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## **HIMALAYAN SOJOURN TREK & RAFT ITINERARY**

**Season: Mid-September thru mid-May**  
**Grade: Moderate**

This is a unique introduction to the Himalaya for novices and moderately experienced outdoors persons alike, combining two modes of adventure travel - trekking and rafting - in a relatively secluded part of the lower Himalaya. Our trip originates and culminates at our Tented Base Camp by the banks of the Ganga River 1500ft ASL. In the first part of our adventure on foot, we ascend the watershed divide (8000ft ASL) of the Upper Ganga and her western tributary - the Bhagirathi - and continue down the former on rafts concluding the circuit in the holy city of Rishikesh, where the Mother Ganga enters the plains of India.

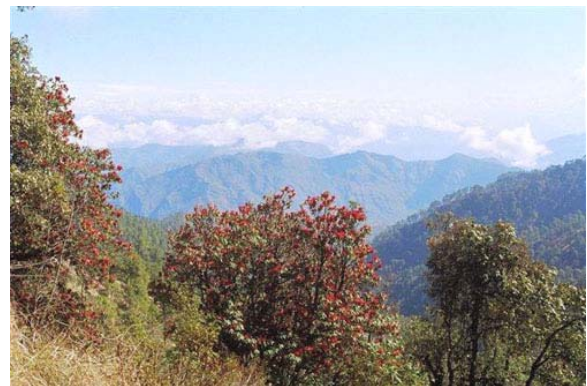


### **Day 01: Arrive at Himalayan River Runners' Ganga Base Camp / Hideaway Lodge**

Depart New Delhi Railway station at 06.55am on the Dehradun Shatabdi Express to Haridwar. Meet on arrival in Haridwar, eta 11.15 and drive (approx 90mins) to Base Camp / Lodge, arriving in time for lunch. Afternoon at the Camp / Lodge - opportunity for kayaking in the bay area of the camp. Overnight at the Camp / Lodge.

### **Day 02: Hike to Dashrath Ka Danda Meadows**

Leisurely breakfast. Drive one-hour to start of trek at approx. 4800 ft asl. Trek ascends approx 3000 ft over 4-6 hours through mixed forest of rhododendron, pine and oak through a secluded part of the lower Himalaya. Picnic lunch enroute. Arrive at the campsite on a high ridge with panoramic views of the high Himalaya stretching from the peaks of Western Garhwal -



Banderpunchh (6135m) Chaukhamba (7345 m) to the peaks of Kumaon - Trisul, Nanda Devi both over 7000m, - to the east into Nepal. Camp overnight on the ridge in alpine tents.

### **Day 03: Hike and Village / School visit**

Rise early and walk to the summit hill approx. 400ft above the campsite (approx 8000ft ASL). Watch the sun rise over a 360 degree view of the best panoramas. Return to campsite for breakfast. Pack and descend through thick jungle. After an hour, our hike continues on a level walk for approx. 2hrs bringing us to the secluded hill village of Ranakot situated approx 5000 ft ASL above the Bhagirathi River. Get a glimpse of a typical Garhwali village, sans any type of “tourism” impact. Set camp near village and explore the locality and interact with the hill folk of the village.

### **Day 04: Drive and Raft**

Rise early for breakfast. Descend through the village to the road head to an awaiting vehicle. Drive (approx. 1 hr) through the lower end of the Bhagirathi valley to Devprayag, the confluence of the Bhagirathi with the Alaknanda River, from where the combined rivers flow as Ganga. We are met by the river crew and awaiting rafts. After a safety briefing, gear allocation and packing for the river trip, our river journey on the Ganga begins amidst mild rapids and secluded jungle scenery to reach our campsite on a pristine beach just before Kaudiyala, having covered approx 25 river kms.



### **Day 05: Rafting and Camp activities / Himalayan Hideaway / HRR Camp**

After breakfast - start rafting - past Kaudiyala and onwards to HRR Base Camp. Rapids like Daniel’s Dip and The Wall, challenging yet safe rapids keep the excitement high. Arrive at HRR Base Camp for lunch. In the afternoon we have the option of camp activities such as kayaking, frisbee, beach volleyball, rappelling etc or just relaxing by the river. Overnight Camp / Lodge.

**NOTE:** Children younger than 12 yrs would be taken off the raft and will “walk around” some of the rapids on this day.



### **Day 06: At HRR Base Camp / Himalayan Hideaway**

Relaxed morning. After breakfast raft through another exciting stretch of river and picturesque valley concluding our journey at the ghats of Rishikesh. Change into dry clothes. Lunch on the beach. Half day site seeing. In the early evening proceed to the Triveni Ghats to witness the evening prayers and worship of the river. You may participate in the ceremonies by floating leaf



boat lamps and see the river light up amidst the lamps and the chanting. Drive 19 kms back to the Camp / Lodge.

**NOTE:** Children younger than 12yrs would join the rafting from further downstream on this day.

### **Day 07: Relaxed Morning. Departure.**

A day at leisure. Relaxed morning with several options for activities should you choose. After breakfast - opt for an Ayurvedic massage or simply relax and unwind on the beach. Lunch. Drive down to Haridwar to

board the Dehradun Shatabdi Express at 1800 hrs for New Delhi to arrive at 2230 hrs.



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- This itinerary can be shortened by omitting the Rafting Expedition and doing only the trek or doing the trek with a night or two at the Ganga Base camp or Hideaway.
- Children younger than 12 yrs would “walk around” a few of the rapids on the Expedition part of the trip. And they would only do the “kiddies stretch” on the Ganga section.
- The itinerary will be priced according to accommodation preference - Camp or Lodge and number of days.

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