Detailed research in identifying Top 20 Trekking destinations in India.

India, being the Devbhumi (Land of Gods) itself has many famous locations for trekking and adventure activities which also connects people of different religions and sometimes different countries together and all enjoy themselves being the part of adventure. Therefore, keeping the fun and adventure in mind we have decided to present Top 20 Trekking destinations from PAN India which can help the adventurers decide the best for them and would help make them some unforgettable memories.

East India treks

1)

❖ Goechala trek

- GoechaLa Trek duration: 10D/9N
- Maximum Altitude: 16207 ft
- Difficulty Level: Difficult
- GoechaLa Trek Distance: 90 Km
- Temperature Range: April - June: 15 to 22 Degrees (Days); -1 to 7 Degrees (Nights), September – Nov: 10 to 15 Degrees (Days); -5 to 5 Degrees (Nights)
- GoechaLa Trek Best Time: April end - May And September - November
- Railway Station: New Jalpaiguri (NJP) is the nearest railway station, which is 150 km away from Yuksom
- Airport: Bagdogra Airport which is 155 km from Yuksom
- ATM: Jorethong which is one the way Yuksom that's the last ATM point before your trek begins.
- Starting and Ending point: Yuksom

▪ ABOUT THE TREK

- GoechaLa trek is nestled at a height of 16,207 ft, with a closer look at the third-highest peak-Mt. Kanchenjunga. It is a dream and desire for hundreds of adventure lovers. Bounded by the mesmerizing flora and fauna, which are so vibrant and colorful to cheer up one's mood.
  The GoechaLa pass trek is a bundle of big summits, making it an absolute adventure to embark on. The trail link with the famous Kanchenjunga National Park, where one can witness the true nature, enough to revitalize your senses. To watch the mountains clearly, April and May are the ideal months. Since the sky is completely clear during this time and the sunset-sunrise views can be captured

▪ HISTORY OF TRAIL

- While the trail to Goechala is an old one, it wasn't always so famous. The change came about during the Nepalese Civil War which lasted from 1996 to 2006. Disturbances in Nepal during this time shut the country to trekkers. Suddenly trekking to the highest mountains of the world was out of bounds. It was a huge blow to the trekkers who frantically started looking for

alternatives. At that time, Goechala emerged as the closest solace. The trail promised a brilliant close-up to the third highest mountain of the world and offered breathtaking views of the Singalila range from the Dzongri top.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- Reach Yuksom; 6-8 hours' drive from NJP. Transport from NJP will be arranged at 9.30 am. Cost of cab – Rs.6,500 per vehicle

DAY 2

- Yuksom (5,643 ft) to Bakhim/Sachen (8,654 ft); 5 hours

DAY 3

- Bakhim (8,654 ft) to Tshoka (9,701 ft); 4 hours

DAY 4

- Tshoka (9,701 ft) to Dzongri (13,024 ft) via Phedang (12,083 ft); 6 hours

DAY 5

- Acclimatisation Day. Dzongri (13,024 ft) to Dzongri top (13,778 ft) and back to Dzongri; 3 hours

DAY 6

- Dzongri (13,024 ft) to Thansing (12,946) ft via Kockchurang (12,152 ft); 6 hours

DAY 7

- Thansing (12,946 ft) to View Point One (15,100 ft) via Samiti Lake, back to Kockchurang / Thansing (12,152 ft / 12,946 ft); 12 hours

DAY 8

- Kockchurang / Thansing (12,152 ft / 12,946 ft) to Tshoka (9,701 ft); 6-7 hours

DAY 9

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- Tshoka (9,701 ft) to Yuksom (5,643 ft); 6 hours

DAY 10

- Drive from Yuksom (5,643 ft) to NJP. You will reach NJP by 5 pm.

▪ DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Altitude: 5,643 ft (1,720 m)
Time taken: 6-8 hours drive from New Jalpaiguri
The Goechala trek starts at Yuksom, a fairly large settlement in West Sikkim. It was once the capital of Sikkim – this shows in the culture of the town.

There are two things that you need to do at Yuksom before the trek begins. One, make an entry at the police station. For this you need a photo identity proof with three photo copies. Two, you need to pay the permit fees at the forest check post (trekkers do this in the morning when they are starting the trek). The fee to be paid is broken down into small elements like tent, porter, yak and other charges. Camera charges are extra. It can get somewhat confusing, but the net amount will boil down to about Rs 700 per person. Your Trek Leader will help you with this.

DAY 2

Altitude: 5,643 ft (1,720 m) to 7,200 feet (2,195 m)/8,654 ft (2,638 m)
Time taken: 5-5.5 hours; 8-9 hours if Bakhim
Trek gradient: Moderate-difficult.
Gradual climb for 2.5 hours after which the trail becomes steeper up to Sachen. 45 minutes of level walk followed by a descent to a bridge leads to a trail that ascends steeply to reach Bakhim.
Water sources: Carry 2 litres of water from Yuksom. You will cross streams intermittently where you can refill your water bottles.
The trail, though passing through the fringes of the forest is exposed for about half hour. Midway through the exposed trail, look for a shelter on your right. From here onwards it is half hour to the first bridge over the Pha Khola.By the time the trail gets to Pha Khola, you are well into the thick of the forest and the coolness envelopes you at all times. The gently undulating trail climbs gradually.

DAY 8

DAY 8

The next hour and half is a pleasant walk through the moist jungle until suddenly on your left the Tshushay Khola falls in a series of mini waterfalls joining the Prek below. 50 meters later a large iron bridge spans the Tshushay Khola. After the bridge the trail begins to climb more noticeably.

An hour later, watch for another small cement bridge over the Mentogang Khola (you won't find a board telling you the name). You are already at 7,100 feet and it is only twenty minutes from here to the log hut of Sachen.

Sachen at 7,200 feet is a small clearing where a single log hut and a shelter on the trail exist. The log hut a few meters below the trail. The hut has room enough for about 6-7 and a small area to cook. For a larger team, look for the clearing just above the trail opposite the shelter. The Prek, runs below campsite and is not visible to the eye, though you can hear it faintly rushing below

DAY 3

Bakhim to Tshoka
Altitude: 8,654 ft (2,638 m) to 9,701 ft (2,957 m)
Time taken: 3-4 hours; 5-5.5 hours if you start from Sachen
Trek gradient: Moderate. Initial 40 minutes of ascent from Bakhim in a series of long switchbacks after which the trail eases off into a gradual climb.
Water sources: Carry sufficient water from Bakhim/Sachen
Take the trail that begins to climb to the left of the bridge. The trail climbs sharp through a mixed oak forest until the wide switchbacks level somewhat half hour later at the sight of the first rhododendrons. The altitude gain is rapid and the air gets cooler perceptively. Soon the trail climbs to the ridge and stays there until you get to Bakhim another half hour later. From the Prek, it takes an hour to get to Bakhim. The total distance is only a kilometer but feels a lot longer.

Bakhim has a Forest Rest House and some trekkers like staying at Bakhim – simply for its view of the Yuksom valley. Finding the caretaker is a struggle and most trekkers move on to Tshoka which is another hour away.

Bakhim has a lovely tea stall where the owner dishes out some snacks as well. With a well deserved rest, start your climb to Tshoka. Follow the trail just behind the Forest Rest House. The trail again climbs in a series of long switchbacks, overlooking Bakhim until forty minutes later it dives around a ridge to move to the other side of the hill.

At over 9,000 feet high, rhododendron trees abound everywhere. The trail gets dark from the overhanging trees and meanders for another ten minutes. It suddenly pops out to a plateau and the trekkers hut of Tshoka. There's also a flat camping area to the left of the trekkers hut. The trekker's hut is a pretty long wooden building that has

four rooms – enough space to house more than 20 trekkers. Alternatively, trekkers can stay at the Forest Rest House slightly uphill.

Spend some time exploring Tshoka. Slightly uphill are the cafes where locals make a malt beer called Tumba. Ask the café owners for the keys to the monastery.

Follow the trail as it leads out of Tshoka, cross the small wooden bridge over the pond and head to the monastery. It is a quiet place worthy of a quick visit. There are just a handful of Tibetan families living here.

What will take your breath away is the view of the snow-clad peaks of the Kanchenjunga range stretching right behind you – with Mt Pandim dominating the skyline. For most trekkers this is the view of the day. You can climb a little higher to get wonderful panorama shots of the pond and the peaks.

DAY 4

W Altitude: 9,701 ft (2,957 m) to 12,083 ft (3,683 m) to 13,024 ft (3,970 m)
Time taken: 5-6 hours
Trek gradient: Difficult. 30 minutes of steep climb followed by a gradual ascent, after which the trail again climbs steeply for 20 minutes to reach Phedang. 1 hour ascent from here followed by a gentle descent brings you to Dzongri.
Water sources: Carry 2 litres of water from Tshoka since it will be difficult to find a source on the trail.
Like yesterday, climb up to the little pond leading to the monastery, and then follow the trail that runs to its right. The trail begins to climb sharply and within minutes Tshoka is a tiny hamlet below you. Red rhododendron trees spring up everywhere. If you are in season when the flowers bloom (May 1st/2nd week), then the entire slope lights up with a fiery red colour. After a stiff climb for about 30 minutes, the trail evens out to a gradual climb.

The trail changes to one paved over wooden logs. It is a delight with rhododendrons fanning the path. Little wooden benches line on either side of the trail – which makes the trail look like it is in a park. Sometimes mist filter in surreally through the rhododendron trees. Even in this magical setting the trail climbs throughout and trekkers feel the altitude. The log path gives way to a regular stony trail that climbs quickly to Phedang in 20 minutes.

Phedang, at 13,000 feet, is a large clearing with superb views of the snow-clad mountains. A log hut and a few wooden benches dot the landscape. Stop here for lunch and a well-deserved rest. The trail forks at Phedang with one that goes right, leading to Kockchurang. Water is available from a spring slightly lower on the trail to Kockchurang. The spring is 10-15 minutes away on a lower trail.

Take the trail to Dzongri that starts across the clearing. The trail starts to climb immediately along the dwarf rhododendrons that line the slope. The views start getting better with every step, but watch for a few muddy patches on the trail. After a bout of rain, you need to skip your way around them. It is a ridge climb, so the trail switches between the alternating sides of the hill. Watch for the view change between the Pandim ranges and the Kabru. An hour later, the climb tops at a shrine with multitude of prayer flags. This is the highest point of the days trek at 13,080 feet.

Take a brief rest at the shrine and follow the trail that gently descends towards Dzongri. For most parts the trail undulates with the first patches of snow lining the roots of the dwarf rhododendrons around you.

The Dzongri trekkers hut appears suddenly at the bend in the trail. A gentle clear stream runs by the side of the hut. There are plenty of camping grounds around Dzongri but the hut itself can take in 30 trekkers at a time.

Dzongri is a welcome sight for trekkers after the hard climb from Tshoka. At 12,980 feet trekkers feel the affect of altitude at the Dzongri meadows. Dzongri is a large cauldron, mostly meadows, surrounded in all directions by the mighty peaks of the Kanchenjunga range. In every direction is a snow peak to be looked at and admired. For most trekkers Dzongri is a reward on its own. Many finish their trek at Dzongri and head back the way they came.

DAY 5

Dzongri to Dzongri Top. Rest day at Dzongri
Altitude: 13,024 ft (3,970 m) to 13,778 ft (4,203 m)
Time taken: 45 minutes climb to Dzongri Top

The day starts with a climb to Dzongri top. Dzongri top i.e at 13,778 ft, is the highest point from where you get the 180 degree panaromic view of the mighty peaks of the Singalila and Kanchenjunga ranges.
Dzongri top is a two hill climb from the Dzongri trekkers hut. The trek from Dzongri to Dzongri top takes about 45 mins. The sun rises at 5 am and you don't want to miss seeing the first rays of sun hitting Kanchenjunga. Start your trek at 4.00 a.m with torch lights and you reach the top just as the dawn breaks.
As you climb up, the peaks of the Singalila range begin to open up and just at the bend before the top, the Kanchenjunga and its neighbours make their appearance. Witness an inspiring sunrise and spend time watching the mountains changing colours in the sun rays.
Spot Thansing, the destination for the next day, Lamuney and Goechala peaks below you. On the other side, the green rhododendron slopes extend for miles.

Retracing your path to Dzongri takes 20 mins.

DAY 6

Dzongri to Thansing via Kockchurang
Altitude: 13,024 ft (3,970 m) to 12,152 ft (3,704 m) to 12,946 ft (3,946 m)
Time taken: 5-6 hrs
Trek gradient: Moderate. Gentle descent for about 2 hours followed by a steep descent to Kockchurang. Continuous ascent from here to Thansing.
Water sources: Carry 2 litres of water from Dzongri. The only water source on the way where you can refill your water bottles will be at Kockchurang.

In half an hour, rhododendron shrubs occupy the slopes again. The gentle to medium descent continues over 2 hours. The rhododendron shrubs suddenly give way to rhododendron forest. The descent becomes steep and you lose more than 500 ft. The forest is a good place to spot birds. Walk through silently and spot birds camouflaged in the browns and greens of the forest.Kockchurang springs up at the end of the descent. Just there, find a route through the forest going right. It goes to Phedang. Kokchurang has a trekker hut but no real place to pitch tents. The Prek Chu river flows next to the trekker hut 50 meters away. By the banks of the river, amidst the rocks, 4-5 tents can be pitched. The small campsite though feels lovely. In the evening, expect mist hanging over the river and the tents enveloped in the mist with the sound of the fast river below makes it a great camping experience.

The trekker hut at Kokchurang has two big halls on the sides capable of handling 10-12 trekkers each and a central hall which can serve as the cooking area.
From Kokchurang, walk down to the bridge across Prek Chu. Spend some time on the bridge experiencing the cool breeze of the river. The water below looks icy blue. On the other bank, you have the rhododendron forest again. They flower in June but at any time, the moss lined trees with their branches spreading out in all directions make it a fairy tale walk. There is a trekking trail but no lined path. The gradient increases and it is an ascent through out. The distance between the bridge and Thansing is 2kms. By midway forests end and the landscape becomes rocky and barren. At the end of the climb is Thansing– a big meadow. There is a dilapidated trekker hut at the entrance of the flat meadow. The hut can be used as a kitchen but tents would be needed to stay. The open meadow can host any number of tents. You are right in front of Pandim and the left wall of Kanchenjunga here. Thansing can be cold in the night.

