

Itinerary

DAY 0:

Arrive in Delhi : Check into your choice of hotel, preferably in Central Delhi.

DAY 1:

Travel from Delhi to Kathgodam railway station . The best option is to take the New Delhi Kathgodam Shatabdi Express from New Delhi railway station. Train departs at 06.00 hours & reaches Kathgodam station by 11.30 hrs). At Kathgodam station you would be met by Wayfarer & driven by car to Ranikhet for overnight stay in our Snow View hotel (95 kms / 3.5 hrs).

DAY 2:

Morning after breakfast drive to Munsiyari (220 kms, 8 hrs) ...a journey that would take the full day to complete. This drive is across a range of mountains past small hill towns like Kausani ,Bageshwar, Chaukhorī , Thal , Birthi Falls and finally Munsiyari . The final stretch of the road ascends to a height of 2748 meters before descending into the glorious Munsiyari valley. Check in at our mountain lodge called Wayfarer Himalaya Lodge at Munsiyari for a much deserved rest. This lodge is situated amidst a forested area and offers a completely local experience. It overlooks the magnificent Panch Chulli range.

DAY 3:

Drive from Munsiyari to Sobla (130 kms./5 hrs.) : The Jeep track from Munsiyari, initially, descends to Madkot Village which is on the banks of the rapidly flowing Gori Ganga river. From this point, the two hour drive to Jauljibi is particularly scenic. On the way are small villages called Chori Bagar, and Banga Pani. At Jauljibi there is the confluence of river Gori with Kali that crosses into India from Nepal at Dharchula. The route now travels northwards past Dharchula and Tawa Ghat and divests westward into a gorge following the Dhaulī Ganga river up to Sobla. Sobla (1670m) is the entry point to the Darma Valley and is the starting point of our trek. Our destination is Dar Village (2134m) which is 5 kms. from Sobla. We pitch up here for the night.

DAY 4:

Dar to Sela (2438 mts./12 kms.. 5 to 6 hrs.) : Today's walk is long but easy. The mule track from Dar to Sela goes through hill sides of green pastoral land. The campsite is on the outskirts of Sela.

DAY 5:

Sela to Baaling (2743 mts./11 kms.. 5 to 6 hrs.) : It is another relatively trouble free day. The trail to Baaling goes up and down hill sides but the altitude gained is moderate. The views of the distant glaciers is exciting and the temptation to push ahead is high. Nevertheless we camp here for the night, because we have a long march ahead of us the next day.

DAY 6:

Baaling to Duktu (3048 mts./6 kms.. 3 hrs.) : Duktu and Dantu are two adjacent villages which are the last centres of human habitation in this part of Darma valley. The view of the Panch

Chulli peaks from here is just magnificent. On the outskirts of Duktu is a huge meadow that provides a perfect setting for viewing the Panch Chulli glacier with the backdrop of the Panch Chulli peaks. This particular spot is almost picture perfect. We pitch up here for the night.

DAY 7:

Duktu to Panch Chulli (4 kms. each way; 5 hrs.) : Today is a momentous day when we set out to explore the Panch Chulli glacier from our base camp at Duktu. The glacier projects outwards from the East face of Panch Chulli and a 4 kms. trek from the campsite along the Yuli river leads to the massive glacier itself. The place itself provides an incredible scenery of a sprawling meadow bordered by tall oak and birch trees with the Panch Chulli (6904 mts./22652 ft.) looming in the background.

DAY 8:

Duktu to Nagling (2743 mts./11 kms.) : We start on return trek today. The trail from Duktu to Nagling is a gradual descent and the days' walk takes around 5 hours.

DAY 9:

Nagling to Bungling (12 kms.) : This is the last day of our walking. We arrive at Bungling by noon. From here after a brief rest we get on to a waiting jeep that drives us back to Munsiyari.

DAY 10:

Munsiyari to Ranikhet (240 kms.) : It is time to bid farewell to Munsiyari and its mountains. Today we board a vehicle that drives us to Ranikhet through Vijaypur, Bageshwar and Kausani. We check in for the night at Snow View Hotel.

DAY 11:

Ranikhet to Kathgodam (90 kms.) : Today is a day when we can chill out and relax. Late morning we board a vehicle that drives us to Kathgodam. There is also the option of leaving Ranikhet after breakfast and driving to the legendary Jim Corbett Park. The train to Delhi departs from Kathgodam at 15.35 hours and arrives at New Delhi station at 20:10 hrs.