

# Shey Festival Trek

## Trip Overview

Shey Festival Trek, Among the various fairs and festivals celebrated in Dolpo (previously known as Holpo), the Shey Ribo Dugdra (Shey) festival stands as one of the most significant and celebrated events. As the festival is held in the interval of every twelve years, with a history of being celebrated for more than 800 years, it carries a spiritual and historical significance to the locals of the district. This year, the festival will take place from Bhadra 16 to 21, 2081 (September 01 to 06, 2024.) at Shey Sumbo Gumba in Shey Phoksundo Municipality, ward no. 03. The festival centers around Shey Ribo Dugdra also known as the Crystal Mountain. According to the ancient myths and legends, circumambulating this mountain cleanses one's sins and brings prosperity. This rare festival in Nepal attracts locals and monks who perform religious rituals, offer prayers, and engage in various cultural activities, adding a spiritual dimension to the scenic Dolpa trekking experience.

The Shey Festival 2024 is a significant draw for both domestic and international tourists, particularly for those on Dolpa trek. This trek in Nepal provides an exceptional insight on the unique culture and tradition of Dolpa, showcased through vibrant festivities, creating an unforgettable experience for visitors. The festival not only showcases Dolpa's rich cultures but also promotes tourism popularity in the region if given proper attention. Various religious rituals (tsok offering ceremony, chod ceremony, mani Rimdu and more), traditional songs (lama song, folk ballads and many more), dances (cham dance, yak dance, snow lion dance, and many more) and local cuisine are some of the highlights of this one-of-a-kind festival in Nepal. Visitors can also purchase handmade crafts and souvenirs from local artisans, gaining insights into the traditional arts and craftsmanship of Dolpo.

Trekkers visiting during the Shelri Dugdra (Shey) festival can also explore Dolpo's stunning landscapes, including the pristine Phoksundo Lake, the ancient monasteries and surrounding several notable breathtaking mountains such as Kanjirowa Himal, Crystal Mountain and many others featured in Dolpo trekking itineraries. The Shey festival is a celebration of Dolpo's unique cultural heritage. It provides an opportunity for locals and tourists alike to experience the traditional ceremonies, cultural performances and communal gatherings that define the region. As Dolpo preserves its cultural identity the festival plays a vital role in fostering unity and cultural pride among its people, making Dolpo an even more enriching trekking experience.

The 67th Shelri Dugdra Festival Organizing Committee, this festival is a grand celebration which could be organized due to the collaboration of many rural municipalities including Shey Phoksundo, Dolpo Buddha and Chharka Tangsong rural municipalities as well as WWF and many other organizations have provided their financial support for this festival celebration. The organizing committee have said of targeting around 15000 participants for this upcoming festival. Many hotels, guesthouses or homestays in collaboration with the neighboring villages around Shey Gumba are arranged as accommodation for both domestic and international tourists. For emergency purposes, many helicopters and flights are said to have been set in sidelines for the convenience of the guests or incase of emergency by the organizing committee.

This September, don't miss out on the rare occasion of celebrating 67th Shelri Dugdra (Shey) Festival in the heart of Nepal's Dolpa. Join Climbing Himalaya for an exclusive journey that combines cultural immersion with breathtaking trekking adventures. Our trustworthy and experienced team is dedicated to providing the best service and ensuring you have an unforgettable experience at a reasonable cost. At Climbing Himalaya, we offer exclusive access to this one-of-a-kind festival, with limited spots available for an intimate and personalized experience. Our expert

guides, who bring the festival's traditions, folksongs and stories to life, are some of the most experienced in the industry.

With us, you can count on seamless travel arrangements: we handle everything from flights to accommodations, so you can focus on soaking in the experience. When you book with Climbing Himalaya, you gain unparalleled access to festival participation by witnessing and participating in the sacred rituals, dances and ceremonies that are performed in the Shey festival. Engage with local communities and learn about their rich heritage through our cultural insights. Additionally, enjoy guided treks through the stunning landscapes of Dolpa, making your journey both culturally enriching and visually spectacular. Trust Climbing Himalaya for quality services, reasonable prices and the best service available in the region. Secure your place today and trek on this once-in-a-lifetime thrilling adventure with Climbing Himalaya!

## **Trip Highlights**

## **Trip Itinerary**

**Day 01:**

## **Cost Includes**

- Airport pick up drop both National and International flight
- 3-star House twin sharing room on BB plan in Kathmandu
- One night in Nepalgunj twin sharing bed room with on Dinner and Breakfast
- Two-way flight fare to KTM-Nepalgunj-KTM
- Two-way flight fare to Nepalgunj-Juphal-Nepalgunj
- Staff Transportation
- Necessary Sherpa (Assistant Guide) and kitchen crew
- Necessary mule for camping transportation
- All camping gear include kitchen equipment
- Camping charge
- Tented camp includes three meals a day with Pack lunch
- Upper & Lower Dolpa Permit
- Shey Phoksundo National Park fee
- Accident Insurance Nepali Staff

## **Cost Excludes**

- All personal expenses
- Lunch and Dinner in Kathmandu
- Kathmandu Sightseen
- Health and Medical insurance
- Hotel/Guest house in trekking period
- Restaurant Bill on Trekking Period
- Personal Bill/Expenses Bar Bill and Drinking water during the Tea House Period
- Search and Rescue Insurance (Travel Insurance)
- Nepal visa
- International air fare and Taxes
- Trekking equipment include Sleeping bag
- Alcoholic bar bills including espresso coffee

- Shower gel tooth brush towels body lotions sun lotions
- Due to natural calamities landslides weather conditions or political upheaval
- Tipping to support team souvenirs and other then mention above.