DAY 7

Thansing to View Point 1, Samiti Lake and back to Kockchurang/Thansing
Altitude: 12,946 ft (3,946 m) to 15,100 ft (4,602 m) back to 12,152 ft (3,704 m)
Time taken: 12-14 hours
Trek gradient: Moderate. Continuous ascent of 2 hours to reach view point 1.
Water sources: Stay well hydrated and carry 2 litres of water before beginning the summit climb as well as before the descent to Kockchurang/Thansing. There will be no water source on either stretch.

You may choose to trek further to Samiti lake and spend an hour there. The trail ascends from Lamuney and it is a 45-minute stiff climb to the Samiti lake. Notice the terrain being rocky all through the ascent. The climb suddenly flattens out and the deep blue waters of the lake come into the picture. Move closer to the shore of the lake and the blue does not change.

Notice put up at View Point 1 prohibiting trekkers from going any further.
This is the longest day of the trek and so start your day really early at 3 am to give you multiple advantages.

– A 3 a.m start ensures that you reach the first view point or the sunrise point right in time to see the first run rays hitting Kanchenjunga.

– It also makes it easier to walk on the moraines that you find after the sunrise point as the snow is still hard.

– The probability of getting good views are higher in the mornings.

– Lastly gives you enough time to spend at View Point One and return to Samiti by 8 am, where you get some more time.

The trail to View Point One is a moderate ascent. You can break up the ascent into two sections. One, up to Samiti Lake and the next to View Point One.

The highlight of this day would be the spellbinding view of the sun rising on the Kanchenjunga range. The soft alpenglow on the mountain top is a sight that will say etched in your mind.
Next, the early morning reflection in the Samiti Lake. This crisp reflection of the surrounding mountains is something photographers should look out for. Try and time yourself to reach Samiti by 8 am while returning from View Point 1. This should allow you a good one hour to spend time by the lake side.

From there, retrace your steps back to Kockchurang / Thansing.

DAY 8

Kockchurang to Tshoka
Altitude: 12,152 ft (3,704 m) to 9,701 ft (2,957 m)
Time taken: 6-7 hours
Trek gradient: Difficult. Relatively flat trail to Phedang for about 4 hours followed by descent to Tshoka.
Water sources: Stay well hydrated and carry 2 litres of water from Kockchurang since there is no water source on the trail today.

Take the diversion to the left inside the forest instead of climbing up to Dzongri. The trail remains mostly flat with small descents and ascents only to switch between mountains. Rhododendron trees line your way all along and the Prek Chu flows

below. Look left and at a number of places you get lovely views of Mt. Pandim and its neighbours. Phedang is 10 kms away and this is one of the longest trails between two known campsites. It takes about 4 hours to reach Phedang.

The first phase is new and interesting. The trail goes on the flank on the mountain all along and you move from one mountain to another to another maintaining a constant altitude of 12,000ft all along. Kokchurang, Phedang and most of the trail, are all at 12,000ft!

From Phedang you retrace the descending trail to Tshoka. The days trek takes about 6-7 hours on an average.

DAY 9

Tshoka to Yuksom via Bakhim and Sachen

Altitude: 9,701 ft (2,957 m) to 8,654 ft (2,638 m) to 5,643 ft (1,720 m)

Time taken: 6 hours

Trek gradient: Moderate. Continuous descent to Sachen, followed by an undulating trail to Yuksom.

Water sources: Carry sufficient water from Tshoka. You will cross a few streams where you can refill your water bottles.

Sunrise from Tshoka

Retrace your way from Tshoka to Yuksom. Its much faster and easier than your trek up. Sachen comes up quickly being a pure descent. From Sachen the trail goes up and down generally losing altitude. The last stretch has a few climbs which makes you wonder but its soon over and you find yourself back in the friendly Yuksom neighbourhood.

DAY 10
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Yuksom to NJP

Leave Yuksom early morning and reach NJP by 4.00 – 5.00 pm.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION
    - Sunrise on the Kanchenjunga Range
      One of the biggest highlights of the Goechala trek is the sunrise seen on the Kanchenjunga range. Even though trekkers are not allowed all the way to the actual Goecha Pass, the view from View Point 1 and Dzongri is worth an arm and a leg!
    - Rhododendrons in March and April

The trail to Goechala is blessed with rhododendron forests. And come spring months of March and April, they burst to life with pink and red flowers! It's an enormously pleasing walk through the wooden-log trails of these jungles!

- The Samiti Lake
  The Samiti Lake is another big attraction on the Goechala trek. The view of the still waters, and the reflection of Mt Pandim in the lake, especially in the early hours, is a visual treat.
- Foreigners on the Goechala trek
  Foreigners must reach Yuksom, the base camp, 1 day before the regular reporting of the batch. This is required to obtain the foreigner trek permit from Gangtok. This is a Government of Sikkim requirement. The permit costs Rs.2,000. This amount is to be handed over to the Indiahikes representative at Yuksom, who will get the permit issued.

- ITEMS TO CARRY
  - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
  - Hiking shoes
  - Backpack with a rain cover
  - Extra socks
  - Dry fruits
  - Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
  - Lipbalm
  - Head torch
  - Sunglasses

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
  - Local trip guide who is qualified
  - All of the necessary camping gear
  - Stay arrangements
  - Meals and snacks along the walk, as well as a menu plan for the rest of the days
  - There will be first aid available
  - Pole for trekking
  - Entry fees and any required permits
- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
  - Expenses of any kind
  - A tip to any member of the staff or the driver
  - Expenses for medical, evacuation (emergency), hospitalisation, and rescue

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

GROUP PACKAGES

Package Cost - ₹ 15000 / person
Group Space – 12 to 15 members.

- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
  - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
  - The company will not be held liable for any of your losses.
  - All of the activities are weather-dependent.
  - During any catastrophes or natural calamities, the management reserves the right to alter or cancel the journey..
  - We are quite serious about littering during the walk, and if you are found guilty of littering, you will not be allowed to continue.

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❖ **Nampada trek**

- Difficulty Level – Moderate
- Altitude Range –s
- Duration of Package – 7 Days
- Region of Trek – Arunachal Pradesh
- Best Time – January, February, March & April.
- Total Trek Distance –

- ABOUT THE TREK
  - Have you ever imagined walking through a rainforest with a dense overhead canopy; created by towering trees whose tops seem to vanish into the sky and tall bamboos whose tops seem magnetically attracted to each other forming long continuous archways through which one can continue trekking, getting a glimpse of the life that lives beneath this awe-inspiring canopy whenever the sun manages to break through the foliage, listening to the hooting of the Hornbills and the Gibbons, and watching wide-eyed the fluttering of the multi coloured butterflies.

    Ever dreamt of trekking in an ecosystem that is home to over 100 mammals, 300 birds and a thousand other life forms? A forest so rich in diversity that every inch is teeming with life that you can come across at any moment – while crossing streams on rickety foot bridges , jumping over large tree trunks which block the road or while ascending/descending the gentle climbs that dot the path. Such is the allure of the Namdapha trek.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- Dibrugarh

DAY 2

- Dibrugarh to Miao , 145 kms Drive time: 5 hours

DAY 3

- Miao -Deban to Hornbill

DAY 4

- Hornbill to Firmbase 7 hours

DAY 5

- Firmbase to Baloo Khat 6 hours

DAY 6

- Baloo Khat to Deban to Miao. 2 hours

DAY 7

- Miao to Dibrugarh. 69 km , 2.5 hour

- DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Reach Dibrugarh by afternoon and check into hotel. In the evening walk around the banks of the Brahmaputra. O/n at Dibrugarh Clubhouse or similar

DAY 2

After breakfast begin our drive to Miao, the gateway for the Namdapha trek. The drive would be a very interesting one through varied landscapes. The initial part of our drive would be through a sea of tea gardens, crossing funny-sounding towns like Digboi and Margherita .

Once we cross into Arunachal our drive continues on rough roads passing through forests till we reach Miao. Miao is a small town on the bank of the Noa Dighing river where we stop for the night.

In the evening go for a stroll on the banks of the Noa Dihing river. O/n at Namdapha Eco camp

DAY 3

Have an early breakfast after which we continue our final 20 kms to Deban, over a dirt track where we would negotiate small rivers, patches of muck and landslides – taking us around two hours.

From Deban commence the Namdapha trek, with a thrilling crossing of the Noa Dihing river on a crude bamboo bridge. After a second smaller river crossing we enter into the wild rainforest world. The initial part of the trek is through bamboo and cane forest , graduating into a landscape of ultra tall trees.

All through you will sense the liveliness of the forest through the hooting of Hollock Gibbons, deer calls and chirping of the birds like the Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Maroon Oriole, Rusty-bellied Shortwing and Oriental Pied Hornbill

By evening we reach our campsite in the middle of the forest. The campsite – aptly named 'Hornbill' – is a great place to see these magnificent birds which come here to roost in the evening. The camp is also an excellent location for viewing the nocturnal flying squirrels. O/n in tents

DAY 4

Continue our walk through the dense rainforest , with smaller life-forms like butterflies, frogs, insects and fungi for company. On our way we are likely to see some rare avain beauties like Red-headed Trogon, Great and Rufous Hornbill, and Grey-cheeked Warbler. Have lunch at Ranijheel – a water body which has now dried up. From here we descend down towards the Namdapha river setting up our picturesque campsite on the banks of the river. On a clear day one can get grand views of the snow capped Dafa Boom range. O/n in tents

DAY 5

Having walked for two days through thick forests, we see a change in landscape as most part of the walk today is through grassland. The initial part of the walk , skirting the Namdapha river is over rocky terrain. Over here we have a high possibility of sighting the White belied Heron, one of the most endangered birds in the world. Two hours into our walk we will cross the Noa Dighing river over a shaky bamboo bridge, the first of many such crossings leading us all the way to our campsite. O/n in tents

DAY 6

Continue walking through the narrow Jurassic valley carved by the Noa Dihing river. After an hour or so we climb up a short but stiff mountain slope to reach the Miao Vijaynagar road. A further half hour walk on this road will get us to Deban, marking the end of our Namdapha trek. Our vehicles pick us up from here and drive us to Miao. O/n at eco camp in Miao

DAY 7

After breakfast drop to Dibrugarh airport

- MAJOR ATTRACTION
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- ITEMS TO CARRY
  - o Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
  - o Hiking shoes
  - o Backpack with a rain cover
  - o Extra socks
  - o Dry fruits
  - o Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
  - o Lipbalm
  - o Head torch
  - o Sunglasses

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
  - o Entire logistics for the trek
  - o Accommodation on a twin sharing basis
  - o All meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 7
  - o Transfers and sightseeing using a Sumo or similar SUV
  - o A knowledgeable and experienced tour leader
  - o Permits for Arunachal Pradesh

- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

    - Flights to and from Dibrugarh
    - Camera fees for Namdapha National Park
    - GST
    - Rescue / medical charges in case needed due to any ailment and/or accidents
    - Excess stay & meals due to bad weather conditions or strikes, resulting in delay of flights or any other form of transport
    - Soft drink charges, table drinks, bottled water, laundry, cigarettes, telephone expenses, and liquor charges

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

  Package Cost - ₹ 35000

- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
    - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
    - The company will not be held liable for any of your losses.
    - If the requested slots are not available, an alternate plan of the client's choosing will be established, and the client will receive a new confirmation voucher via email.
    - All of the activities are weather-dependent.
    - During any catastrophes or natural calamities, the management reserves the right to alter or cancel the journey.
    - The remaining balance must be paid before the departure date or upon arrival in Joshimath.
    - We are quite serious about littering during the walk, and if you are found guilty of littering, you will not be allowed to continue.

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❖ **Seven lakes – Arunachal Trek**

- Difficulty Level – Demanding
- Altitude Range – 4000 metres
- Duration of Package – 11 Days
- Region of Trek – Arunachal
- Best Time – January, February, March & April.

- ABOUT THE TREK
  - The Mishimi hills are home to some of the most incredible trails in India which a traveler can embark on. Century old hunting treks along lusty green valleys and steep mountains are a great way to explore and experience the natural beauty and wonders of far eastern Himalayas.
  - As the name suggests, the seven lakes trek will take you to one of Himalaya's best kept secrets – seven breathtakingly beautiful high altitude lakes hidden in unnamed hills of the frontier state of India. Starting from open valleys in lush green carpet of tall grasses and ferns, this trek will take us up to an elevation of almost 4000 meters into the glaciers that feed these lakes and rivers below all throughout the year. If you visit in spring/summer, you will find whole valleys covered in wildflowers.
  - The trek is ideal for intermediate to expert trekkers as on almost all trekking days we will be climbing steep uphill or downhill. You will be accompanied by experienced guides and former hunters with in-depth knowledge to share the history of the area while showing you plant life, wildlife and more.
  - An exploratory means that this is one of the first few treks into this region, and is a collaborative, rather than commercial. Guests must expect to roll with the punches, with the reward being an opportunity to venture where few have!

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- **Dibrugarh arrival**

DAY 2

- **Dibrugarh to Roing**

DAY 3

- **Roing to anini**

DAY 4

- **Anini to imungu to jungle camp 1**

DAY 5

- **Jungle camp 1 to jungle camp 2**

DAY 6

- **Jungle camp 2 to lake kamo uyea**

DAY 7

- **Camp Lake kamo uyea**

DAY 8

- **Lake kamo uyea to Inguli**

DAY 9

- **Inguli to Melee to Anini**

DAY 10

- **Anini to Roing**

DAY 11

- **Roing to Dibrugarh**

DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Arrive Dibrugarh late afternoon by air. Transfer to hotel. Check in and expedition briefing at tea time. Evening local Assamese “sit down” dinner, is an absolute delight. Wind up for an early start the next day.

DAY 2

This morning, we take a pleasant ride through picturesque tea garden estates of upper Assam. The ride also includes an hour-long ferry ride from Dhola to Sadia. Once in Roing, you will be taken to your campsite in an orchid farm overlooking a nesting area of birds. There will be enough time for you to do your last-minute purchases from the town. You will also meet the crew and support staff.

DAY 3

Today will be a long day on the car to reach the last town near the starting point of our trek. We will travel more than 300 kilometers on a mountain road, cross Mayodia Pass – the highest pass in the Debang Valley districts (2655 meters) and will reach Anini only late in the evening. This is where we'll drop our extra luggage before we start off on our trek early next morning. A hearty meal and a few hours of rest before the trek is necessary.

