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HIKE: GOMUKH – THE SOURCE OF THE HOLY RIVER GANGES

Resource Sheet



Introduction

Area: Garhwal Himalayas (North India)

Duration: 9 Days

Altitude: 3858 mts/12654 ft

Grade: Moderate to Challenging

Season: May to June, September to October.

Minimum number of people needed: 2

Gomukh

The Holy River Ganges' source is at Gomukh on the Gangotri glacier. Gomukh is one of the holiest places for Hindu pilgrims who come here to witness the birth of Mother Ganga.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in New Delhi

Upon arrival at Delhi airport you will be met by a representative and then transferred to hotel. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2: Rishikesh

Car transfer to Rishikesh and check in at hotel. Take the day to acclimatise.

Day 3: Gangotri

In the morning after breakfast drive to Gangotri. . Enroute take a holy dip in Gangnani hot water springs. Arrive at Gangotri by evening. Check in to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4: Bhojwassa (3792 mts/12440 ft)

In the morning after breakfast we trek from Gangotri to Bhojwassa via Chirbasa (3600mt). The entire trek today is along the roaring Bhagirathi River. Beyond Chirbasa the terrain becomes really desolate and barren. In fact, it has been referred to as Artic Tundra by many trekkers. From Chirbasa we trek to Bhojwassa, the entire trail passes through dense forest. At Bhojwassa there is a small temple and a campsite down near the river. Afternoon free to explore the area and to enjoy excellent sunset on Bhagirathi group of peaks. Dinner and overnight stay in tents.



Day 5: Gomukh

After breakfast trek to Gomukh (3890mt), the source of the Ganges. Gomukh is where the water of Ganga trickles down from the glaciers. The sages called it 'Gomukh' because in the distant past it probably appeared like a cow's mouth. Explore the area and then trek to Tapovan, one of the finest high altitude alpine meadows in the area.

The ascent from Gomukh to Tapovan is steep, and as we climb, the view of the surrounding peaks becomes clearer. Tapovan known for its beautiful meadows that encircle the base camp of the Shivling peak and has bubbling streams and wildflowers. Herds of mountain goats are a common sight from here on mountain ridges. It is also little wonder why holy men chose this spot for extended meditations during the long summer month. Dinner and overnight stay in camp at Tapovan.



Day 6: Tapovan

Free to acclimatize, relax and enjoy the magnificent snow clapped peaks, flora & Fauna and mountain landscape. Dinner and overnight stay at the camp.

Day 7: Chirbasa

Early morning enjoy the sunrise on high peaks. After breakfast trek down to Chirbasa. Arrive Chirbasa and camp. Dinner and overnight stay at the camp.

Day 8: Uttarkashi

Morning after breakfast trek down to Gangotri and from here drive back to Uttarkashi. Check in at Hotel. Overnight stay.

Day 9: New Delhi

Drive to Haridwar and then New Delhi. On arrival transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Price

US\$ 850.

Includes:

- Accommodation: Three Star Hotel at Delhi and Rishikesh. Best hotel at Uttarkashi Guest House at Gangotri on breakfast basis. While on trek we will provide you Dome/Alpine trekking tents on twin sharing basis. Camping mattresses, mess tent, dining tent, toilet tent, camping stool, table etc to make the trekking comfortable.
- Transport: Car from New Delhi to Haridwar to Gangotri and back. Also transfer at Delhi.
- Meals: Breakfast at Delhi, Rishikesh, Uttarkashi & Gangotri. While on trek all meal will be provided. All meals will be freshly prepared and will be a mix of Indian, Chinese & Continental.
- Mules/Porters: For carrying some amount of personal gear (one bag not weighing more than 13 kgs).
- Professional trekking guide would accompany the group from Delhi.
- Entry fee for the park.

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