## HIMACHAL PRADESH

# Hampta Pass Trek

# **Overview**

Region: - Manali

Duration: - 5 Days

Grade: - Moderate

Max Altitude: - 4200 mts. Approx.

Trekking Km: - 35 Kms.

Cost: - <sup>₹</sup>10500 + 5% GST.

Add-ons-

- $\square$  + Rs. 1224 Backpack Offloading
- $\square$  + Rs. 1200 Single Accommodation Tent
- $\square$  + Rs. 430 Mandatory Insurance

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# **Brief Description**

Hampta Pass trek is one of the most awe-inspiring treks in the Kullu region of Himachal Pradesh. The Hampta Pass offers breath-taking views of the two different sides of the Himalayas. On one side of the pass lies the lush green Kullu valley and on the other side is the stark opposite dessert valley of Lahaul. One of the major highlights of the trek is the visit to high altitude Chandratal lake in Spiti. The trek is of moderate difficulty level and is preferred by both beginners as well as experienced trekkers. The maximum altitude attained gained during Hampta pass trek is 4200 m and total trek distance is 35 km. While returning from the trek, the drive is over the famous Rohtang Pass. This adds to the list of attractions of this trek. Hampta Pass Trek best time is from June to October.

### **Itinerary**

#### <u>Day 1</u>

Drive from Manali to Jobra & Trek to Chika

Report at Manali bus stand at 8 AM. After freshening up & breakfast in Manali, board Taxi for Jobra. Hampta Pass trek starts from Allain Guhugal Hydel Project site. Get down from the vehicle at the project site & across the main road. Take the narrow trail that leads to the forest of pine trees. A variety of trees like maple, deodar, toss, and oak can also be spotted on this trail. The sight is very refreshing. The gradient of today's trail is easy and ideal for a first-day hike. Twenty minutes into the trek, you will reach a clearing from where the view opens up. This spot overlooks the lush green meadow strewed with small rocks with Rani Nallah flowing in the centre of valley closed from two sides. Cross the Rani Nallah by the wooden bridge & from here the trail is on the true right of Rani nallah. You can spot the horses grazing in this meadow which make a perfect setting for some beautiful photographs. Chika campsite is a huge, flat & spacious green patch. With Rani Nallah flowing by the side makes it a perfect spot for setting up the tents.

#### **Day 2**

Trek from Chika to Balu-Ka-Gera

Today's trek is pretty thrilling with a couple of water crossings on the way. The trail stays on the true right of the river for the most part of the day. The initial climb is through boulders. Walk along the Rani river into a valley dotted with tiny multi-coloured flowers which can give a tough competition to Valley of flowers in the monsoon months. The green trail turns brown & rock strewed as we near Balu Ka Gera. Balu ka gera is the point from where the steep climb to Hampta pass begins. It is a level ground made up of the sand and dust brought down by the river. In the vicinity is a huge pool of water made from the glacial melts. The site is windy which make the temperature feel even lower than actual. Pitch your tents and camp at Balu Ka Gera, 11,000 feet above sea level.

#### **Day 3**

Trek from Balu-Ka-Gera to Sheagoru via Hampta Pass

Start very early to have the advantage of time. This pass is one of the nasty ones & the weather can be very unpredictable. The trek begins by encircling the pool of water to enter the partially dried-up glacial river bed. The climb is strenuous all the way up to Hampta pass. Walk at a steady pace with few breaks. The pass is not easily identifiable so ask your guide about it. As you cross the pass you enter the Lahaul region & change in the scenery is very contrasting. The trail is completely downhill from the Pass. This trail is steep & not clearly identifiable. Be extra careful while descending. After some walking, you will be able to spot the campsite of Shea Goru far in the distance in the direction of river flow. The last km to the site is mostly flat. Shea Goru in local means "Cold Street" and is indeed very cold here owing to the winds but it is also the most beautiful campsite of Hampta Pass trek. Camp & overnight stay in Shea Goru.

#### **Day 4**

Trek from Sheagoru to Chatru, Drive to Chandratal (If weather permits)& Return to Chattru, Camp in Chhatru.

Break camps early in the morning. Trek begins with the crossing of the river which is flowing by the campsite. Now crossing this river is one hell of an experience in itself. Let's keep it as a surprise for the trek. Almost half of the trek is easy & full of descent. After descending you will see the large valley of the

river Chandra. Reach Chhatru which is the road head. From Chatru, board taxi for a road journey to the famous Chandratal. Reach Chandratal by late afternoon. After spending some time at Chandra tal return to Chhatru by the evening. Camp in Chhatru. Please note that the road to Chandra Tal is closed at times due to landslides or snow. In case the road is found closed the Chandrataal drive will not be done.

#### Day 5

Drive from Chattru to Manali. Drop in Manali by 4 PM Approx.

We break camps early to avoid the traffic jam at Rohtang Pass. After breakfast start the road journey for Manali over Rohtang Pass. Reach Manali by 5 PM Approx. And here ends the Hampta Pass Trek.

# **Cost Terms**

# **Inclusions: -**

- 1. Accommodation. (tents, Homestay,).
- 2. Meals while on trek (Veg. + Egg) from Dinner on Day 1 to Dinner on Day 4.
- 3. All necessary entry fees and permits.
- 4. First Aid Medical Kits and Oxygen Cylinder.
- 5. Mountaineering qualified & professional Trek Leader, Guide, Cook and Support staff.
- 6. Porters/mules to carry central equipment.

### **Exclusions:** -

- 1. Food during the transit.
- 2. Transport.
- 3. Mules or porter to carry personal luggage.
- 4. Anything not specifically mentioned under the head Price Includes.
- 5. Any kind of emergency evacuation charges
- 6. Any kind of personal expenses.

Note: Normally Adventhrill expect to carry your personal luggage on your own, if you wish to offload your backpack, you can give it to Mule.