DAY 4

The start of our trek is from a small village called Imungu – which is about 25 kilometers from Anini. There on, we leave our transfer vehicles and start walking up the initial ridge of the hill with a breathtaking view of the lush green hills. Degree of elevation is moderate so you can ease your way in before the steep climbs of later days. However, be wary of insects as they can be quite a nuisance. Full sleeve clothes are advisable. Most of the day will be over while we cross the lush fern fields and set up camp for the night right at the start of the forest at an elevation of around 2500 meters.

DAY 5

Today we will start our journey through the dense forest of Mishimi hills. We will resume our ascend from 2500 meters through very thick groove at the start of our trek. After gaining about 500 meters, the forest thins out to more manageable ferns plants. At 3200 meters thick forests starts again but with an entirely different kind of vegetation. There is a stark differences in the plants and flowers as we gain or lose altitude. Numerous species of plants and small animals and birds are on display for

those who know where to look. Tonight's camp will be set up at around 3400 meters in a very small patch of relatively plain land closer to a water source.

DAY 6

Today we will make the final ascent to our destination – the lake locally known as Kamo Uyea which is at around 3750 meters. From our overnight camp in the Alpine forests, we will continue along the ridge of the mountain till we reach the glaciers and continue till our camping site for the next couple of days. The highest point of today's trek is around 3850 meters and we camp at a spot with a view of the late at around 3730 meters.

DAY 7

Today we take a break from rigorous walking and take in the serene beauty on display. There will be a short trek, not far off from our camping site to the other lakes. You can use the rest of the day to take photographs or rest or just chill out. From here on, we will start our descent back to civilization.

DAY 8

Today is a long day of going downhill to reach an outpost near a small village called Inguli. We will start early from our camp at 3730 meters and continue up to reach the top of the mountain at 3927 meters and then start our long descent to our outpost at 1550 meters near Inguli. We will follow the old hunting trails of Idu Mishmi tribes through cliffs and pine ridges as well as a tricky river crossing. We'll spend the night at a traditional Idu Mishimi house.

DAY 9

The last day of our trek will be a short one. Much of the downhill was covered yesterday and today we just have some bamboo roves to cross along with a couple of rivers. This should not take more than 2-3 hours. Once we reach the ITBP outpost at a village called Mele, our transfer vehicles will be waiting for us there to take us back to Anini.

DAY 10

Today is going to be another long day on the road as you travel back 320 kilometers to Roing from Anini. Overnight at a hotel in Roing.

DAY 11

You will be transferred back to Dibrugarh from Roing to catch your flight home.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION
    - Travelers may observe the beautiful Dronagiri, Neelkanth, Trishul, Hathi-Ghoda, Kamet, Neelgiri, Brahmal, Garud, Chaukhamba, and many more Himalayan peaks from a height of 12,516 feet.
    - Nanda Devi (7,816 m), India's second-highest mountain, offers breathtaking views.
    - The journey will take you through lush Himalayan forests of oak and conifer, Rhododendron and birch, as well as animals such as leopard pugmarks, Himalayan black bears, and birds that you might only see in Himalayas.
    - The hike just provides breathtaking views of Himalayan lakes such as Tali, Chatrakund, and Bodtal in all their glory.

- ITEMS TO CARRY
    - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
    - Hiking shoes
    - Backpack with a rain cover
    - Extra socks
    - Dry fruits

- Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
- Lipbalm
- Head torch
- Sunglasses

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

  - 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 / hotel
  - All meals as mentioned in itinerary & safe drinking water
  - All trip arrangements with India's most experienced guiding team, camp staff and cooks
  - Individual rafting equipement
  - Peak fee / sanctuary fee / royalty / permits where applicable

- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
  - Sleeping bag
  - Flights not included in the above-mentioned cost
  - 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

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

GROUP PACKAGES

Package Cost - ₹ 86000
Group Space – 12 to 16 members..

- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
  - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
  - The company will not be held liable for any of your losses.
  - If the requested slots are not available, an alternate plan of the client's choosing will be established, and the client will receive a new confirmation voucher via email.
  - All of the activities are weather-dependent.
  - During any catastrophes or natural calamities, the management reserves the right to alter or cancel the journey.
  - The remaining balance must be paid before the departure date or upon arrival in Joshimath.
  - We are quite serious about littering during the walk, and if you are found guilty of littering, you will not be allowed to continue.

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❖ **Offbeat Meghalaya**

- Difficulty Level – Moderate
- Duration of Package – 8 Days
- Region of Trek – Meghalaya
- Best Time – January, February, March & April.

- ABOUT THE TREK
  - Did you know that Meghalaya had one of the largest river island in Asia , or that there are many other root bridges than the double decker bridge in Cherrapunji or that in Mawlynnong. And that is exactly what our offbeat Meghalaya trip aims to do. To take you on an exploration of the little know gems found in “The abode of Clouds”
    Our offbeat Meghalaya tour takes you on a completely different path; starting with a thrilling bamboo trek, exploring little know root bridges and staying on

a river island. If you like to tread off the beaten path, and don't mind giving up luxury for adventure, then this trip is for you.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- **Guwahati to Shillong**

DAY 2

- **Mawryngkhang Trek**

DAY 3

- **Root bridge trek**

DAY 4

- **Langkawet to Mawphanlur**

DAY 5

- **Mawphanlur to Nongkhnum**

DAY 6

- **Nongkhnum Island – Mawsynram**

DAY 7

- **Mawsynram**

DAY 8

- **Mawsynram to Guwahati**

- DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Meet and greet at Guwahati airport, from where we commence our offbeat Meghalaya tour. En route take a brief halt at the stunning Umiam lake, enjoying vistas of natural beauty. O/n at a guesthouse in Upper Shillong

DAY 2

Today you head out for a very unique and thrilling trek , most part of which is over a bamboo trail. Drive to the village of Wakhen from where you commence the exciting trek to Mawryngkhang; over bamboo trails. The route takes one down to Umrew river , from where a scary bamboo bridge leads further to a stony path . In many parts the route skirts the very edge of the mountain , with only bamboo bridges underneath your feet. The trek culminates on the 100 meter rock offering grand views of the George below , making your efforts worthwhile. The entire trek to and fro will take around 4 hours.

Continue riding to the tiny hamlet of Langkawet where we stay for the night. O/n at Langkawet Village Retreat

DAY 3

Images of the popular double decker root bridge in Cherrapunji come to mind when most people think of the unique root bridges of Meghalaya. But today you will set out to explore little know root bridges in the Pynursula region, an area having the highest density of root bridges.

Drive to the village of Rangthyllang , from where a rough overgrown ancient trail leads to the village of Mawkyrnat. For most part you will walk through deep brush , negotiating steep slopes to see three different root bridges , one of which is the highest. By evening drive back to our village retreat in Langkawet. O/n at Langkawet Village Retreat

DAY 4

The road less travelled now takes us to the Western part of Khasi hills, to the little know village of Mawphanlur. Set in the lap of nature, this village is spread over several hillocks with numerous small lakes.

On the way we make a small detour to walk through the sacred groves of Mawphlang. The Khasi tribe of Meghalaya were once animists, who believed in the spirits of the forest. Hence every village maintained a tract of forest called Sacred Grove where they used to worship the elements of nature and perform sacrifices. The groves of Mawphlang are the largest one of their kind , with many trees which are 300 hundred years old. O/n at Travellers Nest

DAY 5

In the morning set out for a half day hike to explore the scenic lakes around Mawphanlur. The landscape is akin to the English countryside with green rolling hills doting the landscape for miles.

By afternoon drive to Nongkhnum, the largest river island in Meghalaya . O/n at Nongkhnum River Island

DAY 6

Wear your explorers boots and get ready to explore Nongkhnum , the largest river island in Meghalaya. This uninhabited island has many scenic trails, leading to gushing waterfalls. You will explore some of these picturesque trails.

By late afternoon drive to Mawsynram, which has now replaced Cherrapunji as the wettest place on earth . You will stay at a camp set on the banks of a lake. O/n at Weiing Lakefront camp

DAY 7

In the morning head out for canyoning, a novelle adventure involving negotiation of the course of a river . It will be a fun adventure as you will have to slip, slide in the water and walk over boulders to get downstream. In the second half relax and unwind choosing to swim and kayak in the lake. We end our trip with a grand barbeque and bonfire, reliving the memories of our adventures in Meghalaya . O/n at Weiing Lakefront camp

DAY 8

After breakfast drop to Guwahati airport

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

    - Trek to Mawryngkhang, a thrilling trek over bamboo bridges
    - Trek to little known and seen root bridges
    - Camp at Nongkhnum, the largest river island in Meghalaya
    - Experience the novelle adventure of canyoning

- ITEMS TO CARRY
    - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
    - Hiking shoes
    - Backpack with a rain cover
    - Extra socks
    - Dry fruits
    - Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
    - Lipbalm
    - Head torch
    - Sunglasses

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
    - Accommodation on a twin sharing basis
    - All meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 8
    - Transportation using a Sumo or similar
    - All adventure activities mentioned in the itinerary

- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
    - Flights
    - GST
    - Excess stay & meals due to bad weather conditions or strikes, resulting in delay of flights or any other form of transport
    - Tips, Soft drink charges, table drinks, bottled water, laundry, cigarettes, telephone expenses, and liquor charges
    - Any other item not mentioned in "Included" section above

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

  32000/- rs + 5% GST

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- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
    - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
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❖ **Seven lakes – Arunachal Trek**

- Difficulty Level – Moderate
- Altitude Range – 4000 metres
- Duration of Package – 9 Days
- Region of Trek – Sikkim

- Best Time – October to May

- ABOUT THE TREK
  - For those who wish the see Kangchenjunga up-close, Dzongri trek offers the perfect option. From the meadows of Dzongri one can get grand views of Kangchenjunga, Simvo, Pandim, Kabru and Rathong.
  - The trail runs through moss-laden forests of oak, chestnut, pine, maple, magnolia and rhododendron. This amazingly diverse forest gives us an opportunity to enjoy many beautiful birds like the Redbilled Leothrix, Rufous-vented Yuhina, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, Silver-eared Mesia and many more. Equally impressive is the variety of orchids which throng the tree barks. On the way we cross small Tibetan hamlets at Bakhim and Tshoka, offering a peek into their way of life. The trek finally culminates above the tree line, offering some of the grandest views of the Kangchenjunga range

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- **Bagdogra to Yuksum , 6 hours. , Altitude – 1835 m**

DAY 2

- **Yuksum to baghkim , 6 hours , altitude – 2908 m**

DAY 3

- **Bakhim to phedang , 5 hours. , Altitude – 3750 m**

DAY 4

- **Phedang to Dzongri , 5 hours , altitude 4050 m**

DAY 5

- **Dzongri to Bhakim , 5 hour , altitude – 2908 m**

DAY 6

- **Bakhin yo Yuksum , 4 hours. , Altitude – 1835 m**

DAY 7

- **Yuksum to Kalimpong**

DAY 8

- **Kalimpong to Bagdogra , 4 hours**

- DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

. Pickup from Bagdogra airport and drive to Yuksom. O/n at a hotel in Yuksom.

DAY 2

Walk uphill following the Rathong River's gorge through dense mixed jungle with magnolia rhododendron ferns and several varieties of orchids. Passing by sweet smelling viburnum we cross the Prek Chu River and then ascend steeply for two or three hours to arrive at the lodge at Bakhim. O/n in tents.

DAY 3

Begin today's walk by trekking for about one hour up to the picturesque village of Tshoka. Tshoka is home to a colony of Tibetan refugees who have erected a small

monastery by a small lake. A fairly steep climb above Tshoka takes you into beautiful rhododendron forests and you continue along a well-defined uphill path to Phedang . O/n in tents.

DAY 4

Today would be another short day walk as you would be treading above the 4000 meter mark. You will be reaching the camp by lunchtime after which you spend a relaxed afternoon acclimatizing. This would be your most glorious campsite with views of Koktang Rathong Kabru Kangchenjunga Simvo and Pandim. O/n in tents.

DAY 5

Rise early in the morning to climb up to a vantage point on a ridge above the campsite to admire the sunrise on Kangchenjunga Kabru Pandim Rathong and many other peaks of the Kangchenjunga range. After breakfast begin your descent to Bakhim. O/n in tents.

DAY 6

Retrace your steps to descend down to Yuksom . In the evening walk around Yuksom first to the Norbughang complex where the first Chogyal of Sikkim was coroneted and then to the serene Kato lake. O/n at Hotel Demazong / Yangri Gang or similar.

DAY 7

After breakfast drive to Khecheopalri lake considered a wish fulfilling lake by the local people. Continue your drive further towards Pelling where you will visit Pemagyatse monastery and Rabdtense Ruins.
From here drive to Kalimpong. O/n at a hotel in Kalimpong

DAY 8

Drop to Bagdogra airport

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

    - Walk through dense Temperate and Rhododendron forests
    - Close up views of Mt.Kangchenjunga, Mt. Pandim, Simvo, Kabru and Rathong
    - Visit old Buddhist monasteries
    - Observe many rare birds

- ITEMS TO CARRY
    - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
    - Hiking shoes
    - Backpack with a rain cover
    - Extra socks
    - Dry fruits
    - Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
    - Lipbalm
    - Head torch
    - Sunglasses

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

    - 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 / hotel
    - All meals as mentioned in itinerary & safe drinking water
    - All trip arrangements with India's most experienced guiding team, camp staff and cooks
    - Individual rafting equipement
    - Peak fee / sanctuary fee / royalty / permits where applicable

- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
  - Sleeping bag
  - Flights not included in the above-mentioned cost
  - 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

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

GROUP PACKAGES

Package Cost - ₹ 20000
Group Space – 12 to 16 members..

- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
  - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
  - The company will not be held liable for any of your losses.
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❖ **Barsey Rhododendron Trek**

- Difficulty Level – Moderate
- Duration of Package – 8 Days
- Region of Trek – Sikkim
- Best Time – January, February, March & April.

▪ ABOUT THE TREK

o The advent of spring infuses a completely new life in the temperate slopes of the Sikkim Himalayas. Entire slopes are transformed into a color pallet of rich reds, yellows and pinks. The air is thick with the fragrance of the blooming rhododendrons.

The Barsey Rhododendron trek covers the higher reaches of the Barsey Rhododendron Sanctuary in West Sikkim, which houses 13 different varieties of rhododendron species. Entire hill slopes are covered with Arboreum, Falconeri, Barbatum, Hodgsoni and Campanulatum, the most commonly found rhododendron species in this sanctuary. The flowering season also attracts a plethora of bird species making it a delight for bird watchers. The panoramic views of the Kangchenjunga range further add to the spectacular beauty of this trek.

