

SCHOOLIES Unearthed

THIS IS SCHOOLIES LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE. IT'S TIME FOR A REAL ADVENTURE

Celebrate your high school graduation in style by travelling overseas on an all inclusive 12-day adventure with an amazing crew. Contribute to a disadvantaged local community, trek the stunning Himalayan mountains and explore the cool city of Kathmandu.



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- The stuff dreams are made of! Trek for 6-days high up in the spectacular Himalayan Mountains.
- Help out on a sustainable volunteer project and experience a mountain village immersion.
- Visit insta-worthy temples and markets in Kathmandu - don't miss the famous "Monkey Temple!"
- A Schoolies Unearthed leader will be there to guide you the entire way.

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TRIP SUMMARY

TOTAL COST:
\$4490 AUD ALL INCLUSIVE
\$5590 NZD ALL INCLUSIVE

INCLUSIONS:

- International return airfares
- Comprehensive travel insurance including emergency evacuation
- All food, accommodation and transport
- Australian Unearthed Leader
- Community volunteer project
- 6-day trek with local guides
- Epic adventures and sightseeing activities unique to your destination
- 24-hour back up and support from Australia/New Zealand
- 24-hour back and support on the ground overseas
- Unearthed t-shirt and cap
- Pre departure pack and information
- Parent Information evening before departure

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Sample Itinerary

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DAY 1: Arrive Kathmandu

The adventure begins! Flying into Nepal with your SU crew over snow-capped mountains is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Discover Kathmandu, a city filled with prayer flags, temples and monkeys. Keep an eye out for the masses of amazing street food as you make your way into the heart of the city. Don't miss the delicious momos (dumplings) and cups of sweet chai!

DAY 2: Kathmandu Markets & Temples

Settle into your new surrounds and explore the magical city of Kathmandu. Wander around the Monkey Temple and take some amazing photos, check out Durbar Square, or stroll around Thamel looking inside the many mountain goods, craft and souvenir stores. Grab yourself some lunch and kick back in a cafe watching the world go by.

DAY 3: Trek Begins!

Now you've got a taste for city living, you'll be trading the sprawling urban landscape for the world-famous Himalayas! Grab your gear and as a team you'll make your way to the trek starting point at Sundarikal. Your trek will begin along the beautiful ridge line bordering the northern side of the Kathmandu Valley. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife and spectacular views as you breathe in that fresh mountain air.



DAY 4: Himalayan Trek

Throughout the trek, you'll be bunkering down in cosy homestays and teahouses - about as Nepali as a yeti riding a yak! Today, breakfast will be served with early morning views to the west including Makalu, Peak 29 and Boudha Himal. The day starts with a descent to the village of Pati Bhanjang, before trekking up into the village of Chipling for lunch. Traversing through alpine forests, there will be a lot to reflect on as you warm your hands with a well-earned tea tonight.

DAY 5: Himalayan Trek

On the third day, you will reach a new high point, ticking over 3200m above sea level in the shadow of Magengoth. Feast your senses on mountain meadows, snowy peaks, towering bamboo trees and cultural beauty as you hit the half way point. Hopefully by today you've had the chance to sample the region's delicious sweet apples!

Trekking in the Himalayas is something I've always dreamed of doing, and being able to achieve my goal straight out of high school was amazing! Our team bonded so much during the trek, always laughing and singing and motivating each other. The food was amazing!

Georgie, Schoolies Unearthed.

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DAY 6: Himalayan Trek

After reaching our trek's summit, there are a couple of ways down out of the mountains. Thank goodness for our legendary local guides! Your team might make for a high pass like Tharepati - a 3500m beauty of a peak - or drop directly back down into the valley to the Melamchi River. The foothills are covered in beautiful greenery, and mainly inhabited by Sherpa people with their unique culture and spectacular Buddhist monasteries, so keep those cameras at the ready.

DAY 7: Himalayan Trek

After crossing the roaring Melamchi River, there will be another glorious ascent waiting on the other side. Believe it or not, the river has actually been a key focus of a water supply project for the 'big smoke' Kathmandu, to divert the fresh glacial flow towards the city. At lunch, you might even feel like dipping your hardworking feet in the chilly water, before venturing up the path toward the Sherpa village of Tarkeghyang.

The climb can be broken up by visiting the impressive temple, or 'gompa', at Nakotegoan. Tarkeghyang is nestled into the mountainside at 2270m, and is the largest of the villages in Helambu, ready and waiting for you to explore its narrow alleys and distinct style - a perfectly picturesque place to rest your head for the trek's final night.



DAY 8: Final Trek Day

Waking up on the trek's last morning is sure to feel a little bittersweet. Today, you'll begin heading south, as the trail continues downwards and you leave the hills behind you. The character of the landscape and communities will change before your eyes, as you notice the difference in lifestyle back in the lower foothills of the Himalayas. Celebrate your achievement with a delicious dinner, songs and cake, and most of all - a hot shower!

DAY 9: Community Project

With the trek complete, it's time to begin your community immersion. The 2015 Nepal earthquake was devastating. Not only were many lives lost, but it destroyed vital infrastructure, buildings, homes and community facilities. Despite the effort to rebuild, many schools in the area remain unusable.

Your team will be working on a project in the Kathmandu Valley, assisting in the rebuild efforts of a local community. This could include pulling down old structures and clearing the area for rebuilding, laying foundations, bricklaying, rendering and painting. So it's gloves on, sleeves up and best foot forward!

DAY 10: Community Project

Continue with your community project work, while soaking in true Nepali village life. Get to know your hosts by sharing games and meals with them in the evenings.

DAY 11: Community Farewell & Kathmandu

Throughout the project, the team will be hosted by local families in a homestay, making it all the more difficult to say goodbye! Today it's tools down, and time for a touching community farewell and thank you ceremony, before packing up and making the journey back towards the city once more. With all that the team has seen and done, you better believe there will be mango lassies all around as you reflect on your memories and stories!

DAY 12: Depart Kathmandu and Arrive Home

Not many people can say they conquered the Himalayas on their Schoolies Trip, but you can. There'll be much chatting and laughter amongst you and your teammates as you reflect on your achievements.

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