

**AQUATERRA**

A D V E N T U R E S

# **GARHWAL TREK & RAFT**

**PANGARCHULLA TREK**

**KUARI PASS TREK**

**ALAKNANDA RAFTING EXPEDITION**



## **GARHWAL TREK & RAFT: INTRODUCTION**

Starting the trek from Auli, turns Kuari Pass into a beautiful trek that provides sweeping views from the gorges of Trishul in the East to the peaks of Kedarnath in the West. It offers unparalleled view of the Kedarnath, Chaukhamba, Nilkantha, Kamet, Gauri Parbat, Hathi Parbat, Nanda Devi, Dunagiri and a myriad of other 6000m and 7000m peaks. It is a great trek that offers views and meadows to turn anyone into a happy mountain soul.

Pangarchulla becomes a beautiful climbing objective in the spring, an easy low peak which gives a good feel of a climb; plodding the crisp morning snow with amazing views of high mountains. Just perfect for anyone trying to wet their feet with their first Himalayan Summit. End the trip with a multi-day river adventure down the Alaknanda river to end at Rudraprayag, descending 70 kms of a classic river run negotiating over 85 Class 3+/4 rapids!



## FACT SHEET

**DURATION OF TRIP:** 11 Days

**REPORTING POINT:** Dehradun Airport

**GRADE OF TRIP:** Demanding

**HEIGHT:** 4000 M

**GRADE:** Class 4

## ACCOMMODATION

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL PLAN
DAY 1	HOTEL LE MEADOWS, PIPALKOTI	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 2-6	TREKKING CAMP	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 7	HOTEL LE MEADOWS	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 8-9	RAFTING CAMP	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 10	CAMP AQUATERRA	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 11	CAMP AQUATERRA	BREAKFAST & LUNCH

## ITINERARY CHART

DAY	START POINT	END POINT	DISTANCE	TIME	ALT./CLASS
DAY 1	DEHRADUN AIRPORT	PIPALKOTI	DRIVE 239 KM	7 HRS	1560 M
DAY 2	PIPALKOTI	GORSON	DRIVE 48 KM TREK 4 KM	6 HRS	3200 M
DAY 3	GORSON	TALI	TREK 6 KM	5 HRS	3310 M
DAY 4	TALI	KHULARA	TREK 6 KM	5 HRS	3395 M
DAY 5	KHULARA BASE CAMP	ADVANCE BASE CAMP			4000 M
DAY 6	ADVANCE BASE CAMP	KHULARA (SUMMIT DAY)	TREK 9 KM	8 HRS	3395 M
DAY 7	KHULARA	PIPALKOTI	TREK 7 KM DRIVE 47 KM	8 HRS	1330 M
DAY 8	PIPALKOTI	NANDPRAYAG	DRIVE 8 KM RAFT 20 KM	5 HRS	CLASS 3+/4
DAY 9	NANDPRAYAG	GAUCHAR	RAFT 30 KM	5 HRS	CLASS 3+/4
DAY 10	GAUCHAR	CAMP AQUATERRA	RAFT 30 KM DRIVE 90 KM	8 HRS	CLASS 3+/4
DAY 11	CAMP AQUATERRA	DEHRADUN AIRPORT	DRIVE 46 KM	1.5	

## GARHWAL TREK & RAFT: DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY ONE: DEHRADUN AIRPORT – PIPALKOTI

(1560 M)

Arrive Dehradun Airport by 10am. Board waiting vehicles to be driven straight to Atali Ganga for breakfast. Thereafter, drive onward to Pipalkoti (7hrs). The drive takes one into the rugged countryside of the Garhwal along the Alaknanda River. Drive past a few holy confluences, and break for the night at a basic transit hotel in Pipalkoti.



### DAY TWO: PIPALKOTI - GORSON

(3200 M)

Post breakfast drive 48kms to Auli, one gets to see a distinct profile of Nanda Devi at the head of the sanctuary. The walk takes you through old forests of oak and rhododendron to reach the picturesque meadows of Gorson. We camp at Gorson, and go for afternoon walk to explore the vast meadows.



### DAY THREE: GORSON – TALI

(3310 M)

Have a relaxed start. Post breakfast carry on towards Tali. The trail climbs diagonally up on the Gorson Bugyal and then traverses down to the forest. We camp a little ahead of a small water body at Tali.



### DAY FOUR: TALI - KHULARA

(3395 M)

Today the trail ascends the ridge above Tali. Just below the high point on the ridge, the trail leads through a large meadow affording spectacular views. North of Joshimath is the Chaukhamba range, Nilkanth (6596m) and Narayan Parbat (5965m), while Mana peak (7272m), Kamet (7756m) and Abi Gamin (7355m) extend to the Tibetan border. In the middle foreground, the main Himalayan chain in the vicinity of the Bhyundar valley and Hem Kund includes Nilgiri Parbat (6474m), Rataban (6166m), Ghori Parbat (6708m) and Hathi Parbat (6727m). Dunagairi (7066m) dominates the peaks to the north of the Nanda Devi Sanctuary. Catch some patchy phone signal here and then descent an hour to the base camp at Khulara.