▪ PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

o **Bagdogra to Okhrey (via Drive 6 - 7 hrs) , alt – 2940 m**

DAY 2

o **Hilley to Lasune , 5 hours , alt 3094 m**

DAY 3

o **Barsey to Jorebotey , 7 hours , alt – 3094 m**

DAY 4

o **Trek: Jorebotey to Thulo Dhap , 5 hours , alt 3160 m**

DAY 5

- **Thulo Dhap to Chewa , 5 hours. , Alt - 2621 m**

DAY 6

- **Trek: Chewa to Uttarey, Drive to Darap , 4 hours , alt 2050 m**

DAY 7

- **Pelling sightseeing**

DAY 8

- **Darap to Bagdogra**

DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Pickup from Bagdogra airport and drive to Okhrey. O/n at Sherpa Lodge in Okhrey.

DAY 2

Trek: Hilley to Lasune
A 30 minute drive from Okhrey gets you to Hilley, the starting point of our trek. From here your trek commences over an undulating path through a mix of bamboo and rhododendron forests teeming with birds, getting us to Barsey – our lunch point. Continue walking through the enchanting forest till we reach our campsite at Lasune. O/n in tents.

DAY 3

Trek: Barsey to Jorebotey
Today's walk is a long but easy one, mainly through rhododendron and mixed temperate forests. Your path would be dotted with blood red and pink shaded rhododendron Arborium forests, brought to life by chirping of birds.
A short climb towards the end will get you to your campsite, which offers a stupendous view of the Kangchenjunga range. O/n in tents.

DAY 4

Trek: Jorebotey to Thulo Dhap
Continue traversing through hemlock and rhododendron forests, accompanied by the mighty Kangchenjunga. A final one hour climb will get you to a beautiful meadow where you set camp

DAY 5

Trek: Thulo Dhap to Chewa
A steep climb gets us to the top ridge of the sanctuary, just above the tree line. The mighty hemlocks give way to slopes filled with Rhododendron Setosum bushes. We traverse the U shaped valley from where we get grand views of Kangchenjunga on a clear day. Put up our campsite on the Indo Nepal border outpost of Chewa Bhanjyang. O/n in tents.

DAY 6

Trek: Chewa to Uttarey, Drive to Darap
Our final descent through the dense forests gets us to the blissfully tranquil Uttarey village. After having lunch at Uttarey, drive to Darap village. O/n a homestay in Darap

DAY 7

After breakfast drive to Khecheopalri, a tranquil lake nestled in the midst of verdant forests. From here drive to Yuksom, the first capital of Sikkim. In the evening visit Pemayangtse monastery. O/n at a homestay in Darap.

DAY 8

Drop to Bagdogra airport

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

    - Walk through Oak and Rhododendron forests
    - Enjoy panoramic views of the Kangchenjunga range
    - See many species of rhododendrons in bloom
    - Observe many rare birds

- ITEMS TO CARRY
    - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
    - Hiking shoes
    - Backpack with a rain cover
    - Extra socks
    - Dry fruits
    - Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
    - Lipbalm
    - Head torch
    - Sunglasses

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
    - Accommodation on a twin sharing basis
    - All meals
    - Logistics for the trek
    - Transportation using Innova / Xylo or similar

- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
    - Flights
    - Rescue / medical charges in case needed due to high altitude sickness, any ailment and/or accidents

- Soft drink charges, table drinks, bottled water, laundry, cigarettes, telephone expenses, and liquor charges
- Excess stay & meals due to bad weather conditions or strikes, resulting in delay of flights or any other form of transport
- Any other item not mentioned in “Included” section above

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

Package Cost - ₹ 35000 / person

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- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
  - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
  - The company will not be held liable for any of your losses.
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West india trek

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❖ **Harishchandragard fort trek.**

- Fort Elevation: Fort trail
- Trek Difficulty: Easy to Moderate.
- Trek Endurance: Easy to Moderate.
- Trek Length: Approx. 2-3 km
- Location Address: Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra.

- ABOUT THE TREK

- Harishchandragad trek is one of the most challenging treks in the western ghats of Maharashtra. A popular trek which offers a variety of adventures to all kinds of trekkers.
  It is a hill fort in the Ahmednagar district situated in the Malshej Ghat. It climbs up to an altitude of 4,670 ft.

▪ HISTORY OF TRAIL

- Harishchandragad is an ancient fort. Its origin is said to have been in the 6th century during the rule of the Kalchuri dynasty. But the caves which you see on the top are probably carved out in the 11th century.
  The various constructions on the fort and those in the surrounding region indicate the existence of diverse cultures. Saptatheertha Pushkarni, Kedareshwar cave, Harishchandra temple and other caves are the examples for that.

▪ PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- **Report to malad**

DAY 2

- **Base village reached**

▪ DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Saturday,

- 10:00 PM: Report at Borivali national park
- 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM: Pickups from Malad, Goregaon, Andheri, Bandra, Sion, Ghatkopar, Thane, Kalyan, Kasara

DAY 2

Sunday,

- 05:00 AM: Reach base village
- 05:30 AM: Have breakfast
- 06:00 AM: Start our trek to the summit
- 09:00 AM: Reach Harishchandragad
- 09:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Relax and explore the fort

- 11:00 AM: Start descending via the same route
- 02:00 PM: Reach Base Village
- 02:30 PM: Have Lunch
- 03:30 PM: Depart for Mumbai
- 11:00 PM: Reach Mumbai

- MAJOR ATTRACTION
    - An overhanging Konkan Kada(cliff) that offers a majestic view of Konkan region Konkan Kada overlooks the Konkan region hence the name. Kada means cliff in Marathi. It is a standing tall natural wall that has a concave structure. Because of this structure, you can experience many natural phenomena such as vertical cloud bursts, circular rainbows also called a Brocken spectre. The clouds nearing the cliff get sucked into the pitfall area below and thrown vertically into the sky. This creates the impression of the vertical cloud burst. WhenWhen there is a bit of mist in the valley and the sun is exactly behind the person facing the valley, a circular rainbow can be seen.

    - You can see one of the beautiful sunsets from the Konkan Kada. You must not miss the grand view of the valley during the sunset.
      The historical spots on the top of the Harishchandragad trek Harishchandragad trek has many temples, Pushkarni and caves on the top. They all represent different cultures starting from the 6th century.

    - Harishchandreshwar temple is a glorious example of the fine art of carving sculptures out of stones that prevailed in ancient India. This temple has been carved out of a single huge rock. Kedareshwar cave is located towards the right side of the Harishchandra temple. It has a big Shiva Linga surrounded by water. It is very difficult to reach the centre as the water inside will be cold always.
    - Saptateertha Pushkarni is a well-built lake located to the east of the Harishchandreshwar temple. There used to be idols of Lord Vishnu inside the temple-like structure that are on the bank of the lake. Now, they have been moved to the caves. There are many caves spread across the fort. Some of the caves are used for the accommodat Harishchandragad ion and some are still maintained well.

    - Panoramic view of the Naneghat region from Taramati peak .Taramati peak is the 4th highest peak in Maharashtra. This peak is also called Taramanc . It is located atop of Harishchandragad plateau. From there you can see the Naneghat region and other forts near Murbad.
- ITEMS TO CARRY

- ID proof
- 2/3 Liters of water
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets

- Good Torch must with an extra battery
- Trekking Shoes provide more grip and comfort on the trek
- One Day Backpack 20 to 30 liters
- Sun Cap and Sunscreen
- Personal First aid and Personal Medicine
- Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect from Summer Sun / Thorns / Insects / Prickles
- Rains are expected, so pack your bags accordingly to save them from getting wet
- Double pack your valuables/phones in plastic bags
- Rainwear / Poncho / Waterproof jacket etc. if you don't want to get wet.

▪ INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

- Travel from Pune / Mumbai by Private bus as per govt COVID guidelines
- Breakfast
- Lunch (Veg Thali)
- Guide Charges.
- Entry Charges.
- Expertise Charges.
- First Aid Charges.

▪ EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

- Travel till pickup points
- GST (5%)
- Mineral water/lime water/ purchased for personal consumption
- All kinds of Extra Meals / soft drinks ordered
- Any kind of personal expenses
- Any kind of cost which is not mentioned in the cost includes above
- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, bad weather
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required
- Insurance

▪ AVAILABLE PACKAGES

PACKAGE
600 rs per person

- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
    - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
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    - During any catastrophes or natural calamities, the management reserves the right to alter or cancel the journey.
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    - We are quite serious about littering during the walk, and if you are found guilty of littering, you will not be allowed to continue.

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❖ **Torna fort**

- Difficulty Level – Moderate
- Duration of Package – 1 day
- Region of Trek – Maharashtra
- Best Time – September to February

- ABOUT THE TREK
    - Torna Fort is the highest hill-fort in the Pune District. Situated at an altitude of 4,603 ft from sea level, it stands out among other forts in the western ghats of Maharashtra.
    - The trek to the Torna fort has many things to offer including the exploration on the top. The trail can be divided into 3 sections. All these 3 sections extend surprises at every step.

      Three sections can be divided as:

        - From Velhe village to the Plateau: 20 minutes
        - The Plateau to the Entrance of Torna Fort: 2 hours 15 minutes
        - Historical places on the Torna Fort: 3 to 4 hours

- HISTORY OF TRAIL
    - Because of the massive size of the fort, it is also called Prachandagad. This name is derived from Marathi which means Prachanda – massive and gad – a fort.
      Torna fort was the first fort captured by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in 1646 when he was 16 years old. This is where the core of the Maratha empire was built. It has a great history as it has gone under many rulers.

In the 17th Century, the Mughal empire shortly gained control of the fort after Shivaji's son Sambhaji got killed. The fort was renamed later by Aurangazeb(6th Mughal Emperor) as Futulgaib in recognition of the difficult battle of the torma fort between Mughals and Marathas.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

Section 1

- Velhe village to the Plateau

Trek Distance: 1 km
Trek Duration: 20 minutes

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Section 2

- The Plateau to the Entrance of Torna Fort

Trek Distance: 2.4 km
Trek Duration: 2 hours 15 minutes

Section 3

- Historical places on the top of Torna Fort

- DETAILED ITENARY

SECTION 1

The trek to the Torna fort starts from the road next to the Velhe Police station. The magnificent fort can be seen from the village itself. It stands behind the village as a guard taking care of the villagers!!
The initial trail from the police station has a tar road. Continue on the same road until you reach a small bridge. After 5 minutes of a walk from here, you see a trail on your left moving towards the direction of the fort. This is where the actual trek begins.

| Note: If you follow the cement road on your right, it directly takes you to the plateau where one can park the two-wheeler. This is recommended only if you are trekking in summer. The trekking trail from starting point to the plateau is a beautiful trail with many colorful flowers and small water streams. One has to trek through this setting.]

The trail from here is straightforward. There is a trail marked all the way up to the plateau. There are also direction signs on the rocks in between. So the chance of getting lost is very less.

The trail is a mix of mud and loose rocks. It can be slippery during the monsoon season.

|Tip: Wear proper trekking shoes. Carry a pair of trekking poles as well. These two trekking gears will help you while trekking. Here is a link to choose the best trekking shoes for you.]

While trekking here, you come across beautiful Bristly Smithia(Local language: Mickey Mouse flower. Do not forget to click some photos. They can be wallpaper material!
Continue on the same trail for another 15 minutes. You reach a plateau that connects to the ridge. However, The ridge is still a few meters away from here.

Section 2

The trail from here is full of surprises!

You gradually climb up towards the ridge. But you can not identify when you reach the ridge as the initial stretch passes through thick bushes.

After starting the trek from plateau you come across a small stream that has to be crossed. Remember to cross the stream not to trek along the stream.

As soon as you cross this stream, you enter a dense forest of Karvi plants that has thick bushes and trees. This continues until you reach the ridge.

After around an hour of trekking, you reach the ridge. See the north face of the Torna fort in front of you. However, the main Darwaja is still hidden.

The trail is visible all the way to the final steep section. From here, if you look back, you can see the Gunjavane dam on your left and the trail you have climbed up.

Enjoy the view for a few minutes and proceed. You trek on the ridge for another 30 minutes. This part of the trek is pretty easy.

The final stretch of the trek begins as soon as you start to climb the wall of the fort. It is almost 60 to 70 degree inclined. The initial section has rock patches and needs to be negotiated carefully.

Do not forget to look back from this point. You get an amazing view!!

After a steep climb of another 30 minutes, you reach the rock-cut steps with railings. From here, all the way up to the Binni Darwaja, railings are given for the support.

| Note: Do not depend too much on the railings as some of them are already damaged.

The trail takes a right deviation after these rock-cut steps. You will be surprised to see the view that welcomes you here!!

Bini Darwaja is just 10 minutes of a trek away from here. Isn't it completely hidden? That is how all the forts were built!!
As soon as you enter the fort through Bini Darwaja, there is another set of cemented steps to Kothi Darwaja. Even this part of the trail is full of colourful flowers!

Now you are on the Torna Fort. You need almost 3 to 4 hours to explore the historical places that are there on the fort.

Section 3

There are many things to see on the fort. In this section, we have tried to cover as much as possible so that you could have a memorable experience.

If you continue on the same trail as soon as you enter the fort, there is a water tank(Khokad taake) and a shelter where a maximum of 20 trekkers can stay.

The trail towards your left from the entrance takes you to Hanuman Buruj, Dhaalkathi(Dwajasthambam), and Zunjar machi. There is a well-made trail that connects all three places. Photos of these places are given below in order.

Dhaalkathi with Orange flag that represents the Maratha Empire. Picture by Nitesh Kumar
From Hanuman buruj, you have to descend down to get on the Zunjar machi. It will take around 30 minutes to reach the end of the Zunjar machi and come back.

Zunjar Machi as seen from the Dhaalkathi. Observe the double fortified wall. Picture by Nitesh Kumar
From Dhaalkathi, if you take the left trail, you can see Torneshwar Mahadev temple, Mengai Devi temple, Konkan Darwaja that leads to Budhla machi.

Note: A maximum of 50 people can accommodate inside this temple. This is the safest place where you can stay on the fort. You can also pitch your tents around this temple.

The Konkan Darwaja opens up to the Budhla Machi. The structure of the machi is very long. It will take around an hour and a half to explore this and come back to Konkan Darwaja.

There are few historical places that are in ruins to see on this machi.

As you enter the Budhla machi through Konkan Darwaja you see Hattimaal buruj.

You descend down to the Hattimaal Buruj. There are rock-cut steps and railings are given for trekkers' safety. This is one of the toughest sections. Negotiate it carefully.

