

UTTARAKHAND

Kedartal Trek

Overview

Region: - Uttarkashi

Duration: - 7 Days

Grade: - Moderate

Max Altitude: - 4800 mtr. Approx.

Trekking Km: - 38 Kms.

Cost: - ₹15500+ 5% GST.

Add-ons-

- 2500/ Dehradun to dehradun
- 3500/ Backpack offloading

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Brief Description

Kedar Tal, also known as Shiva's lake, is a glacial lake situated at an altitude of 4,750 meters (15,600 feet) in the Garhwal region of the Himalayas in India. The lake is fed by the snowfall over Mt Thalay Sagar (6,904m), Meru (6,672m), Mt Bhrigupanth (6,772m) and other surrounding peaks, which are also the source of Kedar Ganga, which in Hindu mythology is considered to be Lord Shiva's contribution to Bhagirathi (a source-stream of the Ganges). The proximity with magnificent peaks and the view this trek offers will make you believe in magic. The lake itself is crystal-clear blue, the coolest drink of water you'll ever find and a true gem of Uttarakhand. Adding to the allure of this trek is the trailhead of Gangotri, where the trail begins, and also the holy town said to be the origin of the Ganges River. The place bursts to life during yatra season, with markets, temples, nightly aartis and forests full of sadhus. Save a few days to explore here after your trek. The best time to do the Kedartal trek are the months of May, June, September and, October. Stay on this page for more details like Kedar Tal trek route map, itinerary, temperature chart, photos, and videos. Scroll to the end to read Kedartal trek blogs.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Gangotri

Trek to Kedartal starts from Gangotri, Uttarakhand. Arrive in Gangotri by 3 PM for debrief and a round of introductions with your team members. If you arrive early, savour all that Gangotri has to offer by visiting the Holy temple, by walking through the pine forests, browsing the local market, striking a conversation with a Sadhu, exploring the secret cave, and enjoying a delicious dinner. Overnight stay at the local guest house.

Day 2

Acclimatization at Gangotri

This day is reserved for rest and acclimatization in Gangotri.

Day 3

- **Gangotri (9,576 feet) to Bhoj Kharak (12,893 feet) - 8 Kms trekking**

This trail is ready to go places, are you?! With the Kedar Ganga faithfully following you on your left, you do some serious ascending for the day. As you climb, the fresh pines recede and are replaced with a thick grove of birch trees. This opens into Bhoj Kharak, our first campsite. The birch trees provide much welcomed shade and the purple rhododendrons wave in distance. The stunningly jagged façade of Thalaysagar allure you from a distance beckoning on what Day 3 has in store for you. The final task for the day is the Spider Wall, a 60-degree slab of rock with just enough footing for you to reach the other end. Overnight stay in camps at Bhoj Kharak.

Day 4

Bhoj Kharak (12,893 feet) to Kedar Kharak (14,468 feet) - 7 Kms trekking

Today is an adventure. As you continue to ascend steadily, a landslide several years back has erased a 100 meter portion of the original trail and it is up to us to find a new way to traverse the mountainside. After this you come across a stable trail which guides you down to the Kedar Gunga river bed, which you have to partially cross before heading back to a solid ground on the other side which now opens to your next campsite, Kedar Kharak. A truly spectacular campsite situated among the towering peaks of Drigubanth, Thalaysagar and Jogin 3. Kedar Kharak is frequently visited by herds of blue sheep.

Day 5

Kedar Kharak (14,468 feet) to Kedar Tal (15,748 feet) to Kedar Kharak - 8 Kms trekking

The final step to the beautiful Kedar Tal is through three ridges, primarily composed of deposited boulders and an occasional dirt trail running at the top of each. Cairns of rock towers dot the surface, reminding you where the trail is headed. Summiting the two ridges gives you a sneak-peek at that final ridge, forcing you to wonder what sights lay beyond it. After climbing the third ridge, Kedar Tal lake sits like a frozen emerald below. The gigantic views of Thalaysagar and other peaks make all your problems seem insignificant. The Kedar glacier flows motionlessly on your left, the origin of the river you have now become so accustomed to flowing by your side. Bidding farewell to the divine Kedar Tal, we descend and head back to Kedar Kharak. Overnight stay in camps.

Day 6

Kedar Kharak (14,468 feet) to Gangotri (9,576 feet) - 15 Kms trekking

The hard part done, we are homeward bound! While the distance to cover is a little long, the trail to Gangotri is almost entirely downhill. Your reward is a soft, warm bed back down in Gangotri and a chance to catch the famous aarti. Head back home on the next morning.

Day 7

Gangotri - Uttarkashi - Dehradun (243 kms)

Check out after breakfast. If you have booked the transport with us, then the vehicle will pick you up from Gangotri and drop in Dehradun by evening.

Cost Terms

Inclusions: -

1. Accommodation. (Guesthouse, Homestay,).
2. Meals while on trek (Veg. + Egg) from Dinner on Day 1 to Dinner on Day 6.
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. Insurance
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.
7. Transport.

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.