

Kuari Pass Trek – Winter



Kuari pass is a picture perfect winter trek through snow clad dense forests of Oak and Rhododendron, which suddenly make way for wide open desolates of alpine meadows every once in a while. This interplay of landscapes puts up a splendid show for your eyes and for the camera! This trek offers some of the best campsites in Garhwal Himalayas, be it Chitrakantha or Khullara, both provide breathtaking views of the surrounding peaks of the infamous Mt Nanda Devi and Dronagiri. The Kuari Pass trek is also known as The Curzon Trail (named after the former British Viceroy of India "Lord Curzon")

Overview of the Trek

Max Altitude : 12700 FT.

Duration : 06 days

Difficulty : Moderate

Start / Finish : Dhak

Nearest Town : Joshimath

Trip Charges – INR 8,000 (without 5% GST)

Fixed Departures Dates:

November	25
December	3, 9, 16, 23, 30
January	6,13,20,27

For group of 10-12, we can customize trek as per date requirement including pickup and drop from Delhi.

Detailed Itinerary**Day 01: Haridwar to Joshimath (260 kms drive)**

Start early from Haridwar as the journey from Haridwar to Joshimath is about 260 kms long and takes around 10 hours. Joshimath is a hub for pilgrim tourists traveling to Badrinath and Hemkund Sahib. Check in to the guest house at Joshimath.

Day 02: Joshimath – Dhak Village - Gulling (12 kms Drive, 6 km Trek)

We first drive to Dhak village, from where we start our trek to the Kuari Pass. We trek through a hemlock, oak and rhododendron forest for 3km before a short descent to the meadow and the campsite at Chitra Kantha (3310m). The impressive snow-capped ridge, including Chaukhamba 1 (7138m), can be seen beyond Joshimath. The shepherds living between here and the Kuari Pass Trek are from Rishikesh or Haridwar and graze flocks of sheep and goats throughout summer. There is a small spring line at the head of the meadow for replenishing your water supply.

Day 03: Gulling to Tali top (4 kms trek)

Today we will trek for around 6 kms to Tali Top through green vegetation and red rhododendron flowers which turn red during the blooming season in April & May. Climb up through the forested ridge of Rhododendron, Spruce and Silver Birch above Chitra Kantha. It takes around an hour to reach a prominent ridge top (3500m) and a further 30 minutes around to an open meadow where it meets the well-defined track from a place called Tapovan. We will camp at the alpine meadow at the end of Tali top.

Day 04: Tali top to Kuari Pass via Khullara and back (11 kms trek)

Today is going to be a test of endurance and as this is the longest day on the Kuari Pass Trek. First leg of today's trek is a gradual ascend till Khullara top and from there traversing through the snow patch we reach Kuari Top. At Kuari Pass top winds will gush past you. Savor the unending vistas of great Himalayan peaks, including the famous Nanda Devi. Nanda Devi

(7816m) is the highest peak completely within India. It is surrounded by a huge circle of mountain walls with only one outlet, where the Rishi Ganga forges a route through deep, almost impenetrable gorges before flowing into the Alaknanda River. Given these natural defences, it was not until 1934 that the first mountaineers were finally able to reach the base of Nanda Devi. Return to Tali Top through the same route and enjoy the camp bonfire and sumptuous dinner at Tali campsite.

Day 05: Tali to Joshimath via Dhak (10 kms trek / 12 kms drive)

After breakfast, we trek downhill beside the Rishi Ganga River till the road where the taxi will take us to Joshimath. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06: Joshimath to Haridwar

Today we start early to reach Haridwar with a beautiful mosaic of memories to keep us company. If we reach Haridwar on time, then you can take part in Ganga Aarti at Har ki Pauri. Relive your trek memories as you bid goodbye to your new friends and fellow trek mates.

What you get (Includes):

- All veg meals from day 2nd lunch to day 5th lunch.
- Tented on triple sharing basis during the trek.
- Guest House / Hotel in Joshimath on sharing.
- All necessary fees and permits.
- Morning & Evening tea with light snacks during the trek.
- Qualified and experienced Trek Guide and support staff.
- All camping logistics.
- Basic First Aid Kit

What you have to pay for (Excludes):

- Any Transfer cost from Haridwar – Joshimath – Haridwar.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Any meals during transit or during stay in Joshimath.
- Insurance of any kind.
- Porter/mule charges to carry your personal bag.
- Anything not mentioned explicitly in the above program.

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Cancellation policy:

- Up to 24 Days : 90% of Trek/Tour cost will be refunded.
- Between 14-24 Day : 80% of Trek/Tour cost will be refunded.
- Between 14-08 Days : 40% of Trek/Tour cost will be refunded.
- Less than 7 Days : No refund

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- This trek is being conducted by Trekking Experts who are approved Adventure Tour Operators by Ministry of Tourism, Indian Mountaineering Foundation and members of ATOAI (Adventure Tour Operator Association of India)
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- During the trip, the trip leader's decision will be final decision, whatsoever.
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- All activities are described as accurately as possible, however, the exact arrangements may differ slightly on any given day. Photographs are used for representation purpose and should be taken as a guide only.
- The itinerary is indicative only. A circumstantial delay can be expected on the day.
- It is mandatory to disclose any personal medical conditions so that prior arrangements can be made. Carvan trips do not hold any responsibility for any medical emergency during the trip.
- You understand that jumping into any unknown water body or going away from the group/campsite can be hazardous to



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