**DAY FIVE: KHULARA BASE CAMP - ADVANCE BASE CAMP**

**(4000 M)**

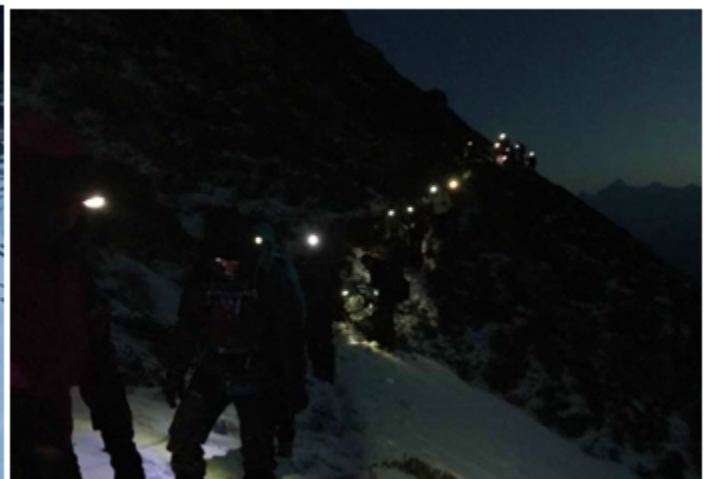
Have an easy start. After breakfast get ready in your climbing gear and start plodding up towards the high camp. Most of the walk goes on a moderate gradient on the snow covered North face with great views of the high mountains. A short traverse will bring us to the advanced base camp.



**DAY SIX: ADV BASE CAMP - SUMMIT - KHULARA BASE CAMP**

**(3395 M)**

Wake up early to be up on the summit to see the sunrise on a wide Himalayan panorama. The walk up to the summit at 4575m would take a couple of hours and we descend to be in time for hot lunch at base camp. Evening party!





**DAY SEVEN: KHULARA - TAPOVAN - PIPALKOTI**

**(1330 M)**

The last day of the trip is a descent all the way down to Tapovan. It's about a 3-hour drive from here to the comforts of the hotel in Pipalkoti.



**DAY EIGHT: PIPALKOTI – CHAMOLI – NANDPRAYAG**

**(CLASS 3+/4)**

An early start today, we drive an hour to Chamoli and begin our river trip after a comprehensive safety check. We raft 25 kms with nearly 40 rapids today, including a possible portage at Hillary Fall. This is the spot where Edmund Hillary's famous "Ocean to Sky" expedition ended, being unable to travel up this rapid. Lots of paddling, lots of scouts, this is the quintessential river day.



**DAY NINE: NANDPRAYAG - GAUCHAR**

**(CLASS 3+/4)**

Today we raft from Nandprayag to Gauchar, rafting down a series of nearly 20 Class 3+/4 rapids over a 4 hour day. We camp near Gauchar, 7 kms upstream of the confluence of the Alaknanda with the Pindar at Karnaprayag.



**DAY TEN: GAUCHAR - RUDRAPRAYAG - CAMP ATA**

**(CLASS 3+/4)**

Today we raft till below Rudraprayag in a 5 hour day covering 30 kms of Class 3+/4 rapids, including a portage at "Kakar Fall". Drive back down the valley to arrive at Camp Aquaterra for dinner. You can alternatively stay at Atali Ganga. Please ask for options.



## DAY ELEVEN: CAMP AQUATERRA - DEHRADUN AIRPORT

Relaxed morning at Camp. 24 KM rafting trip to NIM Beach. Post lunch transfer to Dehradun Airport to board the flight home. Trip



## GARHWAL TREK & RAFT: COST BREAKDOWN

### COST INCLUDES

ALL TRAVEL FROM DEHRADUN AND BACK TO DEHRADUN BY ROAD  
ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAYING AND CAMPING WHILE ON TRIP  
ACCOMMODATION ON TWIN SHARING BASIS IN TENTS / HOTEL  
ALL MEALS AS DETAILED IN ITINERARY & SAFE DRINKING WATER  
ALL TRIP ARRANGEMENTS WITH INDIA'S MOST EXPERIENCED GUIDING TEAM, CAMP STAFF AND COOKS  
PORTAGE UPTO 15KG/PERSON  
PEAK FEE/SANCTUARY FEE/ROYALTY/PERMITS WHERE APPLICABLE

### COST EXCLUDES

SLEEPING BAG  
ANY TRANSFERS OR MEALS OUTSIDE OF ITINERARY  
BOTTLED WATER  
ITEMS OF PERSONAL CLOTHING  
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  
FLIGHT & TRAIN TRAVEL

## GARHWAL TREK & RAFT: **THE NEXT**

Ready to go?

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

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!