PROTIPIf you are trekking in monsoon season, Carry 30 to 40 ft rope along with you. This would help you negotiate the above-mentioned section.

Continue on the same trail from Hattimaal buruj till the pinnacle. Here, you see the trail splitting into two.

Take the left trail, you reach Radtondi Buruj which connects to the Ridge of Rajgad-Torna Fort.

There are two water tanks Shiva Ganga and Patal Ganga which you get on the way to the Radtondi Buruj. These are also called Budhla Tank.

This Radtondi Buruj has Chor Darwaja(Opening of Radtondi side) that leads to the Ridge of Torna-Rajgad fort. This section is very steep and a metal ladder is kept to descend down. This is also one of the toughest sections to negotiate. You proceed further only if you are going to cover Rajgad fort.

PROTIPThe Ridge walk to the Rajgad fort is very beautiful. We recommend you to do both Torna and Rajgad together.

The right trail from the pinnacle takes you to the end of the Budhla machi. The end of Budhla machi is called as Cheetah Darwaja. You get one of the best views from that end.

Spend some time enjoying nature. Spot some of the famous forts like Rajgad, Raigad, Lingana and many more from there. It is always fun to identify peaks and forts if you are in a group of friends!

The descent is the same as you climbed up. From Budhla Machi get back to Mengai Devi temple. You can rest here for a while. From there follow the trail towards Kothi Darwaja, and to Velhe village.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

- Colourful flower beds on the trail
- If you are doing the Torna Fort Trek post-monsoon, you can see the trail full of Karvi, Bristly Smithia(Local language: Micky-mouse flower), Raan terda, Sonki, and many other wildflowers. As you get closer to the fort, you can see the entire trail filled with colourful flowers.
- The huge Budhla Machi on the fort
- Budhla machi on the Torna fort has a unique structure. Budhla in Marathi means vessel. And the shape of the machi is similar to an oil container kept upside down. Hence the name.
- It is believed that one of the reasons to call this fort as Prachandagad is the massive structure of this Budhla machi.

- Spectacular view from the fort
  The view from the fort is spectacular. You can see many famous forts like Raigad, Lingana, Rajgad, Purandar fort, Sinhagad, Raireshwar, Pratapgad, Madu – Makrandgad, Mahabaleshwar mountain range, Mangalgad, Kavlya Fort, Mohangad, and Rohida Fort.

- <u>ITEMS TO CARRY</u>
  - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
  - Hiking shoes
  - Backpack with a rain cover
  - Extra socks
  - Dry fruits
  - Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
  - Lipbalm
  - Head torch
  - Sunglasses

- <u>INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE</u>
  - Local trip guide who is qualified
  - All of the necessary camping gear
  - A certificate will be issued
  - There will be first aid available
  - Pole for trekking
  - Entry fees and any required permits
- <u>EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE</u>
  - Expenses of any kind
  - A tip to any member of the staff or the driver
  - Expenses for medical, evacuation (emergency), hospitalisation, and rescue

- <u>AVAILABLE PACKAGES</u>

  5000 rs per person

- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
  - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
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3)

❖ **Devkund waterfall trek**

- Height: 2,700 ft
- Trek Route: Jungle trail
- Trek Difficulty: Easy
- Trek Endurance: Easy
- Trek Length: Approx. 3 km
- Trek Location: Patnus, Mangaon, Raigad, Pune, Maharashtra 402308
- Trek Best Time: June to December
- Distance from Mumbai: 130 km
- Distance from Pune: 100 km
- Distance from Lonavala: 83 km

- ABOUT THE TREK
  - Devkund waterfall is a secluded little place situated deep inside the forests surrounding Bhira dam. There is a hydroelectric power generation unit by Tata power at Bhira. This place was little known to trekkers till recent times and has come into limelight due to the waterfall present deep inside the forest.
- HISTORY OF TRAIL
  - It is believed that Kundalika river originates at Devkund.
    Though there isn't much history associated with the falls, locals here believe that once upon a time utensils used to emerge from the kund (pond) whenever there was any auspicious ceremony happening in the local village.
  - True or not, the place has its own charm with the water dropping from a height of over 80 ft straight into a pond of approx. 30 mt diameter.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- **Report at Borivali national Park**

DAY 2

- **Reach base village**

- DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Saturday,

- 10:00 PM: Report at Borivali national park
- 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM: Pickups from Malad, Goregaon, Andheri, Bandra, Dadar, Chembur, Vashi, Nerul, Kharghar, Kalamboli McD

DAY 2

Sunday,

- 04:00 AM: Reach Base Village
- 05:00 AM: Breakfast
- 06:00 AM: Start trek towards Devkund waterfall.
- 10:00 AM: Reach the waterfall and enjoy some time there.
- 11:00 AM: Start return trek towards base village.
- 03:00 PM: Reach base village and Lunch.
- 05:00 PM: Start return journey to Mumbai.
- 10:00 PM: Reach Mumbai.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

  - For adrenaline junkies, some few kilometers from Devkund lies Kundailaka river, famous for river rafting in Maharashtra.
  - Not a fan of extreme adventures? No worries as you can indulge in kayaking on the calm waters of the river.
  - The place near Bhira dam along the way is an ideal location to camp amidst the lap of nature.
  - For exploring rural life, the tiny villages nearby are perfect to observe the lifestyle, culture, and traditions of Maharashtra.
  - The whole trek gives ample opportunities to indulge in nature photography, vlogging, blogging, and simply connecting with nature.

- There are many other amazing trekking locations nearby like Andharban, Ghangad & Tamhini Ghats which can be explored on foot.

- ITEMS TO CARRY
  - ID proof
  - Proper face mask or shield
  - Sanitizer
  - Good grip shoes.
  - Torch with extra batteries.
  - Extra Pair of clothes.
  - Water bottles 2-3 liters.
  - Ready to eat food, like plum cakes, chocolate bar, some snacks & biscuits, etc.
  - Electoral or Glucon D powder.
  - Personal First aid and Personal Medicine
  - Sun protection cap, goggles.
  - Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect from Summer Sun / Thorns / Insects / Prickles

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

- Travel from Mumbai & Pune by Private bus as per govt COVID guidelines
- Breakfast & Tea
- Lunch (Veg Thali)
- Guide Charges.
- Entry Charges.
- Expertise Charges.
- First Aid Charges.

- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

- Travel till pickup points
- 5% Gst
- Mineral water/lime water/ purchased for personal consumption
- All kinds of Extra Meals / soft drinks ordered
- Any kind of personal expenses
- Any kind of cost which is not mentioned in the cost includes above
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- Insurance

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

PACKAGE

Package Cost - ₹ 800 rs per person

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4)

❖ **Andharbang jungle trek**

- Trek Location: Pimpri, Tamhini Ghat, Maharashtra
- Trek Difficulty Level: It is a moderate level trek and requires good endurance. Having a prior trekking experience makes it easier. The only risky part of this trek is while crossing water streams during monsoons as the river become turbulent.
- Trek Distance: 13 km trail
- Trek Altitude: 2160 feet
- Trek Type: Jungle / Valley Descend Trek
- Trek Duration: It roughly takes 6-7 hours to complete this trek, which includes a lunch break at Hirdi village.

- ABOUT THE TREK
  - The trek through Andharban is one of the most refreshing treks in the Sahyadri region. The name ‘Andharban’ is a compound word, coming from Andhar, meaning ‘dark’, and ban, which means ‘forest’. Literally the ‘dark forest’, Andharban is a trail through dense overgrowth, with beautiful views of the Devkund waterfall, Plus Valley and the Tamhini Ghat along the way. Scattered throughout with numerous small streams and waterfalls, it is a descending trek – it begins at an elevation of approximately 2,160 feet in the Sahyadri mountains and descends down into the valley, to reach the backwaters of the Bhira Dam.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- **Reach at borivali**

DAY 2

- **Reach base village**

- DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Saturday,

- Report at Borivali at 09:00 PM
- Reporting time for pick up from Malad, Goregaon, Andheri, Bandra, Sion, Chembur, Vashi, Nerul, Kharghar, Kalamboli McD would be between 09:00 PM - 10:30 PM anywhere on the highway.
- Start traveling to the base village via private bus

DAY 2 **Sunday**

- 05:00 AM: Reach Base village and rest on the bus
- 05:30 AM: Breakfast.
- 06:00 AM: Start our Andharban trek
- 10:30 AM: Reach Hirdi village and take a snacks break
- 11:30 AM: Start our trek towards Bhira dam.
- 01:30 PM: Reach patnus village and have Lunch.
- 03:00 PM: Start return journey to Mumbai.
- 10:00 PM: Approx. arrival at Mumbai.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

- There are beautiful waterfalls and streams which makes for a great backdrop for photography

- Enjoy the monsoons rains and witness the dense jungle turn into a magical wonderland
- Jump into small water streams and swim in these natural swimming pools
- Explore unique flora and fauna and look for several species of birds such as the Jacobin cuckoo, the Malabar whistling thrush, dwarf kingfishers, minivets native to this place
- Stay amidst nature and experience mental peace and bliss
- Instagram lover? Love blogging? Captures photos and videos to show off to your friends and family!

▪ ITEMS TO CARRY

- ID proof
- Proper face mask or shield
- Sanitizer
- Good grip shoes.
- Torch with extra batteries.
- Extra Pair of clothes.
- Water bottles 2-3 liters.
- Ready to eat food, like plum cakes, chocolate bar, some snacks & biscuits, etc.
- Electoral or Glucon D powder.
- Personal First aid and Personal Medicine
- Sun protection cap, goggles.
- Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect from Summer Sun / Thorns / Insects / Prickles

▪ INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

- Travel from Mumbai & Pune by Private bus as per govt COVID guidelines
- Breakfast & Tea
- Lunch (Veg Thali)
- Guide Charges.
- Entry Charges.
- Expertise Charges.
- First Aid Charges.

▪ EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE

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- Insurance

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

  800 rs per person

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North India

- **Kuari Pass – The Lord Curzon Trail**

  - Difficulty Level – Moderate
  - Altitude Range – 4000 metres
  - Duration of Package – 6 Days (extendable up to 8 days)
  - Region of Trek – Garwal, Uttarakhand
  - Best Time – January, February, March & April.
  - Total Trek Distance – 25 Kilometres

- ABOUT THE TREK
  - Kuari Pass (also known as Lord Curzon Trail) is the most magnificent treks of the Indian Himalayas named after Lord Curzon, who was the first person to discover and cross this trail. It offers Jaw dropping scenery & views of the Himalayas which includes it's most beautiful peaks – Kamet, Hathi Godhi, Berthold, Dronagiri, Trishul, Neelkanth & Mana. The trek and the trail never fails to surprise the trekkers at every point during their journey because of the awful & inspiring views. The best timing to visit this trek is during early beginning of the year (January, February & March) because the trail is covered with a thick patch of snow and also gives eye-opening views when trekkers reach the Kuari Top. Talking about the route, it is adorned with vast grasslands, pine forests, oak trees & rhododendron flora throughout the trail which makes it more marvellous. For new as well as experienced and old trekkers everyday is a new perfect postcard as this trail has lots to offer. Not only flora throughout the trek but when it comes to fauna, Himalayan black

bears and Pugmarks of leopards can also be seen throughout the trail. The best experience waits for you trekkers.

- HISTORY OF TRAIL
  - Kuari Pass were given its name through Lord Curzon, Bill Tillman, and Eric Shipman as they used this passage for exploration in 1905. The trek is likewise called the Lord Curzon trail, named after the British Viceroy of India. The route became more desirable so that that Lord Curzon could trek. He reached Kuari Pass from a different route by crossing passes like Vinayak Pass, Tali Top, and primary rivers in the route like Pindar, Kalinga, Mandakini, Bheriganga, and Dhaliganga.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

  - Dehradun to Joshimath (via Drive 7-8 hrs) at 6724 ft. [260km drive-by]

DAY 2

  - Joshimath to Auli (2hrs drive), Trek to Tali crossing Auli at 9544ft – 11480ft. (Total 6km trek)

DAY 3

  - Tali to Khulara, 7km trek (7-8 hrs)

DAY 4

  - Khulara to Kuari Pass & Back to Khulara, 10km trek (9-10 hrs)

DAY 5

  - Khulara to Dhak & back to Joshimath, trek 5km (2-3 hrs)

DAY 6

  - Joshimath to Dehradun (via drive 7-8 hrs)

- DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

You will be picked up from Dehradun by our staff. Please be patient as the rest of the crew arrives. Uttarakhand is a great destination to go if you want to do some adventure sports or see some cultural sights. Tourists from all over the world flock to this lovely location. Rishikesh is an excellent location for adventure sports such as river rafting. The trekkers would be able to witness the Ganges river. There will be many breath-taking views along the route. Of sure, the trek will be difficult, but the majestic mountains will keep your spirits high. Devprayag, Rudrayag, Karnaprayag, Nandaprayag, and Vishnuprayag are holy confluences of the Ganga. Trek team will arrange your stay, followed by hot beverages and evening snacks for everyone.

DAY 2

Joshimath to Auli (2 hrs drive), then trek to Tali through Auli (5km, 4-5hr).

DAY 3

Warm yourself up by waking up to the gorgeous morning. We'll start the walk early in the morning because we have a big day ahead of us. On the journey, there will be many difficult ascents and descents, as well as snow slopes. The journey from Tali to Khulara is beautiful and amazing. 'Chitrakantha,' a magnificent and stupefying meadow located halfway along the walk, is a must-see. Take a break and don't overwork yourself in between. The refreshing Himalayan breeze will revive your spirit. Above Chitrakantha, the entire trail is made up of forest ridges, rhododendrons, spruce, and silver birch. Observe the magnificent Nanda Devi, who stands towering in front of you. It is India's highest point.

DAY 4

Witness the Himalayan peaks from all sides. Neelkantha, Nanda Devi, Hathi Godha Parvat, Dronagiri, Pangarchulla, and Chaukhambha are some of the most famous peaks of Himalayas named after Hindu goddesses. Your day starts from another beautiful yet fresh morning which is ready to give you adventure vibes as today we finally are ready to trek to Kuari Pass which is just 5kms away from Khulara but we need to be careful as Kuari pass is having a steep climb and is highest point of trail. We start our trek after having breakfast, freshened up and ready to finally move. After 4-5 hours we reach our destination which is ready to relief you by giving breath-taking and jaw-dropping views. Here you will experience and will be thankful to God for giving you such a beautiful life and astonishing mother nature. After clicking some pictures in charismatic Himalayas, we'll return to Khulara after another 5km trek and stay there for approaching night with bonfire around the camp site.

