrain. They are good introductory climbs for beginners.

3 or AD : Fairly hard. These are physically demanding routes for experienced alpine climbers. They usually have steep and exposed climbing sections or snow/ice slopes over 50°. The descents are long and more complicated, and most of the route requires to be roped.

4 or D: Difficult. These routes involve sustained rock climbing, ice climbing or snow travel. They are considered a significant undertaking and demand a huge commitment.

5 or TD: Very difficult. Highly technical climbs that involve long distances, remote locations, and hard multi-pitch climbing sections. Besides, there are often other hazards like bad weather (extreme cold, strong winds) or poor protection on the routes.

6 or ED: Extremely difficult. These are extreme climbs (the most difficult in the world, actually!) with continuous difficulties. They take several days to be completed.

### FITNESS GRADING

A - Fitness level to be able to enjoy multi day walks of 6-7 hours per day. Should be able to carry 5-8kg of weight during the activity days.

B - Good level of cardio-vascular fitness and strength fitness needed. Can train by running or cycling 30+ min 3/4 times a week combined with some gym session of endurance or lower body straightening. Should be able to carry 10kgs during the activity day.

C - High level of fitness level required both in strengthening and endurance fitness level. Should be able to carry 8 -12 kgs of load. Training or gym sessions are required to attain this level of fitness. Previous experience of multi-day hill walking is essential.

D - Exceptional level of all round fitness will be required to cope with the exceptionally strenuous nature of these expeditions. Experience is required to be able to take on tours of this physical grading.

E - Exceptional level of all round fitness coupled with ability to cope and resist in highest of the altitude. A resistance to extreme weather conditions over extended periods of time. Heavy loads over multiple days may need to be carried. Previous experience is highly crucial in order to prepare your body endure the high level of mental and physical toughness from both altitude and terrains.

### **Expedition Fitness**

When it comes to expedition the more fitter you are and more stronger the better your chances of successfully climbing to the summit and most of all enjoying the expedition. The grading system gives you an indication of the level required for each expedition both technically and physically. It is very important that you train and build your level of fitness depending on your choice of expedition and whilst on expedition if your fitness is deemed to be inadequate our leaders would ask you to remain at camp. Please discuss with our guiding leaders on how you feel and weather you can actually make that push during all climbing/expedition, as we take your and staff safety seriously and would not want any unchecked incidents or miss out on your successful summit bid.

### **Adventure Travel – Accuracy of Itinerary**

It is on our best interest to operate our expeditions as printed in the itinerary but due to unseen circumstances it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of flight schedules, climatic conditions, limitations of infrastructure or other operational factors. As a consequence, the order or location of overnight stops and the duration of the day may vary from those outlined. We would ask for your patience in this case as a lot of these can be out of our hands and we will best decide to plan alternatives. Our assigned leader is responsible for the overall safety of the whole team during the expedition and will encourage the use of safe climbing practises during the expedition. They will ensure that every opportunity is taken to fulfil the objectives described in the trip's outline itinerary, but have the freedom to modify any plans subject to weather, delays or unforeseen circumstances which are deemed to be out of the control of Namas Adventure. The leader will maintain a good team spirit and attempt to keep morale high for the whole group. Wherever possible the leader will keep the Namas Adventure office informed of team progress and any emergency situations that may arise.



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### Insurance

All our clients are required to have adequate insurance for their trip programs. When conducting research for insurance options, please look into the details of the policies covering the right requirements. Unexpected life events occur. Your travel plans might change due to illness while you are abroad or because of a family emergency even before you leave home. Our recommendation is that you protect your investment and welfare against these unexpected circumstances so you and your loved ones can prepare for your upcoming adventure with more peace of mind.

- **Cancellation or curtailment**
- **Helicopter rescue**
- **Repatriation**
- **The altitude that you are expected to attain**
- **Grade of trek/climb/expedition**
- **Medical cover**

### Namas Adventure X Global Rescue

#### Who Is Global Rescue?

Travel Protection, Namas Adventure partners with Global Rescue to offer the world's leading travel protection services. Medical and security emergencies happen. When they do, we rely on Global Rescue to provide our clients with medical, security, travel risk, and crisis response services. Without a membership, an emergency evacuation could cost over \$100,000. More than one million members trust Global Rescue to get them home safely when the unexpected happens. We highly recommend our clients enroll with Global Rescue. (*Insurance link - Click here*)

#### IMG Signature Travel Insurance

IMG Signature travel insurance is the perfect add-on to a Global Rescue membership, providing coverage against a variety of unforeseen expenses while you're traveling, giving you the added comfort of knowing the value of your trip is protected in case you need it.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE LINK**

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### **Namas Adventure is a Global Rescue Safe Travel Partner.**

**Namas Adventure** is committed to excellence in every aspect of your trip experience, especially when it comes to safety.

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