

### Overview -

### (Gangotri to Gangotri)

Gomukh, the terminus or snout of the Gangotri Glacier, from where Bhagirathi River originates, is one of the primary sources of the Ganges River. The place is situated in Uttarkashi district in the state of Uttarakhand, India. It is one of the largest in the Himalayas with an estimated volume of over 27 cubic kilometers. The most well known Tapovan in India is the area above the Gangotri Glacier. Tapovan area is base camp for several mountaineering expeditions. Tapovan area is full of meadows, streams and flowering plants and the meadows are considered as one of the best high altitude meadow in India.

Height of the peak	Vacation Style	
14,250 Feet	18-45 Years Of Age	Camping Trek
Activity Level	Group Size	
Moderate to Difficult	Medium & Large Groups	7 & 15
Duration	Km	
8 Days	One Way	23 Km

### Short Itinerary

- Day 1 Dehradun to Gangotri 170 Km
- Day 2 Gangotri to Chirbasa 9 Km
- Day 3 Chirbasa to Bhojbasa 5 Km
- Day 4 Bhojbasa to Tapovan via Gaumukh 9 Km
- Day 5 Explore Tapovan
- Day 6 Tapovan to Bhojbasa 8 Km
- Day 7 Bhojbasa to Gangotri 14 Km
- Day 8 Gangotri to Dehradun 170 Km





# GAUMUKH-TAPOVAN

Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand

### Brief Itinerary -

Day 1 - Dehradun to Gangotri - 170 Km ------ (10,055 Feet)

Assemble at the Dehradun Railway station by 6.30 AM. Our journey begins as soon as we hit the road from Dehradhun. The Chinyali saur near by Tehri Dam with a capacity to generate 2400 MW of electricity and the massive Tehri lake can be seen during the journey. then drive to Gangotri nice drive along right bank of river Ganga (Bhagirathi) in the mid way visit Hot spring and teak sulfur bath in Gangnani. On the way beautiful view of Grater Himalayas, Harshil and green forest. On arrival check hotel in evening visit holly city Gangotri, 7pm see nice Siromani (Arti) of Goddess GANGA Dinner and overnight at the hotel is known to be a centre of region and learning since ancient times, and has a lot to be explored. Evening free to explore the surrounding by your own.

#### Day 2 - Gangotri to Chirbasa - 9 Km ····· (11,761 Feet)

Morning you fill yourself with food for you will need it for the trek to Chirbasa, that will take about 6 hours to cover. The scenery is simply magnificent and you cannot stop to admire beauties of the forests and the valleys down below, especially Chirbasa or the abode of pine trees. The entire trek today is along the roaring Bhagirathi River. Trek above the Bhagirathi River on a relatively groomed path to Chirbasa. Though there are trees, we are walking on the side of the mountain and there is little shade most of the time. Finally, you arrive at Chirbasa tired but happy and stay the night in a tent...In the morning meet our trekking crew and start your trek towards Chirbasa (3600mt). From Gangotri we move along the beaten track towards Chirbasa, which is on tree line. Camp in a small, forested area next to the river. Overnight stay in tents.



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Above Chirbasa, the valley widens, and offers views of snow-clad peaks in the south. It is a gentle walk to Bhojbasa (3,800m), running virtually due south-east along the river, the Bhagrathi peaks ever a beacon to the source of the river. Bhojbasa is the widest point in the upper valley, and camping here at night offers magnificent moonlit views of the Bhagirathi peaks. The trek further to Bhojvasa is along a the path that slowly flattens out and dips suddenly to reveal Bhojvasa with a small temple and a potential campsite near the river. The camp is set up 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. enjoy incredible scenery and sight of Shiv Ling Mountain, dinner and rest under tent.

#### Day 4 - Bhojbasa to Tapovan via Gaumukh - 9 Km ····· (14,250 Feet)

The first four kilometres upstream from Bhojbasa are surprisingly flat, and though the valley narrows, the path runs smoothly above the river, and is fringed by a grassy meadow. With about a kilometre to go, the terrain turns rocky, and one has to pick one's way through the rocks and boulders, down to a sandy beach sheltered by enormous piles of granite. Incidently, the beach is a great place to camp. Scour the water's edge for shards of ice, or follow the broken path along the river's edge to the very foot of Gaumukh (3,969m), and look up at the Shivling Peak (6543m) almost vertically above. Once you have reached the southern (left) bank of the river valley, the path is more clearly marked – a steep climb of almost a thousand feet to the meadows at the base of Shivling Peak. This is Tapovan, an exquisitely watered spot from which the fabled peak of Shivling appears to sweep up in a wave of scree, granite and snow. It is an idyllic camping spot; alternatively, a couple of babas have establishments. Over night stay in camps.

