

Sources of Ganges Trek

Few Facts :

Max Altitude: 4570 Mts

Best Time: May to June & Aug to Oct

Difficulty: Moderate Trek

Ganges is one of the holiest river in India and its source, a sacred pilgrimage for devout Hindus. The trek follows the Ganges to its source at Gaumukh, the snout of river Ganges. Legend is that Goddess Ganga descended here from heaven after prolonged penance of King Bhagirath.

Tour Itinerary :

Duration: 13 Nights / 14 Days

Destination: Delhi - Dehradun - Mussorrie - Uttarkashi - Gangotri - Chirbasa - Bhojbasa - Gaumukh - Tapovan - Kirti Bamak - Tapovan - Nandanvan - Bhojbasa - Gangotri Trek - Uttarkashi - Rishikesh - Haridwar - Delhi

Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Arrival in New Delhi, reception upon at Indira Gandhi International airport New Delhi. Transfer to hotel. Overnight: Hotel

Day 02: Delhi - Dehradun - Mussorrie

Morning transfer to railway station to board Shatabdi train to Dehradun. Arrive Dehradun & 35 Km drive to Mussoorie. Popularly known as the queen of hills, this charming hill station, 280 km from Delhi is situated at an altitude of 2,500 mts. above sea-level. Enchanting view of pine covered hill slopes and snow capped mountains leave an indelible impression on one's mind. The modern bungalows, malls and well laid gardens which are located on the small hills around the area are enough to attract any tourist. Overnight: Hotel

Day 03: Mussoorie

Day free at Mussoorie to explore the surrounding areas. You can visit the Lal Tibba, Gun Hill, Kemptoy Fall and Mall road. Overnight: Hotel

Day 04: Mussoorie - Uttarkashi 1150 mts.

Drive 5 hours (130 Km). The drive along the ridge line to Chamba, affords panoramic views of the high mountain peaks of Garhwal. Then down to Tehri to join the Bhagirathi river valley, which we follow up to Gangotri. Overnight: Hotel

Day 05: Uttarkashi - Gangotri 3048 mts.

Drive 5 hours (100 km). Following the torrential river up stream, the road winds up the valley past the hot sulphur springs at Gangnani, to climb steeply up a series of hairpin bends to the village of Sukki. Arrive Gangotri. Afternoon free to explore the Gangotri. Thousands of Pilgrims arrive here in summer to wash away their sins in the holy Ganga,



it is said that Lord Shiva sat at the base of this fall to take the Ganga into his locks, for otherwise her descent from the heavens would have split the earth.

Overnight: Tourist Bungalow

Day 06: Gangotri - Chirbasa - Bhojbasa 3800m

An easy walk (14 Km trek). We progress along a picturesque trail initially passes through dense deodar forests before emerging into the wide unforested valley. It then carries on to a small isolated forest of pine at Chirbasa, literally the abode of pines.

Overnight: Tent



Day 07: Bhojbasa - Gaumukh (3900m) - Tapovan (4450m) in 4h

From Gaumukh, source of the Ganges, the scenery is fascinating, with praying pilgrims and half-naked sadhus meditating along the banks of the tumultuous stream that pours out of the glacier. The trail crosses Gangotri moraines before reaching Tapovan and its gorgeous meadows, furrowed with streams and scattered with flowers. From here the panoramic view over Shivling (6540m), Meru (6660m) and the Bhagirathi massifs (above 6500m) is stunning. It is not surprising that sadhus chose this area to meditate in summer time. Overnight: Tent

Day 08: Tapovan - Kirti Bamak - Tapovan in 06h

A full days walk to the Kirti Bamak glacier and to the base of peaks Kedarnath Dome 6850m, Kirti Bamak 6500 m and to a view of Shivling from the east. Return to Camp. Overnight: Tent

Day 09: Tapovan - Nandanvan (4570 m) in 06h

This Day is largely an exercise in boulder hopping. Crossing the moraine covered Gangotri glacier to Nandanvan located at the confluence of the Chaturangi and the Gangotri glaciers. Literally meaning the four coloured glacier. The Chaturangi is truly multi-hued. The massive meadows of Nandanvan are situated at the base of the Bhagirathi massif. The area provides excellent sightings of Bharal (blue sheep).

Overnight: Tent

Day 10: Nandanvan - Bhojbasa in 05h

Another boulder hop along the Gangotri glacier to its snout at Gangotri.

Overnight: Tent



Day 11: Bhojbasa - Gangotri Trek - 100 Km drive Uttarkashi

Trek back to Gangotri and drive to Uttarakashi. On arrival Uttarkashi transfer to hotel.

Overnight: Hotel

Day 12: Uttarkashi - Rishikesh 155 Km

Drive to Rishikesh 5 hours. On arrival check into hotel. Evening free for personal activities. Overnight: Hotel

Day 13: Rishikesh - Haridwar - Delhi

Morning free. Afternoon drive to Haridwar railway station and from Haridwar catch train for Delhi. On arrival meet at the station and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel

Day 14: Delhi Departure

Transfer to the international airport time to catch flight for onward destinations.

