

UTTARAKHAND

# Mt. Black Peak expedition

## Overview

Region: - Garhwal Himalayas, Uttarakhand, India

Duration: - 15 Days

Grade: - Difficult

Max Altitude: - 6387 Mtr.

Cost: - ₹ 75000 + 5% GST.

- Alpine style expedition
- Only for people having BMC, AMC, S&R or any peak experience of 4500 mtr to 5000 mtr

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## **Brief Description**

Black peak also known as Kalanag (which means black cobra) is located in Bandarpunch massif. It is located on the north west of Bandarpunch. It got its name as Kalanag due to its top part resemblance with black cobra. The peak provides a very descent and gradual southern approach but towards the Northern slope it features a very steep, almost vertical slope.

### Itinerary

#### **Day 1** Dehradun - Taluka (1906m.)

In the morning, once there, we drive to Taluka, a small hamlet nestled in the laps of nature via Purola and Mori. We set up camp at Taluka. This is starting point of our trek. Stay overnight in tents.

#### **Day 2**

Taluka - Osla (2560m.)

The day starts with the gentle trail towards Osla. Today's trek is through beautiful forests of Chestnut, Walnut and Willows. A gradual ascent brings us to the picturesque Osla village along the swift rivulet. On arrival set campsite for overnight stay.

#### **Day 3**

Osla - Ruinsara Tal (3350m.)

Trek through along a brilliant alpine trail to reach the holy Ruinsara Lake . The views of the Swargrohini Range are particularly impressive from here.

#### **Day 4**

Ruinsara Taal - Kyarkoti (Base Camp) 3500m

Kyarkoti is situated at the base of a mountains range and is mainly a grassy patch of land with boulders around. It is surrounded by snow clad mountains on the three sides. The nearby spring make it an ideal site for our base camp. Porters are the only means of transporting our goods. Black Peak can be viewed from the base camp.

#### **Day 5**

Base Camp - Camp 1 (4600m)

This day we will do load ferry and establish camp 1. Camp 1 is can be reached after four hours of trekking from the base camp. After crossing a high land just next to our base camp, we will trek on grassy land with gentle down slope till we reach a spring which is dotted with boulders. After steep climbing we will reach the path which crosses through landslide region. Then we will descend one more grassy path which is followed by two patches of moraines . In the last part of trek we will have to do some easy bouldering to reach Camp 1 site. Camp 1 will be made on uneven grassy land gently sloping towards west. On the north it is flanked by a mountain. A glacier flowing east to west flanks it on other side.

**Day 6**

Camp 1 - Camp 2 (5100m) Load Ferry

We will establish Camp 2 on a snow field after a trek of 3 hours from our Camp 1 . Black Peak will be clearly visible from the camp towards the south-east. Camp II is located at a height of 16500 ft. We will do load ferry and come back to Camp

**Day 7**

Camp 2 - Camp 3 (5500m)

We will establish Camp 3 on a large hump of snow with Black Peak visible in the southeast direction. Camp will be at a height of approximately 18000 ft and had to be reached circumventing a number of crevasses. Towards the north we will be able see Swargarohini and towards the south stood the beautiful peak of BanderPunch. We will stay in camp 3 and will prepare for summit attempt next day.

**Day 8**

Camp 3 - Summit Attempt (6387m)

On the summit attempt day, we will start 2:00 Am in the morning. We will fix up a rope to negotiate an almost vertical wall of snow. We will have to negotiate a number of crevasses. The climb of 100 ft before the summit is most difficult and risky . The snow will be hard and the slope is very steep. Our lead climber will open and fix the route whole day wherever required. Finally the summit is on a ridgeline. It is flat on top. Here we are on the summit of Black Peak (kalanag) 6387m .After some photography and rest we will safely descent down to camp 3 and if possible to camp 2.

**Day 9**

Extra Day reserved for Summit attempt.

If weather condition does not allow summit attempt on Day 12 we will have another summit attempt day.

**Day 10**

Move to Base camp

This day we will wind up all campsite and move to Base Camp. We will have a little Celebration.

**Day 11**

Base camp - Osla

This will be a 5 hours trek to reach Osla.

**Day 12**

Osla - Taluka - Sankri

After 4 hour of trek we will reach road head.

**Day 13**

Sankri - Dehradun - Delhi

This day we will drive for 8 hours to reach Dehradun.

## **Cost Terms**

### **Inclusions: -**

- Food during the expedition, food will be made up of MTR on Butane.
- Forest Permits/Camping Charges/Permits, Trek Permit Fee/IMF Permission (Up to the amount charged for Indian nationals)
- Camping tents, Temp rated sleeping bags, mattress
- All technical equipments
- Mountaineering course certified expedition Leader with First Aid certification

### **Exclusions: -**

- Transportation till Sankri
- Any kind of Insurance
- Any expense of personal nature
- Any expense not specified in the inclusion list

Note: This will be purely alpine based expedition where we all have to carry our equipments and luggage on our own.