#### Day 5 - Explore Tapovan

Tapovan is a high-altitude alpine meadow below Mt. Shivling, which dominates the landscape. Tapovan is spread over 2 km in length. Although it's a vast level ground, not all the land is suitable for camping. The area close to Mt. Shivling is wet during early summer due to melting snow and glacial water. These grounds have been used by many sages to meditate over the centuries. There are many such holy men living permanently at Tapovan. A 1.5 km trek from Tapovan to the adjoining peak that connects to Neelatal brings you to a vantage point from where you get great views of Meru. This takes about 2 hours to reach from the campsite. From here, you can either walk on the ridge ahead to reach Neelatal, or walk back on the same trail to Tapovan. Neelatal seldom has any water now. Manage your time such that you're back at the campsite by 1:30 PM.

#### Day 6 - Tapovan to Bhojbasa - 8 Km ····· (12,450 Feet)

It's time to trace the trail back. It's downhill all the way till Gaumukh and the next 4 km almost flat. If you're feeling fit, walk another 5 km till Chirbasa, to spend a night exploring the banks of the Ganga. If you manage to reach Chirbasa, the next day will be easy as from here, it is a short hop of under 2 hrs to Gangotri, allowing plenty of time for a drive to Uttarkashi, and the dubious charms of civilization.

#### Day 7 - Bhojbasa to Gangotri - 14 Km ······ (10,055 Feet)

From Bhojbasa, start early so that you are in Gangotri by noon. Over night stay in hotel.

#### Day 8 - Gangotri to Dehradun - 170 Km

Morning Barkfast and then start Drive from Gangotri to uttarkashi at lunch and then drive from Dehradun 170km. At evening trek tours service End.





### Inclusions

Whats included in this tour - Items that are covered in the cost of tour price.

- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners from Gangotri to Gangotri (VEG)
- ▲ All accommodation from Gangotri to Gangotri
- All campaign equipments
- Medical Kit
- Professional Trek Leaders (Experienced Guide/Staff)
- ▲ All forests permits

### Exclusions -

Whats excluded in this tour - Items that are not covered in the cost of tour price.

- Travel insurance and other emergencies
- Transport from Dehradun-Gangotri & Gangotri -Dehradun
- All Meals from Dehradun-Gangotri & Gangotri -Dehradun
- Mules (A Hybrid Animal) to carry personal luggage
- ▲ Single room accommodations
- ▲ Liquors, beers and bottled beverages
- Photography accessories like cameras etc.
- Trekking Shoes or Gumboots

### How to Reach

#### By Air

Jolly Grant Airport is the airport serving Dehradun, located about 25 km from the city. There is a daily flight from Delhi to Dehradun

#### **By Train**

Take the overnight train to Dehradun from Delhi

- Nandadevi Express Train no: 12205 (Departure 11:50pm; Arrival 5:40am)
- ▲ Dehradun Express Train no: 12687 (Departure 9:10pm; Arrival 5:00am)

#### By Bus

There is regular bus service from Delhi for Dehradun from Delhi ISBT Kashmere Gate. Usually buses drop you at Dehradun ISBT. From there you have to come to Dehradun Railway Station.

- ★ Vehicles are available for pick-up from Dehradun Railway Station at 6:30am.
- ▲ You will reach Sankri by 5:00 pm

### Extra Cost

The transportation cost from Dehradun to Gangotri and back will have to be borne by the trekkers, the total cost of transportation one way is ₹7,000/- (to be shared among 5-6 people, i.e approx ₹1,166/- per person one way) – to be paid directly to the driver.





### **Things to Carry**

- ▲ 1 Pair of Thermal
- ▲ 3 Pair of Socks + 1 Pair of woolen socks
- ▲ 2 Pair of Hand Gloves (Water Proof & Fleece material)
- ▲ Sun Cap
- Woolen Cap
- Neck Warmer (Scarf/Buff)
- 2 Quick Dry Full Sleeves (T-Shirt)
- ▲ 1 Full sleeves Fleece
- 1 Wind Proof Jacket (windcheater/Heavy Jacket)
- 2 Track Pants (No Cotton or Jeans)
- Sun Glass
- Sun scream, Lip balm, Moisturizer.
- Torch
- Trek Pole
- Trekking Shoes (No Sports shoes or Woodland shoes)
- Poncho (The Gear used to protect from Rain)
- Day pack (Small one)
- Back Pack 60 ltr (+ Rain cover)
- ▲ 2 Water Bottles
- Toilet Paper & Wet Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Antibactial Powder
- Tooth Brush
- Quick Dry Towel

### Medicines to carry

- Crocin (1Strip)
- Disprine (1 Strip)
- Lomotive (1 Strip)
- Digene (1 Strip)
- Guaze
- Dettol
- Band Aid Qty 5
- Neusphorine Powder
- ▲ Betadine Tube
- Vomistop/Avomine (Motion Sickness Tablet)

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