

## KALI / SARDA EXPEDITION



A 7 day self-contained river journey through a lesser-known part of eastern Kumaon and western Nepal. The river demarcates the border between India and Nepal, and we pass through thick tropical jungles, terraced fields of Nepali and Kumaoni villages, distinctive from each other in architecture and people. This is a journey of discovery and excitement suited to first-time rafters and adventurous families.



**Day 00 :** Overnight train Ranikhet Express, from Delhi to Kathgodam.

**Day 01 :** Transfer by HRR jeeps to Pithoragarh (approx.07 hrs drive). Overnight at A Hotel, in the lap of the Kumaon Himalayas, with magnificent views of the Panchuli range of mountains.

**Day 02 :** A 2 hr drive to Jhulaghat, the put-in point. Raft approx. 15 river kms through an initiation stretch with class II + rapids, passing awe inspiring stalactite & stalagmite limestone formations. Camp by late afternoon on a beautiful sand bank and hike to nearby village.

**Day 03 :** We continue our river journey through picturesque countryside. The Kali confluences with the Sarju river today to form the Sarada at Pancheshwar, famous for sport fishing for Mahseer. We camp just below the confluence for an afternoon of angling delight or take a short hike to the legendary Pancheshwar Temple, situated just above the confluence.



**Day 04 :** The river picks up pace as we go through a series of Class III rapids amidst thick jungles and a lesser inhabited stretch of the river. Camp overnight at a beautiful secluded beach near a fresh water spring. An afternoon hike in Nepal up a picturesque side valley ends a beautiful day in these isolated environs.

**Day 05 :** We continue our rafting through quiet river stretches with plenty of chances to Spot wildlife along the banks langur, barking deer and the frisky yellow throated martins hopping along the rocky shorelines. We end a perfect day by negotiating the mighty Chooka rapid, a big volume Class IV- biggest rapid of the river ! We camp just below this rapid on a pretty beach.

**Day 06 :** We take a rest from rafting and explore the surrounding countryside, hiking to the charming 'Viceroy's fishing lodge', a left-over relic of the British Raj. Stories abound of the man eating tigers of Thak and Chuka, the nearby villages , where Jim Corbett shot them in these jungles in the late 1930's. Overnight tented camp.

**Day 07 :** Great white water day today with plenty of rapids surrounded by the thick terai jungles. If we are lucky we may even spot a wild elephant! We finish our expedition at Boom, where the mighty Kali enters the plains of India, to be generally referred to as the Sharda river. After lunch a 3 hr drive to Kathgodam railway station to connect to the overnight Ranikhet Express departing 9:15 pm. And reaching New Delhi at 5:15 am the next morning.



End of services.

**COST PER PERSON : Rs.26,000/-**  
**Single Supplement : Rs. 8,000/-**

Trip will operate with a minimum 6 pax.

**COST INCLUDES:**

- Train Fare Delhi / Kathgodam / Delhi.
- Hotel Accommodation on twin share basis in Pithoragarh.
- Tented and Rest house accommodation on twin share basis, enroute through the trip.
- Rafting and all specialised equipment.
- Meals throughout the trip.



**COST EXCLUDES:**

- Any expenditure of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc.
- Alcoholic beverages
- Medical and/or Travel Insurance
- Any cost arising out of unforeseen circumstances such as landslides, bad weather and road conditions and any other circumstances beyond our control.
- 3.09% Govt. Service Tax

**NOTE:**



Himalayan River Runners reserve the right to modify and alter the itinerary due to circumstances beyond our control, such as weather and road conditions, condition on the river, etc. This right would be exercised in the best interest of your safety and well being.

Cost may change in case of a fuel hike or any other unprecedented hike.

The cost is based on twin share accommodation. Should you be booking as a single person the supplement will apply.

Himalayan River Runners will not be liable incase of delays on train in the Delhi-Kathgodam-Delhi sector as well as for any delays due to bad weather etc.



**CHECKLIST FOR PACKING ON KAALI EXPEDITION TRIPS**

Likely Day temperatures (in mid-April) maximum 35 degree celsius.

Likely Night temperatures (in mid-April) minimum 20 degree celsius.

Arrange a 3-season (temperature rating of 15 degree celsius) sleeping bag.



### Checklist of clothes :

1. 3 seasons sleeping bag
2. Warm jacket/ woolen sweater
3. Quick drying nylon socks for rafting / cotton socks for camping
4. Sweat shirts / T.shirts for day time at camp
5. Cotton trousers or track bottoms - for the day
6. Tevas or tie-on waterproof sandals / footwear for rafting
7. Sturdy walking shoes to enable some exploring while camping
8. **Flash light with extra batteries**
9. **Water bottle with (minimum) 1 lt. capacity**
10. Camera / binoculars - optional
11. Dark glasses / head scarf to cover neck from sun burn
12. Sun protection lotion / cream
13. Personal medication - **we carry first aid**
14. Personal toiletries including a small towel - **we carry toilet paper**



We will provide Paddling jackets (if required), Buoyancy aids, helmets etc. Please bring your own river booties or nylon socks with canvas shoes will suffice. Carry an extra pair of shoes for the river camps.

Please pack in duffel bags. No hard shelled bags. You will be provided with a dry bag (to share 1 between 2 persons) to pack all your personals for the raft. These dry bags will be lashed on to the raft. An easy access smaller dry bag will be close at hand for sun block, camera etc.