

NANDA DEVI TREK



Description

The Nanda Devi National Park has been closed since 1982 to protect its bio-diversity and only now parts of the park have been open to the interested tourist. None less than Sir Edmund Hilary have described the sanctuary in glowing terms as "the training ground for adventure in India." No description of this trek would do justice to the scenery that unfolds in front of your eyes.

The snow-clad peaks like **Mount Bithartoli - Himal** (6354 m), Nanda Ghunti (6309 m), Ranthi Peak (6003 m), Dronagiri (7066 m) and of course India's highest peak **Nanda Devi** (7817 m) herself in all their Majesty. The trek also offers great views of the **Auli bugyals**, Urgam valley and Lata village and moving through forests of Rhododendron, **Birch and Fir**.

Trip Vitals:

Nature	Duration	Season	Difficulty Level	Activity Description
Trekking	7 days	Apr – June Sept - Nov	Moderate+	Trekking and Alpine Camping



Day by Day Itinerary:

Day 1: Haridwar – Joshimath

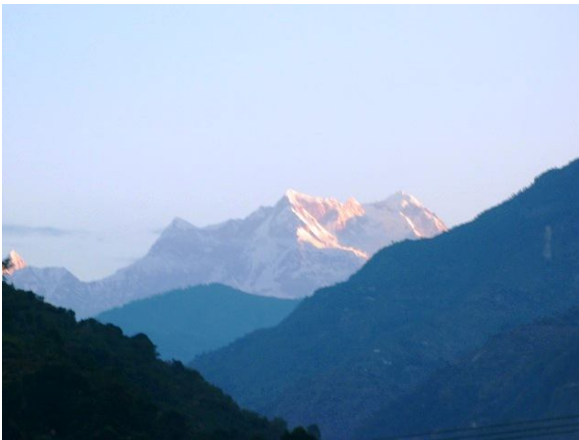
Upon arrival at Haridwar (early in the morning) transfer to Joshimath (265 kms, 7-8 hrs). Overnight stay at Joshimath.

Day 2: Joshimath – Lata Village (2317 m/7599 ft) (2 kms/ 1 hrs)

An hour's drive takes you to the Lata Village roadhead. From here trek to Lata, visit the Nanda Devi Temple and get a firsthand experience of the distinctive culture of the region. Overnight in tents.

Day 3: Lata Village – Lata Kharak (3689 m/12099 ft) (9 kms/4-5 hrs)

Today's trek is a steep incline. The going is arduous but very satisfying as the trail unfolds before one's eyes. Lata Kharak is a high plateau with high peaks surrounding it. Trekking time could vary from 5-10 hrs! Overnight in Camp.



Day 4: Lata Kharak – Dharansi Pass (4250 m/13940 ft) (10 kms/4-5 hrs)

A good nights' sleep and what a morning! Towering snow clad peaks all around. Dronagiri, Nanda Gunthi and many more. The trail today takes a steep climb to Jhandi Dhar and Bagfyana Pass. From here on it ascends and descends through the Narrow gorge of Satkul to Dharansi Pass. Overnight in Camp.

Day 5: Dharansi Pass – Debrugheta (3500 m/11480 ft) - Dharansi Pass (6 kms/3-4 hrs)

On today's trail the Malthuni - Bethratoli Ridge's of the inner and outer sanctuary form a magnificent pass up to Rani Kholi and Donidar. The trail is a steep descent of about a kilometer to Debrugheta. Return to Dharansi Pass by late afternoon. Overnight at Camp.

Day 6: Dharansi Pass – Hitoli Campsite (2900 m/9512 ft) (12 kms/5-6 hrs)

Today we go through Jhandi Dhar a steep descent of 4.5 km to the Hitoli camp site through thick forests of Rhododendron, Birch and Fir. Overnight at Camp.

Day 7: Hitoli Campsite – Joshimath (1890 m/6199 ft) (8 kms/3-4 hrs)

The trek go through the village of Tolma to the road head from where it is a 30 km drive to Joshimath. The trek is through thick forests. Overnight at Joshimath.

Day 8: Joshimath – Haridwar

After breakfast drive down to Haridwar. TRIP ENDS HERE.



Price:

1 PERSON	2 PERSONS	3-5 PERSONS	6 + PERSONS	Fixed Departure
35200	27200	20800	19200	19200



Cost Includes:

- All **road transfers** from and back to Haridwar.
- **Accommodation** in 3/4 season tents during the trek.
- **Meals** - Veg multi-cuisine meals at **on the trek**.
- **Mules/Porters:** For carrying camping equipment, rations, vegetables and some amount of personal gear of the clients (one bag not weighing more than 15 kg).
- **Professional guide** (trained from Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi) and **kitchen staff** would accompany the group
- **Camping equipment**

Camping Equipment:

Camping equipment provided on the trek

- 3/4 season Mountain Hardwear (www.mountainhardwear.com) or Lafuma (www.lafuma.com) alpine tents
- Sleeping bag
- Camping Mattresses
- Camping stools
- Mess Tent
- Toilet tent
- Basic Medical kit

Cost does not include:

- Service charge of 2.58%.
- Travel between Delhi and Haridwar (can be arranged by us on request)
- Any meals/services not mentioned above
- Any charges for video cameras, still cameras, park fees etc.
- Alcohol, soft drinks, beverages, etc.
- Personal expenses like tips, telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.
- Insurance

PAYMENT TERMS

- Rates are valid till June 30, 2010
- Full payment to be made in advance at the time of booking the trip
- Payment to be made by Cheque/DD in favour of GREAT INDIAN OUTDOORS (P) LTD. payable at New Delhi/Gurgaon or on the website itself.
- Payment for this trip will not be adjusted against any future trips
- Cancellation policy
 - >21 days: Full refund (after deducting any expenses that have been incurred for transport, card charges etc.)
 - 14-20 days: 75% of trip cost will be refunded (after deducting any expenses that have been incurred for transport, etc.)
 - 7-13 days: 50% of trip cost will be refunded (after deducting any expenses that have been incurred for transport, etc.)
 - <7 days: No refund

LIST OF ESSENTIALS

1. Shirts / T-shirts
2. Trousers / Track Pants



3. Windproof jacket
4. Fleece / Full-sleeve Woollen sweater
5. Thermal inner wear (upper & lower)
6. Woollen cap
7. Mittens (Woollen gloves)
8. Scarf
9. Woollen socks (extra pairs to be carried)
10. Comfortable Trekking/Hiking shoes (shoes with a thick sole are recommended)
11. Raincoat / Poncho
12. Towel
13. Water bottle
14. Cap / Hat
15. Walking stick / Trekking pole
16. Sunscreen Lotion
17. Lip Balm
18. Torch / Flashlight (with extra batteries)
19. Medicines, if requiring any specific medication
20. Camera (with extra film rolls)
21. Sunglasses
22. Personal toiletries
23. Books, if you like reading

Note:

Carry your stuff in a duffel bag, soft shoulder bag or a rucksack. Avoid suitcases, trolleys or any other hard luggage. Also carry a small knapsack to carry your personal items like cameras, water bottles, etc. while walking during the day. Each person should carry a maximum of 15 kgs of luggage on the trek.

Remember:

Do get in touch with us for any items that cannot be sourced by you, as we could suggest retail outlets from where they could be bought or the same could be leased from us.

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