DAY 5

Experience the local culture of Tugasi and Karchi villages while walking across velvet meadows. Flour mill, undulating valleys decorated with wildflowers. Whilst you come back to Dhak while trekking and then we drive you back to Joshimath and

you enjoy the local scenery of the village and memorize your trek. You'll also see adorned valleys with wildflowers while the drive-way.

DAY 6

Today is the last day of the trip. Say your goodbyes to your trekking companions who helped you create wonderful experiences. From Joshimath to Dehradun, take an enchanting drive. Stay at home and travel to Rishikesh to partake in adventurous activities such as rafting and bungee jumping. Otherwise, check out of the guest house by the afternoon and make travel arrangements if you want to extend your stay and want to visit local places in Dehradun.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION
    - Travelers may observe the beautiful Dronagiri, Neelkanth, Trishul, Hathi-Ghoda, Kamet, Neelgiri, Brahmal, Garud, Chaukhamba, and many more Himalayan peaks from a height of 12,516 feet.
    - Nanda Devi (7,816 m), India's second-highest mountain, offers breathtaking views.
    - The journey will take you through lush Himalayan forests of oak and conifer, Rhododendron and birch, as well as animals such as leopard pugmarks, Himalayan black bears, and birds that you might only see in Himalayas.
    - The hike just provides breathtaking views of Himalayan lakes such as Tali, Chatrakund, and Bodtal in all their glory.

- ITEMS TO CARRY
    - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
    - Hiking shoes
    - Backpack with a rain cover
    - Extra socks
    - Dry fruits
    - Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
    - Lipbalm
    - Head torch
    - Sunglasses
    - Masks & Sanitizers

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
    - Local trip guide who is qualified
    - All of the necessary camping gear
    - Dehradun/Rishikesh to Dehradun/Rishikesh transportation
    - Stay arrangements
    - Meals and snacks along the walk, as well as a menu plan for the rest of the days
    - A certificate will be issued

- There will be first aid available
- Pole for trekking
- Entry fees and any required permits

- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
  - Expenses of any kind
  - A tip to any member of the staff or the driver
  - Expenses for medical, evacuation (emergency), hospitalisation, and rescue

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

GROUP PACKAGES

Package Cost - ₹ 8000 / person
Group Space – 12 to 15 members.

QUADSQUAD PACKAGE

Package Cost - ₹ 12000 / person
Group Space – 4 members.

- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
  - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
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❖ **Hampta Pass with Chandratal**

- Difficulty Level – Easy to Moderate
- Altitude Range – 4250 metres
- Duration of Package – 6 Days (extendable up to 7 days)
- Region of Trek – Manali, Himachal Pradesh
- Best Time – June, July, August, September, October
- Total Trek Distance – 35 Kilometres

▪ ABOUT THE TREK

- Hampta Pass is the finest place to go if you're a first-time trekker. The journey of a lifetime to the Himalayas at a high-moderate altitude. It is situated at a height of 14000 feet above sea level (4250 meters). Hiking the Hampta Pass is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view your life through the prism of nature's vibrant colours.

- A stunning view is created by rock faces, icy valleys, thick pine forests, large meadows, an adrenaline-pumping stream, and delightful as well as risky crossing points. One of the most appealing parts of the Hampta Pass Trek is the trek's own flower valley. Jwara is a small yet beautiful meadow tucked between two Chikha and Balu Ka Ghera locations. This is a magnificent green meadow with flowers in full bloom in a broad array of captivating varieties. Yellow Marigolds can be found growing along the ledges of the many rivulets that run through these meadows.

- The Hampta Pass Trek connects two beautiful valleys, Kullu and Lahaul, from where one may see a wide range of scenery. Spectators are drawn in by the beauty of Himalayan birds, animals, and plants. Trekkers are enthralled by the gorgeous scenery, as well as the frequent variations in weather and climate, which provide good photographic opportunities. In the Himalayan environment, climbing on a snow stretch and seeking harmony with nature. In Lahaul and Spiti, Chandra Tal, popularly known as Moon Lake, is found.

▪ HISTORY OF TRAIL

- Hampta Pass is called for the small Hampta village, which is located in the Kullu valley's laps. According to legend, Hampta Pass was named after Rishi Hampta Maharishi, a meditator. According to the Hindu classic Mahabharata, Pandavas hiked this trail in search of heaven.

▪ PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- Manali - Hampta near Sethean Village

DAY 2

- Hamta – Chikka (Highest altitude; 3100m)

DAY 3

- Chika – Balu ka Ghera (Highest altitude; 3630m) – 8km Trek

DAY 4

- Balu ka Ghera – Siagoru crossing (Highest altitude; 4300m) – 7km Trek

DAY 5

- Siagoru to Chandratal (Highest altitude; 4300m) – 7km Trek / 60km drive-by

DAY 6

- Chatru to Manali via Rothang Pass (Highest altitude; 3980m) – 7km Trek / 85km drive-by

DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Why stay at our guesthouse in Hampta, Manali's lively town, when you can stay in a fantastic location? With beautiful views of Manali city from 2000 metres above sea level. Nirvana Hamta Retreat camps/rooms check-in. You are welcome to spend some time in Manali, and before arriving at our guesthouse, we can arrange you a short tour of Mall Road, Hadimba Temple, Club House, and Old Manali. Rest up and take a walk to the Narby Waterfall and Stream for some acclimatisation. Take in the breathtaking scenery and warm Hamta weather. Lunch, a bonfire (for campers only), music, and fun.

DAY 2

This journey begins at our guesthouse. The Hampta Nallah is the starting point of our expedition (Water Stream). It climbs sharply over the river's left bank and brings us uphill through dense woodland and along the road to the spectacular Chikka campground after a long walk through lovely green meadows. As we set up camp

here, we notice the massive Indrasan Peak looming high above us. In the area, there is also a spectacular waterfall. Enjoy your camp supper and overnight stay.

DAY 3

Today we'll trek 8 kilometres to Balu ka Ghera, where we'll set up camp for the night. It is directly beneath the Hampta Pass and offers a panoramic view of glaciers and snow-capped peaks. We have a lot of rocks we want to work on today. While walking down the river, we pass through countless gorgeous alpine flowers and marshes, with the occasional possibility for perilous river crossings. At Balu Ka Ghera, the sand and dust deposited by the River are stacked. As a result, the name "Balu," which means "sand," was given. We'll be camping along the river tonight, with spectacular views.

DAY 4

It's currently a 6- to 8-hour ascent. Near the river, the route is lined with yellow flowers. The ascent is strenuous and taxing. As you approach glaciers, the vistas of the icy mountains are breathtaking. The Pir Panjal Ranges Snow Clad and the adjacent Mighty Deo Tibba may both be seen from the peak. After a curving and steep descent, we arrive in a valley surrounded on three sides by the Tall Snow Clad mountains, and after a gruelling and exhausting journey, we arrive at our base camp at Sheagoru via an open gulley. As you can see, we've made it over the forest line and are approaching Lahaul Valley. In the immediate vicinity, a little river flows. Sheagoru was given the name Shea as a result of the phrase (which means extremely cold). Due to the chilly temperature and the wind, the name has been kept. We'll set up tent along the river's edge tonight. Prepare for sub-zero temperatures.

DAY 5

Until we reach level meadows for a spell, the trail is slick, moraine, and unpaved. For a bit, we stroll down the nallah that flows from the glacier Indrasan. We must traverse glaciers and water streams several times before reaching Chatru. From here, many streams of water run nearby. We'll set our camp next to a river. Chatru is a lovely campground. The many mountain wraths are seen from a beautiful vantage point. The Chandra River flows freely beneath the bridge. When the weather permits, we can visit Chandra Tal or Moon Lake in Lahaul and Spiti. This deep, blue-water lake has a 2,5-kilometer diameter and is located at a height of roughly 4270 metres, with the majority of it covered in snow. It is the Chandra River's furious fountain. The mountain environment ranges in elevation from 3000 to 6500 metres, with snow-capped peaks and slopes around the valley. The name of the lake stems from its hemispheric shape.

DAY 6

The last day is set up for a trek back to Manali from the Chatru campground. After a seven-hour hike over the hills, you'll arrive at Manali in the evening. Hopefully, a trip

to Delhi after 18:00 will be the best option to say the last goodbye. You can request staff to extend trip upto 1 more day if you want to stay overnight for rest in Manali.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

    - We value localisation as a component of long-term growth and seek to use as many local foods as possible, providing trekkers with an additional opportunity to learn about the local cuisine and culture.
    - The trek includes a visit to Spiti's famous Chandratal Lake.
    - The pass connects the lush green Kullu Valley and the barren Spiti Valley on opposite sides of the Himalayas.
    - Valley with various streams and glaciers, as well as a variety of alpine colourful flowers.

- ITEMS TO CARRY
    - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
    - Hiking shoes (waterproof & provided with ankle support)
    - Backpack with a rain cover
    - Extra socks
    - Dry fruits
    - Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
    - Lipbalm
    - Head torch
    - Sunglasses
    - Raincoat
    - Masks & Sanitizers

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
    - Local trip guide who is qualified with mountaineering course
    - Veggie Cuisine (Day 1 Lunch till Day 6 Breakfast). Daily 3 meals
    - Trek Permit Fee/IMF Permission, Forest Permits/Camping Charges/Permits (Upto the amount charged for Indian nationals)
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    - If necessary, a helmet, micro spikes, and gaiters
    - Porters or mules are used to transport basic luggage
    - Manali to Manali transportation
- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
    - Expenses of any kind
    - Medical, evacuation or hospitalisation expenses
    - Clothing of any kind
    - Health insurances

- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

GROUP PACKAGES

Package Cost - ₹ 8500 / person
Group Space – 10 to 15 members.

QUADSQUAD PACKAGE

Package Cost - ₹ 12500 / person
Group Space – 4 members.

- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
  - Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited during the journey and will result in a fine.
  - The company will not be held liable for any of your losses.
  - If the requested slots are not available, an alternate plan of the client's choosing will be established, and the client will receive a new confirmation voucher via email.
  - All of the activities are weather-dependent.
  - During any catastrophes or natural calamities, the management reserves the right to alter or cancel the journey.
  - The remaining balance must be paid before the departure date or upon arrival in Manali.
  - We are quite serious about littering during the walk, and if you are found guilty of littering, you will not be allowed to continue.

❖ **Har ki Dun – Trek to valley of Gods**

- Difficulty Level – Easy to Moderate
- Altitude Range – 3560 metres
- Duration of Package – 7 Days
- Region of Trek – Sankri, Uttarakhand
- Best Time – October, November, December, January, February, March
- Total Trek Distance – 46 Kilometres

- ABOUT THE TREK

At a height of 3566 metres, Har ki Dun is a basket valley in the heart of Govind Ballabh Pant National Park. The Har ki Dun Valley in the Garhwal Himalayas offers breath-taking views of pristine landscapes. It's one of India's most remote locations, providing a variety of hiking options. Har-ki-Dun, surrounded by snow-capped peaks and alpine vegetation, is unquestionably one of Uttarakhand's most appealing hiking destinations, displaying unsurpassed

natural splendour. The Valley of Gods is a secret valley that appears to be a place from mythological stories and fairy tales. It's no surprise that it's one of the most popular hiking destinations in Uttarakhand, both in the summer and in the winter.

This walk takes you through some of India's most rural communities, which have escaped modernization. The people of this town are really friendly and welcoming. Shepherds go to this area to graze their sheep for months on end on the undulating grass. The valley is fully covered in snow from December to March. The Har-ki-Dun Trek offers breath-taking views of massive Himalayan peaks such as the Swargarohini Group of Peaks, Kala Nag (Black Peak), Bandarpoonch, and others.

- HISTORY OF TRAIL

  - According to mythology, a dog from Swargarohini, one of the key peaks here, was used to transport King Yudhisthir to the abode of heaven. Thousands of years ago, people living here were said to have lived under the dominion of both the Kauravas and the Pandavas.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- Dehradun – Sankri (220km drive-by approx. 10hrs)

DAY 2

- Sankri – Pauni Garaat along Taluka (Highest altitude; 2500m) 10km trek to Pauni Garaat

DAY 3

- Pauni Garaat – Kalkattiyadhaar (Highest altitude; 3000m) 8km Trek

DAY 4

- Kalkattiyadhaar – Har ki Dun – Kalkattiyadhaar (Highest altitude; 3400m) 10km Trek

DAY 5

- Kalkattiyadhaar – Pauni Garaat (Highest altitude; 2500m) 8km Trek

DAY 6

- Pauni Garaat to Sankri along Taluka (Highest altitude; 2500m) 10km Trek to Taluka

- DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

The vans leave from the Dehradun train station parking lot around 6:30 a.m. The Kedarkantha Trek in Uttarakhand begins early in the morning in Dehradun and ends at Sankri. Sankri, a lovely village in the Uttarkashi District, located roughly 200 kilometres from Dehradun. The location is situated at a height of 1950 metres above sea level, surrounded by picturesque foggy mountains. Sankari is the last village with a motorable road and is flanked by Naugaon, Rohru, Purola, and Chauhara Block. Sankari offers a breathtaking perspective of Swargarohini, a stunning Himalayan peak. Arrive, unwind, and familiarize.

DAY 2

At 7:00 a.m. on day 2, we begin our journey from Sankri to Taluka. The terrain of our journey will be introduced to us attentively during this brief drive through gradually thicker forests and streams cutting along the trail over stones. Before beginning the trip, trekkers will be asked to collect refreshments in Taluka, another community of the same lineage encountered on this trek. The first section is a fall to the banks of the picturesque Tons River, after which the trail becomes a level trek through coniferous forests until it reaches the first cemented bridge. After crossing the stream, the trail ascends to a wooden bridge with a gradual slope leading down to the water's edge. You can fill your bottle here and go on your way. The river's entire length is perfect for photo compositions and also provides shade. We arrive at the lunch stop through the Supin tributary, which we crossed earlier at around 1 p.m.

DAY 3

Pauni Garaat to Kalkattiyadhar is a 7-kilometer journey that takes us 6 hours to complete. The trail passes through three “garaat,” or hydroelectricity-powered chaffing plants, which the locals use to separate millet and maize husks before grinding to flour. The hike passes through harvest plains, cattle grazing, and slant roofed cottages used as granaries and storages, all while maintaining the bucolic vibe of the surroundings. The trail begins to ascend after crossing a log bridge. On this rise, you'll have fantastic views of the Dhauladhar Range in the foreground. From here, snaky routes to Borasu Pass and Baspa Valley can be found.

