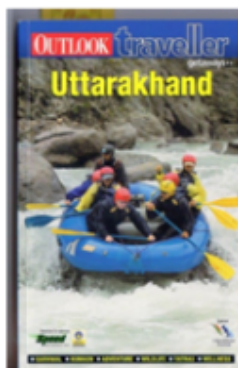




## **BANDARPUNCH CLIMB**



## BANDARPUNCH CLIMB: INTRODUCTION

The name Bandarpunch / Banderpunch (also spelt as Bandarpoonch) literally means “monkey’s tail” in Hindi and is a lovely mountain in the Western Garhwal region of Uttarakhand. This massif has three mountains above 6000m, namely the twin peaks of Bandarpunch I (6316m) and Bandarpunch II (6102m) and Kalanag (Black Peak) at 6387m. Bandarpunch II is also called the ‘White Peak’. The massif can easily be spotted from many places in Garhwal. The first successful expedition to Bandarpunch was led by Maj Gen Harold Williams in 1950 with a team comprising of legendary mountaineer Tenzing Norgay. They approached the mountain from the Hanuman Ganga valley lying south west of the mountain. This mountain rose to prominence when the Doon school masters Jack Gibson and John Martyn started using this area to offer climbing experience to their wards during the summer holidays. They were the first ones to actually reconnoiter the route in 1937. Tenzing Norgay refers to Bandarpunch as ‘The Doon School Mountain’ in his autobiography. We approach the mountain from the south east route; the same route which was successfully climbed for the first time by Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) in 1975 when it took its students of Advance Mountaineering Course in the spring season. The trek to base camp starts from Sukhi, which lies on the road going up to Gangotri. The base camp is a beautiful two days hike from here and we set up two alpine camps above Base Camp before attempting summit. The climbing route is fairly straightforward but is highly crevasse littered between Camp 1 & Summit. This mountain is a perfect training ground for expedition climbing in Himalaya, with the summit offering incredible views of the high mountains of Garhwal in the south & the east (including Satopanth, Sudarshan Parbat, Chandra Parbat, Swetvaran, Matri, Thelu, Srikanth, Jogin, Gangotri range & Jaonli) and mountains of Kinnaur in the western sky.





## FACT SHEET

**DURATION OF TREK:** 17 Days

**REPORTING POINT:** Delhi

**GRADE OF TREK:** Challenging

**HEIGHT:** 5180 M

## ACCOMMODATION

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL PLAN
DAY 1	OVERNIGHT TRAIN	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 2	UTTARKASHI GUEST HOUSE	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 3-16	TREKKING CAMP	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 17	UTTARKASHI GUEST HOUSE	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 18	OVERNIGHT TRAIN	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 19	DELHI ARRIVAL - TRIP ENDS!	NA



## ITINERARY CHART

DAY	START POINT	END POINT	ALT
DAY 1	DEHRADUN AIRPORT	UTTARKASHI	
DAY 2	UTTARKASHI	FOREST CAMP	3000 M
DAY 3	FOREST CAMP	BASE CAMP	3780 M
DAY 4-7	BASE CAMP	BASE CAMP	3780 M
DAY 8, 9	BASE CAMP	CAMP 1	4450 M
DAY 10	CAMP 1	SUMMIT CAMP	5180 M
DAY 11	SUMMIT CAMP	SUMMIT CAMP	5180 M
DAY 12	SUMMIT CAMP	BASE CAMP (SUMMIT DAY)	5180 M
DAY 13	CONTINGENCY DAY		
DAY 14	SUMMIT CAMP	BASE CAMP	3780 M
DAY 15	BASE CAMP	FOREST CAMP	3000 M
DAY 16	FOREST CAMP	UTTARKASHI	
DAY 17	UTTARKASHI	DEHRADUN AIRPORT	

## BANDARPUNCH CLIMB: DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY ONE: DEHRADUN AIRPORT - UTTARKASHI

Arrive at Dehradun airport by 10AM. Board waiting vehicles to be driven straight to Uttarkashi (7hrs). Breakfast enroute. Check out personal climbing kit at the Guest House. Overnight Guest House.

### DAY TWO: UTTARKASHI - SUKHI - FOREST CAMP

(3000 M)

We start early in the morning & drive 2.5 hrs to the starting point of our trek at Sukhi. Sukhi is a small village at an altitude of 2500m and has few houses and many apple orchards. Sep/ Oct is apple harvest time in this area, so you might find many villagers offering apples for free. It is a steep trek up to a Khagi pass at 3420m from where we descend steeply down to the forest camp. The pass offers a good view of our route to the summit on the west and views of Gangotri I, II, Jaonli & Srikanth peaks in the south. Overnight at Camp.

