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UPPER ALAKNANDA EXPEDITION

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UPPER ALAKNANDA: INTRODUCTION

A self-contained multi-day river adventure down the Alaknanda river. The trip starts from our base on the Ganges river near the pilgrim town of Rishikesh, and launches from the town of Chamoli river to end at Rudraprayag, descending 70 kms of a classic river run negotiating over 85 Class 3+/4 rapids!! A scenic drive of 165 kms (6hrs) hours takes us past the town of Devprayag, Rudraprayag and Nandprayag, situated on holy confluences which later form India's holiest river, the Ganga. We reach Kaldubagarh, situated above the Alaknanda, on the road to India's holiest shrines for the Hindus, Badrinath. Enroute, we pass Rudraprayag, best known for the infamous man-eating leopard shot down by Jim Corbett in 1932 in its forests. One of the most exciting sections of the river runs in this part of the Himalaya. We take you through thick forests and deep gorges and cascading whitewater. Foaming rapids, sandy beaches and starry nights make this a truly memorable outdoor trip.

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FACT SHEET

DURATION OF TRIP: 06 Days
REPORTING POINT: Dehradun Airport
GRADE OF TRIP: Demanding
RAPID CLASS: Class 3+/4

ACCOMMODATION

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL PLAN
DAY 1	CAMP AQUATERRA	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 2-4	RAFTING CAMP	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 5	CAMP AQUATERRA	ALL INCLUSIVE
DAY 6	CAMP AQUATERRA	BREAKFAST & LUNCH

ITINERARY CHART

DAY	START POINT	END POINT	DISTANCE	TIME	CLASS
DAY 1	DED AIRPORT	CAMP AQUATERRA	DRIVE 46 KM	1.5 HRS	
DAY 2	CAMP AQUATERRA	KALDUBAGARH	DRIVE 140 KM	6 HRS	
DAY 3	KALDUBAGARH	KALDUBAGARH	RAFT 30 KM	5 HRS	CLASS 3+/4
DAY 4	KALDUBAGARH	GAUCHAR	RAFT 30 KM	4 HRS	CLASS 3+/4
DAY 5	GAUCHAR	CAMP AQUATERRA	RAFT 30 KM DRIVE 90 KM	5 HRS 3 HRS	CLASS 3+/4
DAY 6	CAMP AQUATERRA	DED AIRPORT	DRIVE 46 KM	1.5 HRS	TRIP ENDS!

PRICE ON REQUEST

UPPER ALAKNANDA: DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY ONE: DED AIRPORT – CAMP AQUATERRA (1560 M)

Arrive DED by 11:30 am. Board waiting vehicles to be driven straight to Camp Aquaterra, briefing on Camp, its activities and the trip to follow. Post lunch, we take a short run till Shivpuri to get familiarised with paddling commands and safety techniques, negotiating a few rapids, like "Three Blind Mice", "Crossfire", and the "Body Surfing rapid". Return to Camp for hot tea / coffee and snacks. Campfire barbecue dinner & overnight Camp.

DAY TWO: CAMP AQUATERRA - KALDUBAGARH

An early morning drive to Kaldubagarh (6 hrs), the put in point. Enroute we stop at Devprayag, to see the confluence of the two rivers (the Alaknanda and the Bhagirathi) which meet to form the Ganga. Setup camp upon arrival and get personal kit ready. Overnight Kaldubagarh.

DAY THREE: KALDUBAGARH – CHAMOLI - KALDUBAGARH (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 30 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. We float into familiar Kaldubagarh for the night. Overnight camp.

DAY FOUR: KALDUBAGARH - GAUCHAR (CLASS 3+/4)

Today we raft from Kaldubagarh to Gauchar, rafting down a series of nearly 20 Class 3+ 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 FIVE: GAUCHAR - RUDRAPRAYAG - CAMP AQUATERRA (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". We drive back down the valley to arrive at Camp Aquaterra for dinner. Overnight Camp.

DAY SIX: CAMP AQUATERRA – DED AIRPORT

Relaxed morning at Camp. Post lunch transfer to DED Airport. Trip ends.

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UPPER ALAKNANDA: 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
- ALL MEALS AS MENTIONED IN ITINERARY & SAFE DRINKING WATER
- ALL TRIP 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

PLEASE NOTE

- FLIGHTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED COST
- SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – INR 9,500 + 5% GST,

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UPPER ALAKNANDA: 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!