DAY 4

In comparison to past days, you will begin earlier today. However, as captivating as the vistas were until now, prepare to be wowed once more. The trail will lead to moraines and alpine meadows in the glacier basin. Every step you take will be greeted by tall pine trees. Until you reach the Har Ki Dun valley, the track is a mix of steep and moderate ascents. Snow areas and ice waterfalls can be seen as you climb higher. During the winter, these areas are blanketed in snow. A valley is a lovely area that exudes great beauty in a single glance. The massive peaks of Swargarohini, Hata Peak, Black Peak, and others provide breathtaking views. The valley has a spectacular mix of meadows, ice streams, coniferous trees, glacier moraines, and massive peaks in the background.

DAY 5

From now onwards, the hike is actually a return trip. We'll retrace our route through Oslo village to Pauni Garaat today. Here's another chance to remember the tranquil villagers' times. Say your goodbyes to them and the beautiful sights that surround you.

Return to the Pauni Garaat campground by following the same path as before. Take advantage of the last few hours of nightlife in the mountains.

DAY 6

This morning, a 5-hour hike to Taluka begins, climbing down the usual trail and pausing at familiar rest stops. The car sits at the end of the gravel road, ready to return to base camp. Pay close attention to the falling strategy. Although climbing down causes less exhaustion, it is not good to overstretch your soles with large steps. Sankri will arrive in plenty of time for tea.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

  - On the Himalayas' oldest hiking path, you'll see exquisite historic culture, mountain vistas, woods, grasslands, meadows, rivers, streams, and even an alpine lake.
  - Trek along the same route that Yudhister and his dog traversed on their trip to heaven in the Mahabharata.
  - Explore mediaeval communities that are more than 2,000 years old and have been unspoiled by civilization.
  - While listening to legends of Swargarohini Peak I,II,III,IV-bears' conquering of the famous staircase to heaven, enjoy the Himalayas' enigmatic and distinctive beauty and animals.

- ITEMS TO CARRY
  - Identity proofs – such as Aadhar cards, Pan Card, Driving License or Passport
  - Hiking shoes (waterproof & provided with ankle support)
  - Backpack with a rain cover

- Extra socks
- Dry fruits
- Warm clothes, woollen caps, scarfs & thermal inners
- Lipbalm & Sunscreen
- Head torch
- Sunglasses
- Raincoat
- Masks & Sanitizers

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
  - Local trip guide who is qualified with mountaineering course
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- AVAILABLE PACKAGES

GROUP PACKAGES

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QUADSQUAD PACKAGE

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- TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE TOUR
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❖ **Chadar Trek – A trek to Frozen River**

- Difficulty Level – Tough
- Altitude Range – 3850 metres
- Duration of Package – 13 Days
- Region of Trek – Ladakh, Himalayas
- Best Time – January to February
- Total Trek Distance – 80 Kilometres

▪ ABOUT THE TREK

The Frozen River Trek, also known as the Chadar Trek, is one of the most difficult hikes in Ladakh, with a surreal backdrop of natural colours. Under the blue winter sky, the hard mountain trek on the ice-clogged river passes through valleys, mountain caves, and frozen waterfalls. It is one of the most demanding climbs in the Indian Himalaya, since hikers will traverse through rugged rocks and temperatures may drop to below minus 10 degrees, a rare climatic situation that can be tough to endure.

One of the most popular winter treks, the Frozen River Trek, is also one of the longest trekking trails in the Indian Himalayan region, covering 90 kilometres in eight frigid days. The Chadar Trek, like a stroll to paradise, captures countless hikers' imaginations and becomes a part of their diaries. The journey begins in Ladakh and ends in the snow-covered settlements of the Zanskar Valley. One might recognise the stares and wonder, "What made you explore the barren beauty?" The answer is as simple as taking a walk along the Chadar trail to a state of complete joy surrounded by nature's colours.

- HISTORY OF TRAIL

  - Chadar Trek, widely regarded as one of India's most challenging treks, was never intended to be a trekking or adventure hiking path. The Zanskar valley, which has a population of around 14000 people, connects Padum, the administrative centre, to Leh, the mainland, via Pensi La, which is roughly 250 kilometres from Kargil. Every winter, when temperatures drop below -10°C to -15°C, heavy snowfall blankets the Pensi La pass, rendering it inaccessible to locals and cutting Zaskar off from the rest of Jammu & Kashmir for the following 3 to 4 months. Now is the period when the Zanskar River freezes, forming a highway of ice known as chadar and locally known as "Khado Sanglam" that people can walk on.

- PLANNING ITENARY

DAY 1

- **Delhi – Leh (Complete rest in Leh for acclimatisation)**

  Take a flight to Leh first thing in the morning. Trekkers will be transferred to the guest home from Leh Airport (Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport). Relax and get used to the surroundings. Dinner and an overnight stay in a guest house in Leh.

DAY 2

- **Leh – Shey – Thiksey – Hemis**

  Start the day with a hearty meal and a visit to a monastery. Shey Gompa, Deldan Namgyal, Thiksey Gompa, and Dresthang Gompa will be visited today by trekkers. Spend the night in a quaint Leh guesthouse.

DAY 3

- **Leh – Chilling (Drive-by of 5hrs)**

Begin the day with a hearty breakfast before setting out on a journey to Pishu Village over stunning roads brimming with natural splendour. Chilling guest house for dinner and a night's stay.

DAY 4

o **Chilling – Zaribago**

After a substantial breakfast, begin the first day of the 5 hour hike to the Zaribago. We'll put out our tents in Zaribago for dinner and overnight stay. It would be a great camping experience.

DAY 5

o **Zaribago – Deepyokma**

The trekkers will walk on the frozen Zanskar River until they reach Deepyokma on the 5th day, which will be thrilling but exciting and challenging experience. We'll make some unforgettable memories and will capture them in cameras, but be careful your batteries might drain a lot faster than usual, so carry extra battery always. We'll setup a camp in Deepyokma, where you'll spend the night and have dinner.

DAY 6

o **Deepyokma – Nyarakpulu**

On next day, from Deepyokma, we'll walk for 4 to 5 hours to Nyarakpulu, which is located below the Nyarak settlement. Along the way you'll get to see the beauty of Deepyokma & Nyarakpulu valley. Some rare species of birds would be waiting and chirping for you during the walk-way. Then you get yo spend the night at the camp.

DAY 7

o **Nyarakpulu - Lingshed**

On day 7, we leave Nyarakpulu and travel 1 hour by walking to Lingshed, a little village. Enjoy the convenience and pleasant environment of a private home with central heating. Here, you'll get to meet and interact with local people. You can ask all the questions in your mind from last 6 days. Village people are friendly and will keep you busy whole day as you get to do activities with locals.

DAY 8

o **Lingshed Village**

Prepare yourself for an exciting day on the Frozen River Chadar Trek. Explore Lingshed's sceneries, visit monasteries, and mingle with the locals along the way. Lingshed guest house is where you will spend the night. Tasty dinner awaits for you after the tiring but yet another exciting day spent well.

DAY 9

o **Lingshed - Nyarakpulu**

Trekkers will reach Nyarakpulu on the 9th day. We'll stay in Nyarakpulu guest house for dinner and overnight stay. You can ask the staff to do activities like Riding bikes, Photographing nature, Geocaching, Scavenger hunting, etc. Overall we won't let you feel bored for a moment.

DAY 10

o **Nyarakpulu – Tso Mopoaldar**

Take a 5-hour hike from Nyarakpulu to Tso Mopoaldar to reach the campground. Feeling tired ? All the arrangements for resting will already be made at campsite. Feel free to rest and get ready for dancing session at night.

DAY 11

o **Tso Mopoaldar - Tilatdo**

After breakfast, set off on a walk to Tilatdo in the early morning. Tilatdo is where you'll spend the night and have dinner. We'll go to local jungles which are covered with snow. You get to see snow-leopard from a safe distance if you are lucky, because they are scared of humans.

DAY 12

o **Tilatdo – Chilling - Leh**

Set out on a route to Chilling after arriving in the morning. Continue driving until you reach the Leh hotel. You get to enjoy the aspiring views as it's your

last day here in Leh. Enjoy the drive-by in a 4x4 jeep. Staying in a hotel in Leh for the night.

DAY 13

- **Leh - Delhi**

The attraction and allure of Zanskar river trekking come to an end here, as hikers continue on to Delhi. We would be excited to say the last Good-Bye from our team. We would love to see you again in next Winters.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

During the winter, the Zanskar River freezes, providing trekkers with a great platform for hiking. Because the ice walls are sheer cliffs up to 600 metres high and the Zanskar river is tiny, around 5 metres wide, the trek to the Zanskar valley will be tough but fascinating. Previously, the track served as a traditional commerce route.

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❖ **Hampta Pass**

- Difficulty Level – Moderate
- Altitude Range – 4260 metres
- Duration of Package – 6 Days
- Region of Trek – Manali, Himachal Pradesh
- Best Time – June, July, August, September
- Total Trek Distance – 25 Kilometres

- ABOUT THE TREK

The scenery changes dramatically as you travel from the lush foliage of Kullu to the parched desert of Spiti on the Hampta Pass trek. This is an all-in-one journey that takes you through alpine woods (Maple, Brich, Oak, Deodar) and into vast meadows, trekking alongside streams, and then a sharp ascent to the pass once you reach the start of the snowline. Throughout the trip, you will be treated to a distinct assortment of rare alpine wildflowers. The massive boulders set against the backdrop of exquisite flowers creates a one-of-a-kind scene. In just the first two days, you may expect three different landscape changes: alpine woodland, green meadows, and moraine. At the same time, one can see a verdant valley on one side and a frigid desert valley on the other. The gentle approach on one side of the pass aids with summit success, while the steep descent on the other side provides all the mountain rush you've been waiting for. From the pass, Indrasan, Deo Tibba, and Indrakila can be seen. One of Hampta's most amazing experiences is crossing a stream through extremely cold waters.

- HISTORY OF TRAIL

  - The trek's name comes from Hamta Village, which is located below Sethan village and is part of the trek route. Shepherds from the lower Himalayas frequent this pass in the summer, when the dry, cold desert of Lahaul is desolate, in search of high altitude grasses.

- PLANNING A SHORT ITENARY

DAY 1

- Manali – Jobra (2 hrs drive-by)

DAY 2

- Jobra – Jwara (Trek 4.5km, duration - 4 hrs) (Altitude; 11,194ft)

DAY 3

- Jwara – Balu ka Ghera (Trek 5km, duration - 4 hrs) (Altitude; 12,411ft)

DAY 4

- Balu ka Ghera – Shea Goru via *Hampta Pass* (Trek of 5km, duration – 9hrs) (Altitude;14,065ft)

DAY 5

- Shea Goru – Chhatru (Trek of 6km, duration – 4.5 hrs) (Altitude;10,898ft)

DAY 6

- Chhatru to Manali (5 hrs drive-by)

- DETAILED ITENARY

DAY 1

Jobra is the starting point for the Hampta Pass hike. The scenic route from Manali offers panoramic vistas of the Kullu valley, with 42 hairpin curves. From here, the Rani Nallah, which you will hike alongside until it vanishes beneath the snow of Hampta Pass, begins to follow you. The campsite is a 30-minute hike from the roadhead at Jobra, through a mixed forest of pine, vivid green maple trees, and luminous silver birch.

DAY 2

The Rani Nallah or Rani river flows through the meadow near Jobra, and on each side are hills with granite cliffs. The meadow, which is surrounded with Maple and Pine trees, is home to some cows and sheep. Snow may be found along the river's edge early in the season. A couple of waterfalls in the distance mark the location of Jwara, which is to the right of Chikha. Turn right, but stay on the river's left bank the entire time. The first part of the ascent is mostly made up of stones and rocks. It's never too difficult to keep going. Dwarf Rhododendrons line the right side of the river in the lower and middle parts of the mountain, while Birch trees flourish at the top.

The Dhauladhar range, with its snow-capped peaks, may be seen in the distance. It creates a lovely image. On your left, you'll see a waterfall. At this location, you can unwind and refresh your water supply also we setup a camp here.

DAY 3

Snow melts into the river, feeding it, and several sheep and mules graze on the fresh grass. The Hampta Pass lies beyond the snow-capped mountains in front of you. Take a stroll along the Rani River, which leads to a rectangular valley. You'll see a variety of little flowers along the road - purple, yellow, pink, and so on. The trees have now been removed. You won't be able to find them for a long time. Crossing the valley takes around half an hour. You'll need to walk a little further after leaving Jwara. As you approach Chota Balu ka Ghera, the ground flattens out and you can take a break and eat a short snack. Then proceed following the river, hopping over boulders and

bridging minor snow flows. After leaving Jwara, you'll need to trek a bit further. The ground flattens out as you reach Chota Balu ka Ghera, allowing you to take a rest and enjoy a quick snack. Then follow the river downstream, leaping over stones and bridging modest snow flows.

DAY 4

The trek today is divided into two parts: a relatively difficult climb to Hampta Pass, followed by a severe descent to Shea Goru. Take a short pause at the top of the pass to set a goal of reaching the pass by lunchtime, eat your lunch there, and then begin the descent. From Balu Ka Ghera, you start your day by driving towards the highlands. You might be surprised to find a plethora of little pink and yellow flowers blossoming along the riverbank. After an hour of walking along the river, you will be above it. The track may fade out at times, so be careful not to get lost. The ascent kicks up after an hour of moderate incline in a rock fall prone section. This is the first major incline you'll come upon. The first plateau will be reached after half an hour of climbing. You can see the Deo Tibba mountain directly in front of you from here.

Shea Goru is a short, almost level walk away. It should be a short trek, however some people may find it exhausting after a long day on the pass. You'll come across the river again, this time flowing to your right. After crossing the Hampta Pass, find a lovely camp spot beside the river and retire for the day.

DAY 5

The descent becomes more difficult as you get closer to the road. You'll have to go around the edges of rocks, and it may be better to simply descend into the river/glacier bed below to avoid the rough stretch and return up. When you're out of the mountains, this portion will take between 212 and 3 hours. You're still at a good height, but the road is directly across from you, with the Chandra river separating you from it. 2 to 3 massive glacial flows fall down the Chandra river from the mountains on the side. Pick a camping area along one of the several streams that flow into the river. Chhatru is a beautiful camping spot. Beautiful views of the many mountain ranges are available. Right below, the Chandra River is rushing.

