

OFFICE OF THE TREKKING & MOUNTAINEERING DIVISION
GARHWAL MANDAL VIKAS NIGAM LTD., MUNIKIRETI, RISHIKESH
TOUR NO. 07
UTTARKASHI-BEWARA-DODITAL-DRWATOP (SEEMA)-YAMUNOTRI-
HANUMANCHATTI

Duration: 08 Days, w.e.f 4.10.10 to 11.10.10, Season – Mid May to September,

Grade– Hard Trek

Cost: @ Rs. 19,300/-per pax, US \$-438, Euro – 327

SERVICES: Accommodation in tourist bungalows/lodges/camps, Indian vegetarian all meals, trekking equipment (tent sleeping bag & mattress, Rs. one lac Insurance of participants, first aid, services of trained mountaineering tour escorts and experienced camp followers.

Description: Dodital is located at an elevation of 3307m, the dazzling body of water is surrounded by an extremely forest of oak, pine, deodar and rhododendron that gives it a primeval appearance. The lake is filled with fish, including the rare Himalayan trout and for anglers – it is heaven. The trek begins from Kalyani. From Kalyani to Agora it is a 5 km steep ascent through dense verdant forests and splendid through mountain scenery. From here to Dodital it is a continuous climb. Ahead from Dodital the trek route is pretty steep until on reaches to Darwa top(4131m). The Bander Poonch massive(6317m) can be viewed from a ridge above Dodital.

TREK ITINERARY

04.10.2010 All the participants are requested to assemble at Tourist Rest House Uttarkashi, 1158m. Uttarkashi situated on the left bank of river Bhagirathi is a prosperous town. The place is base for mountaineering expeditions. Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) is located here and is highly reputed centre for mountaineering. In the evening opening address and group reception.

05.10.2010 After b/f 15 km drive to Kalyani. Further 7 km trek to Bewara 2285m with packed lunch. The trek is a gradual climb through woods, fields and villages. Dinner & o/n stay in camp.

06.10.2010 After b/f 15 km trek to Dodital, 3307m with packed lunch. A gradual uphill trek through beautiful landscapes and thick forests past the Asi Ganga and steep 5 km cliffs leads up to the Dodital lake. The ridge affords a glimpse of the Banderpunch massif(6317m) & its ranges. Participants must carry along with them drinking water, chocolates, lozenges and glucose on this day. Dinner & o/n stay in camp.

07.10.2010 A day rest for leisure, photography and walk around the lake. Dodital located to the north of Uttarkashi has its origins in the several natural springs in the region. The dazzling body of water is surrounded by an extremely dense forest of oak, pine, deodar and rhododendron that gives it a primeval appearance. The lake is filled with fish, including the rare Himalayan golden trout's. The forest is rich in different kinds of wildlife & colorful birds- it is a bird watcher's delight also. Hot lunch. Dinner & o/n stay in camp.

08.10.2010 After b/f 15 km trek to Seema, 3300m. via Darwatop 4131m with packed lunch. The trail is steep on loose rocks leads to the top of ridge. The watershed of the Ganga and Yamuna river valleys- passes along the edge of the lake. It crosses the stream flowing into the lake several times(before the valley widens). Darwa pass is due east and is the highest ridge. Weather can be unpredictable in this area. From the pass there is further climb along the ridge to the south with the commanding

views of the splendid Himalayas. The trek offers view of lush green deep valley in backdrop of facing majestic Himalayan peaks Banderpunch 6313m, Hanuman tibba 5366m, Gangotri group of peaks Ist 6627m, IInd 6590m. & IIIrd 6529m. For the remainder of the trek the trail is up and down across the alpine ridges just above the tree line. The campsite is in a meadow with rhododendrons at Seema. Dinner & o/n stay in camp.

09.10.2010 After b/f 14 km trek to Hanumanchatti, 2400m with packed lunch. The trail from DarwaDhar to Hanumanchatti falls steeply, past a number of meadows and a few settlements. The trail is well maintained and 1 km before Hanumanchatti, crosses a bridge over a tributary of the Hanuman Ganga before joining the pilgrim trail. Hanumanchatti is the place of confluence of Hanuman Ganga and Yamunotri rivers. The place is last motor head as trek to Yamunotri and seasonal shop spring up during season. Dinner & o/n stay in TRH Hanumanchatti.

10.10.2010 After b/f 14 km trek to Yamunotri 3320m. with packed lunch. In first phase the trek from Hanumanchatti starts with a gentle 7 km climb up to Jankichatti through wooded hills and meadows shaded with beautiful green & cool mountain air. Jankichatti is complete pilgrim settlement. The 6 km trail from Jankichatti is steepen and passes through a number of gorges in the upper sections of the valley. The trek is very popular with pilgrims. The last half kilometer is almost straight and affords a fantastic panoramic view. The temple is the centre of the valley, enclosed by high, snow capped ridges. Yamunotri itself is an organic and haphazard settlement. Close to the temple, there are a few hot water springs where water gushes out from the mountain cavities at boiling temperature. Dinner & o/n stay in TRH Yamunotri.

11.10.2010 After early morning tea hot water sulphur spring bath. Darshan & pooja in the Yamunotri temple. After darshan arrival back to the TRH for breakfast. 14 km return trek to Hanumanchatti. Hot lunch in TRH Jankichatti. Dinner & o/n stay in TRH Hanumanchatti. **Tour concludes.**

NOTE:

Itinerary is subject to change due to any natural calamities and weather conditions. Each participants will have to carry his personal belongings and the equipments provided for the trek.

Entrance fee for National park, sanctuaries, reserve forest, forest panchayat, shooting & filming fee will be directly paid by the individual participant to the concerning forest offices as per the government norms.