### DAY THREE: FOREST CAMP - BASE CAMP

(3780 M)

It is a long walk to the base camp. We descend to the confluence of Son Gad & Chaiyaan Gad rivers and follow Chaiyyan Gad all the way up to the Base Camp. The walk is very beautiful as it goes through dense forests, some beautiful meadows and finally goes above the tree line to get to the base camp at the foot of the Chaiyyan glacier. We might come across some shepherds camping in the meadows with their flock. Overnight at Camp.

### DAY FOUR: BASE CAMP

(3780 M)

We use this day at Base Camp to sort our climbing gear and to acclimatise. We go for a hike to a high point on a trail and return to Base Camp by late afternoon. Overnight at Camp.

### DAY FIVE: BASE CAMP - CAMP 1 - BASE CAMP

(3780 M)

Today we make a load ferry to Camp 1. Essentially, we take some of the expedition's gear and hike up to Camp 1, leave the gear there and return to Base Camp. This serves a logistic purpose as well as helps you acclimatise.

### DAY SIX: BASE CAMP

A day to rest and acclimatise at Base Camp.

## DAY SEVEN: BASE CAMP - CAMP 1

(4450 M)

We move to Camp 1.



## DAY EIGHT: CAMP 1

(4450 M)

Rest and Acclimatise at Camp 1.





## DAY NINE: ACCLIMATISATION AT CAMP 1

(4450 M)

We hike up to 5000m and return to Camp 1 for the night.



## DAY TEN: CAMP 1 - SUMMIT CAMP

(5180 M)

Today we move to the Summit Camp.





#### DAY ELEVEN: REST DAY

We use this day at Summit Camp to check our gear and make sure we're ready for the summit push.

#### DAY TWELVE: SUMMIT CAMP - SUMMIT - SUMMIT CAMP

(5180M)

We start at 2am for the summit push and climb to the top of Bandarpunch (**6316m**) and descend back to summit camp.



#### DAY THIRTEEN: CONTINGENCY DAY

A day for contingencies to give you the best possible summit chance.

#### DAY FOURTEEN: SUMMIT CAMP - BASE CAMP

We start our descend from Summit Camp to Base camp and retrace our steps.

#### DAY FIFTEEN: BASE CAMP - FOREST CAMP

Long day today hiking down to the forest camp from base camp.

#### DAY SIXTEEN: FOREST CAMP - SUKHI - UTTARKASHI

In the morning, leave for Sukhi where our vehicles await us. We drive to Uttarkashi.

#### DAY SEVENTEEN: UTTARKASHI - DEHRADUN AIRPORT

Drive Uttarkashi to Dehradun and take the flight back home.



## BANDARPUNCH CLIMB: COST BREAKDOWN

### COST INCLUDES

ALL TRANSFERS IN A NON-AC VEHICLE AS PER THE ITINERARY
ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAYING AND CAMPING WHILE ON TRIP
ACCOMMODATION ON TWIN SHARING BASIS IN TENTS / HOTEL
ALL MEALS AS MENTIONED IN ITINERARY & SAFE DRINKING WATER
ALL COMMON CAMPING AND TREKKING EQUIPMENT
ALL TREKKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH INDIA'S MOST EXPERIENCED GUIDING TEAM, CAMP STAFF AND COOKS
PORTERAGE UPTO 15KG/PERSON
PEAK FEE/SANCTUARY FEE/ROYALTY/PERMITS WHERE APPLICABLE

### COST EXCLUDES

SLEEPING BAG & BOTTLED WATER
ANY TRANSFERS OUTSIDE OF ITINERARY
ITEMS OF PERSONAL CLOTHING
INDIVIDUAL CLIMBING EQUIPMENT (BUDGET ON SPENDING INR5000 IF RENTING CLIMBING EQUIPMENT FROM UTTARKASHI)
EXPENSES OF ANY PERSONAL NATURE (LAUNDRY / PHONE CALLS / ALCOHOL / CIGARETTES / INSURANCE / CAMERA FEE / ETC.)
ANY EXPENSE INCURRED DUE TO FORCE OF NATURE SUCH AS LANDSLIDES, BAD WEATHER OR REASONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL
TIPS & GRATUITIES (WE RECOMMEND 5-10% OF YOUR TRIP COST- TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE TEAM) - PERSONAL CHOICE
TRAVEL & CANCELLATION INSURANCE
TRAIN & FLIGHT TRAVEL

## BANDARPUNCH CLIMB: THE NEXT STEPS

Have any questions? [Email us](#)

Ready to go?

Book your place by filling in this [form](#).

Make your payment [here](#).

Once you fill in your form, we'll get in touch with you with all the necessary details.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Filling in the booking form does not guarantee a spot on any trek. You will receive a separate confirmation email once the booking form is submitted.

We look forward to hosting you on your next Adventure!