DAY 6

After an early morning debriefing, say your goodbyes to the Spiti Valley and return to Manali. The travel from Chhatru to Manali takes up to 4 hours and passes across Rohtang Pass. The scenery along the way is a delight in and of itself. Don't forget to ask our trek guides to teach you some group games to play on the way back, such as Hand Uno.

- MAJOR ATTRACTION

- The journey from Manali to Jobra, the trek's basecamp. It's one of the most beautiful mountain drives I've ever taken.
- You'll be amazed at how the forests changed in an hour, from apple orchards to deodar forests to oak forests. It cooled down from Manali's heat and then got incredibly cold! You'd never guess such a road existed so close to Manali.
- On the Hampta Pass hike, it's a little woodland, but it's a rare one. It appears on the first day of the walk and completely mesmerises you!

- ITEMS TO CARRY
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  - Hiking shoes (waterproof & provided with ankle support)
  - Backpack with a rain cover
  - Extra socks
  - Dry fruits
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  - Lipbalm & Sunscreen
  - Head torch
  - Sunglasses
  - Raincoat
  - Masks & Sanitizers

- INCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
  - Local trip guide who is qualified with mountaineering course
  - Veggie Cuisine (Day 1 Lunch till Day 6 Breakfast). Daily 3 meals
  - Trek Permit Fee/IMF Permission, Forest Permits/Camping Charges/Permits (Upto the amount charged for Indian nationals)
  - Camping tents, temperature-rated sleeping bags, and a mattress
  - If necessary, a helmet, micro spikes, and gaiters
  - Porters or mules are used to transport basic luggage
  - Manali to Manali transportation

- EXCLUSIONS IN PACKAGE
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  - Medical, evacuation or hospitalisation expenses
  - Clothing of any kind
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❖ Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary

- ABOUT THE TREK-

In Thrissur prides itself on its lush tropical rainforest, which has plenty of streams, mountains and sprawling areas of deciduous trees inside. The place is just two hour drive from Kochi. Chimmony dam was established in 1984 on the western slopes of Nelliyampathy hills. The sanctuary consists of the watershed areas of Kurumali River and Mupilam River.

- HISTORY-

Established in 1984, the sanctuary with an area of about 85.067 km2 is on the Western slopes of the Nelliyampathi Hills. The highest peak in sanctuary is Punda peak (1116 m). Along with the neighboring Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary it forms a continuous protected area of 210 km2. It also lies just west of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, providing some habitat connectivity with the forests of that relatively large protected area. The sanctuary consists of the watershed areas of Kurumali River and Mupliam rivers. Nestled in the sanctuary is Chimmony Dam which is built across the Chimmini river.[1][2]

- ITIENARY

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Style Traditional
Day 2
Enjoy Fort Kochi for the day
After enjoying a leisurely breakfast, amble gently around Kochi as you take in the sights. Highlights include Fort Kochi beach, the spice markets, Santa Cruz Basilica, St. Francis Church, Mattancherry and Jew Street, as well as the impressive Chinese fishing nets. Marine drive, Broadway, and Vypin are also interesting sights, and there is plenty to keep you occupied until the evening, when you can catch the sunset from Cherai beach, one of the most loved beaches in Kerala.

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ALSO SEE - Athirappilly Falls- Photos, Timings, Entry Fee,Images, Routes

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❖ MEESAPULIMALA TREK

Meesapulimala is an Indian peak, the next south of the second highest peak (Manna Malai 2,659 metres (8,724 ft))[2] of the Western Ghats on the Idukki District (Kerala) and Theni District (Tamil Nadu) border. Its peak is 2,640 metres (8,661 ft) above sea level.[3][4] The name derives from its appearance from the southwest of a tiger with prominent whiskers ("Moustache"). It is located in between the Anaimalai Hills and Palani Hills near Suryanelli around 20 km away from Munnar. The Kolukkumalai tea estate, Top Station and Tipadamala (2135 m) is also nearby.

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Kudremukh literally means horse's face in Kannada. This name is because of the distinctive shape of the peak. This is also called as Samseparvath historically as it used to access from Samse village.

Kudremukh is nestled in the heart of the western ghats in Chikkamagaluru district. It comes under Kudremukh National Park which is the second-largest wildlife protected area in the western ghats.

It is situated at an altitude of 6,207 ft and is the 3rd highest peak of Karnataka after Mullayyangiri and Baba Budangiri.

Kudremukh is a home for many flora and fauna. You can even spot deer and peacocks on the way amongst other wildlife while trekking!

It is a beautiful trek across the rolling green hills and misty valleys. You traverse through grasslands, forest and many small streams.

- What to watch out for

The Horse's face structure of the Peak

The Kudremukh peak has a unique structure that looks like a horse's face from the side. This structure is visible after an hour of trekking from the forest office. This looks closer but there is another 3 hours of trekking to reach that point.Trekking inside the Shola forest

Shola is a local name for grassland and shrublands that are visible in the western ghats. You have to trek through shola forest to reach the Kudremukh peak.

This forest is home to many wildlife like deer, lion-tailed macaque, Malabar giant squirrel, leopard, common langur and many more. If you are lucky enough, you spot them while trekking. During monsoon season, you can find leeches for every step in this section.

One of the fascinating parts of this section is the waterfalls and small streams. You have to cross many streams on the way to the peak. Sometimes you may have to wet your shoes while crossing.

Trekking inside the Shola forest where you see small waterfalls and streams on the trail. Picture by Soumini Ramesh
Spectacular view of the rolling hills
When you come out of the shola forest, you see a spectacular view of the rolling hills around you. Green hills and misty valleys are the rewards to the eyes. During monsoon, this area might be covered with mist completely. But the hide and seek of the valley in between those clouds and mist is something you should not miss out on.

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Trail Information on the Kudremukh Trek
Kudremukh Trek can be divided into 3 sections. They are:

The trail from Forest office to Ontimar 2(lone tree) is a gradual ascent in the forest and on the grassland
Trek from Ontimara 2 to Final stretch has a steep ascent
The ridge walk from the final section to the peak
Section I: From Forest Office to Ontimara 2 (Lone treeSection II: Ontimara 2 to Final stretch
Trek Distance: 3 km
Trek Duration: 1 hour
GPS coordinates of the Ontimara 2: 13° 8’5.27″N, 75°17’3.87″E
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The trek from the second Ontimara has a combination of trekking through a gentle slope and also a steep ascent as you approach the last leg of your trek. This section is very scenic and you get to see the beautiful rolling green hills.

Kudremukh-flat ground-Indiahikes-Meghana Jambhe
You can see the dense spot of trees and mountains once you start the trek from Ontimara. Picture by Meghana Jambhe
After 20 minutes of a gradual trek from the first stop, the trail starts to get steeper. As you start ascending, Kudremukh valley becomes more visible.

This is the most beautiful part of the trek! The peak is right in front of your eyes and the excitement begins about reaching the summit.

Kudremukh-Rolling green hills-Indiahikes-Meghana Jambhe
Observe the trekkers climbing the steep trail to reach the final stretch.
Tip: The trekking pole can be used here. It will give you the support required to ascend the mountain.

Section III: Final stretch to the Kudremukh Peak
Trek Distance: 1 km
Trek Duration: 30 minutes
GPS coordinates for the Final stretch: 13° 8’6.59″N, 75°16’22.27″E
GPS coordinates for the Kudremukh Peak: 13° 7’35.39″N, 75°16’26.06″E
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You should reach this point at around 12 noon if you are starting your trek at 8 am. Take a break and drink some water. Enjoy the view.

You can see the back of the Kudremukh view from here. You are trekking in the heart of the Kudremukh valley now.

Kudremukh-Final stretch-Indiahikes-Meghana Jambhe
View of the Kudremukh peak from the final leg of the trek. Picture by Meghana Jambhe
You can see the trail that leads to the Peak. From here, another 35 minutes of a climb to reach the top.

At the peak, you will see a board and also many stones piled up.

Look for the board on the top. You can also see a few stones piled up that indicate the highest point.

You are at the top of the Kudremukh now. To see the best view, you need to go a little down to the ledge. Make some space to sit. This place can get very windy.

You can see the 270-degree view of the uneven green carpets if you are lucky. For most times at the peak, you will be surrounded by clouds and mist. You hardly get a window to capture the view. Be patient and enjoy the play of clouds. If you are lucky, the spectacular view is something worth taking back from the trek.

The tranquillity around makes you feel satisfied. Do not forget to have lunch in that setting.

The 2 minutes window period on the peak to see this beautiful valley. Picture by Meghana Jambhe
The descent is the same route as you came up.

Your turnaround time (TAT) at all cost should be at 2 pm. Make sure you start descending at 2 pm sharp from any position of your trek. You will need a minimum of 3 hours to descend down. Also, the Forest department has restrictions after 6 pm.

The descent can be tricky at the steep sections. Forest section also can be slippery if it is raining heavily. Make sure you use the trekking pole correctly. Watch the video here to know about using the trekking pole.
The best season to do Kudremukh is from June to February. However, the Kalasa region receives pleasant weather throughout the year.

During monsoon and winter, you can see many small streams, dark shola forest, bamboo shrubs tall enough to touch the sky and rolling green hills.

Some of the sections of the trek involve trekking under the open sky. Hence, trekking in the summer is not recommended.

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How to reach Kudremukh Trek
The Kudremukh trek starts from Mullodi village which is around 15 km from Kalasa. Reaching Mullodi directly is not easy.

You have to first reach Kudremukh Entrance which is about 10 km from Kalasa. From the Entrance point, hire a jeep to Mullodi village where you get the forest office. This is where you have to take permission and begin your trek.

One can reach Kalasa by own vehicle or using public transportation and from there to Kudremukh Entrance point. Find the detailed information below.

Reaching Kudremukh by your own vehicle
If you are planning on reaching Kalasa using your own vehicle from Bangalore, you can use this link to help setup navigation in google maps. For a more detailed explanation, read through the information below.

To reach Kalasa, there are multiple routes available from Bangalore. The best route is to go via Hasan.

Get on to the Chikkamagaluru road and continue until you reach Kottigehara. At the Kottigehara Junction take the right that goes towards Kalasa. Continue on the same road until you reach Kalasa police station. Take a left from the Police station junction towards Balagal to reach the Kudremukh Entrance point.

The road from the entrance to the forest office is not good. Hence, park your vehicle near one of the shops at the entrance and get into the jeep from there. There will be many jeeps standing at the entrance. You can ask them to drop you to the forest office or any homestay if you have pre-booked. They charge you around Rs 150 per person.
Kolli Hills is a serene and secluded mountain range, which is located 257 km from Bangalore and 100 km from Trichy (Tiruchirappalli), Tamil Nadu. It is at an altitude of 1200 m above sea level. The hill is covered with medicinal herbs, and is beautiful since it is less-discovered, making it an off-beat trekking spot.

Kolli Hills gets its name from the local deity Goddess Ettukkai Amman, locally known as Kolli Paavai. According to a local myth, some sages chose Kolli Hills to perform their penance. They were disrupted by demons, who captured the hills just when they began the rituals.
The sages then prayed to Kolli Paavai, who appeared on the hills and chased away the demons just with her magical smile. To this day, the locals worship the Goddess and believe her to be the guardian of the hills.
The start point of this trek is at a small village called Puliyancholai, which is at the base of Kolli Hills. The final point is the magnificent Agaya Gangai waterfalls. The entire trek will last for two days, wherein the pit stop for day 1 would be the Arapaleeswarar Temple.

It is moderately difficult for a person who has trekked before, and could be tougher for a beginner. The trek can be reduced to a single day, however, the last time of entry to Agaya Gangai waterfalls is 3 pm. So it is advised to break the trek for two days if you want to go to the falls.

Best Time To Trek Kolli Hills

Post monsoon months of October to February is the best time to trek the Kolli Hills. That way, you will miss the monsoon rains which might make your way slippery, and also get to witness the Agaya Gangai falls brimming with water.
Apart from the monsoon months, weather here is relatively pleasant so trekking can be done at any time of the year.

Things To Carry For The Trek

Sleeping bag, tent (if you wish to camp, otherwise you can sleep in the temple premise in a sleeping bag), water bottle, snacks and energy bars, comfortable clothes, good quality shoes, simple cooking materials, medical kit, torchlight and toiletries.

Trekking Day 1

Kolli Hills-
The trek begins on the nearby river bed in Puliyancholai, so the initial bit is quite simple. A walk of about 45 minutes along the river will take you to a small serene stream of water. You can take a dip or just spend some time near the cool and clean stream.

After the break, proceed through the terrain which will now be filled with huge rocks and stones. Depending on the season you plan on trekking, you might find more streams of water which you might have to jump to cross. Around midday, make a pit stop on the rocky terrain for lunch. Carry packed lunch so you would not have to waste time on cooking.
Up until this point, the landscape is rather flat. But here onwards, the terrain tends to get sloppy, slowly raising the level of difficulty to trek. The vegetation also begins to get a little thicker, and you will come across tall trees and shrubs.

A prominent view point is found here. You will know it when you reach a clearing on top of a huge rock, from where you can view the entire valley. You might want to take a break at this point, stay back and just relish the breathtaking view.
The trek is only half complete till here. The route of the trek is quite visible and defined, so you would not have the trouble of making your own path while walking. The trek from here might take another 2-3 hours, depending on the number of times you stop for a break.

On the way you might come across villagers and then a flatland which is actually a village, that is dotted with a few houses. If the trek until here has tired you down a lot, you could stop at this place.

In case you feel like you can continue, then climb to the peak that houses the Arapaleeswarar Temple. The way from the village to the temple is full of grasslands, slopes, a few peaks and streams.

If you began the trek by 9-10 am, you should be able to reach the temple by 5-6 pm, that is, if you took a number of breaks and trekked slow. You should be able to reach earlier in case you're a professional trekker.

Once you reach this final point, you can visit the Arapaleeshwarar Temple that is dedicated to Lord Shiva, relax for a bit and observe the tranquillity of the nature that surrounds it. You can cook a simple dinner or eat from any eatery available around, and rest for the day.

Trekking Day 2

Kolli Hills
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The final treat of the trek is found close to the temple. Around 1000 concrete steps almost 500 ft downwards, will take you to the beautiful Agaya Gangai Falls. The entry fee to the falls is Rs 10.

Falling from a height of about 300 ft, the falls creates an enchanting mist as it gushes and falls on the rocks. A dip under the lashing waterfalls will lift all the pain in your body from the trek almost immediately!

Spend some time in the bottom of the Falls which has a depth of 3 to 6 ft. From here, you can either book for a bus back to the foothills, or trek back in the way that you climbed.

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