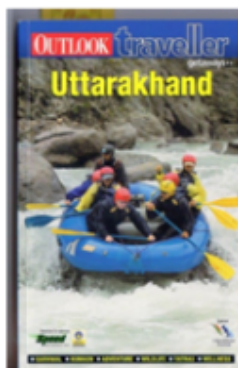


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PANPATIA COL TREK



PANPATIA COL TREK: INTRODUCTION

Between two of the most haloed pilgrimage sites in the Himalayas lies a land that nurtures a legend worthy of difficult discovery and extreme exploration. A tale that has drawn feted explorers of the like of Meade, Shipton and Tilman, Martin Moran, Harish Kapadia, and countless other intrepid souls. They were all drawn by the lore that a priest from Badrinath would trek to Kedarnath in a day.

The explorations, which began as early as 1934, have mostly come a cropper, with weather, terrain and nerves beating each party back. The prize of the exploration is the crossing of the Panpatia col, a pass that hides its approach within drifts of moraines, crevasses and massive icefalls. Enjoy a wilderness experience – the likes of which very few exist in a rapidly globalising world.



FACT SHEET

DURATION OF TREK: 15 Days

REPORTING POINT: Dehradun Airport

GRADE OF TREK: Challenging

HEIGHT: 5150 M

ACCOMMODATION

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL PLAN
DAY 1	HOTEL JOSHIMATH	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 2-12	TREKKING CAMP	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 13	HOTEL RUDRAPRAYAG	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 14	CAMP AQUATERRA	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 15	CAMP AQUATERRA	BREAKFAST



ITINERARY CHART

DAY	START POINT	END POINT	DISTANCE	TIME	ALT.
DAY 1	DED AIRPORT	JOSHIMATH	DRIVE 300 KM	9 HRS	1875 M
DAY 2	JOSHIMATH	KHIRAO	DRIVE 40 KM TREK 4 KM	DRIVE 2 HRS TREK 2 HRS	2700 M
DAY 3	KHIRAO	SHEPHERD CAMP	7 KM	5 HRS	3500 M
DAY 4	SHEPHERD CAMP	SNOUT CAMP	4 KM	5 HRS	3900 M
DAY 5	SNOUT CAMP	MORAINE CAMP	4 KM	6 HRS	4300 M
DAY 6	MORAINE CAMP	MORAINE CAMP	-	-	4300 M
DAY 7	MORAINE CAMP	PARVATI COL BASE CAMP	6 KM	5 HRS	4600 M
DAY 8	PARVATI COL BASE CAMP	PANPATIA SNOWFIELD – CAMP 1	6 KM	7 HRS	5150 M
DAY 9	PANPATIA SNOWFIELD – CAMP 1	SUJAL SAROVAR (PASS DAY)	9 KM	10 HRS	4700 M
DAY 10	SUJAL SAROVAR	KACHNI	7 KM	4 HRS	4150 M
DAY 11	KACHNI	NANU CHATTI	5 KM	3 HRS	3250 M
DAY 12	BUFFER DAY	BUFFER DAY	-	-	-
DAY 13	NANU CHATTI	RUDRA PRAYAG	12 KM	4 HRS	1400 M
DAY 14	RUDRA PRAYAG	CAMP AQUATERRA	DRIVE 90 KM	4 HRS	
DAY 15	CAMP AQUATERRA	DED AIRPORT	DRIVE 40 KM	2 HRS	

PANPATIA COL TREK: DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY ONE: DEHRADUN AIRPORT – JOSHIMATH

(1875 M)

Reach the Jolly Grant Airport by 9AM. Board waiting vehicles to be driven straight to the hotel in Joshimath. Breakfast enroute.

DAY TWO: JOSHIMATH – BADRINATH - KHIRAO

(2700 M)

From Badrinath, we drive down to the roadhead at Hanuman Chatti and start walking. Cross the Alaknanda by a suspension bridge from the Khirao roadhead on the road from Joshi- math to Badrinath. A short, walk and a gradual ascent brings you to Khirao village and the campsite, in a clearing above the confluence of the Khirao Ganga and Alaknanda.

DAY THREE: KHIRAO – SHEPHERD CAMP

(3500 M)

From the village, a steep climb brings one up to the treeline. A traverse on the grassy slopes brings you to your campsite in the meadow.

DAY FOUR: SHEPHERD CAMP- SNOUT CAMP

(3900 M)

It's a short walk all the way up to the snout of the Panpatia glacier. The snout is an easy 10-minute walk away from the campsite.

DAY FIVE: SNOUT CAMP - MORaine CAMP

(4300 M)

This is a relatively long day of gradual height gain. The never-ending moraine tends to get a bit monotonous but it's a joy to weave across patches of snow to ease progress and add variety to the walk. There are magnificent peaks all around. Neelkanth and Parvati loom large on one side and a heavily crevassed glacier drops almost vertically to the other. Here you can catch your first glimpse of Chaukhamba.

DAY SIX: ACCLIMATISATION DAY

(4300 M)

A day to relax and acclimatise, read, relax, or take a short walk near camp, or try and spot some wildlife. Overnight moraine camp.

DAY SEVEN: MORaine CAMP - PARVATI COL BASE CAMP

(4600 M)

Trek to the base of Parvati Col. It's a short but steep walk that brings you closer to the Panpatia snow field. The campsite is just below the Parvati Col.

DAY EIGHT: PARVATI COL BASE CAMP - PANPATIA SNOW FIELD

(5150 M)

A steep climb brings you to the edge of the terrace from where the only way up is through a steep snow and rock gully. We will fix ropes to negotiate this passage and enter the domain of pure snow. A series of gentle humps gives way to the Parvati Col and the Panpatia snowfield—a huge plateau of snow ringed by lofty peaks. Chaukhamba rises in all its glory and, with some luck, you may also catch a view of Nanda Devi.

DAY NINE: PANPATIA SNOW FIELD – SUJAL SAROVAR**(4700 M)**

The trail traverses the length of the Panpatia snowfield. Although it is a long traverse, there is negligible ascent. A short climb at the end brings you to Panpatia Col, beyond which is a vertigo-inducing descent that leads to Sujal Sarovar, the campsite.

DAY TEN: SUJAL SAROVAR - KACHNI**(4150 M)**

Trek to Kanchni Tal. A few metres above Sujal Sarovar is a small pass from where it is a steep descent through snowy slopes and boulder zones to Kanchni. Beyond the small Maindgalla tal is another traverse through the boulders that leads to Kanchni. The meadow overlooks the Madhmaheshwar Ganga.

DAY ELEVEN: KACHNI – NANU CHATTI**(3250 M)**

Trek to NanuChatti. It takes about 3-4 hours to get to Madhmaheshwar temple beyond oak forests. From here, a paved trail rolls all the way to the roadhead at Ransi. It's a leisurely walk through a forest to camp at NanuChatti, a small settlement of summer homes for people from Gaundhar village.

DAY TWELVE: BUFFER DAY / RESERVE

We have a rest / contingency day to allow for bad weather and to have some flexibility in the itinerary. Overnight Camp

DAY THIRTEEN: NANU CHATTI – RANSI - RUDRAPRAYAG**(2650 M)**

Walk to Ransi on the Madhmaheshwar temple trail, and drive onward to the hotel at Rudraprayag.

DAY FOURTEEN: RUDRAPRAYAG – CAMP AQUATERRA

Drive Rudraprayag to Camp Aquaterra for lunch. Afternoon relax by the beach.

DAY FIFTEEN: CAMP AQUATERRA

Morning 24 km rafting trip and move onward to Dehradun Airport for your journey back. Trip Ends!

PANPATIA COL TREK: COST BREAKDOWN

COST INCLUDES

ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAYING AND CAMPING WHILE ON TRIP
ACCOMMODATION ON TWIN SHARING BASIS IN TENTS / REST HOUSE / HOTEL
ALL MEALS AS MENTIONED IN ITINERARY & SAFE DRINKING WATER
ALL GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL CLIMBING GEAR (ROPES, ANCHORS, SLINGS, ICE AXE, CRAMPONS ETC)
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
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

PANPATIA COL TREK: THE NEXT STEPS

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