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MEGA 'TONS' 2011

7 days of the best the Tons River has to offer!

The Tons River originates from the glaciers of the Har-Ki-Dun region in northwest Garhwal bordering Himachal Pradesh, and is the primary tributary of the Yamuna. It is a river runners dream come true as it percolates through the evergreen forests of the middle Himalayan ranges through a series of Class 3-4 + rapids that equal any in the world.

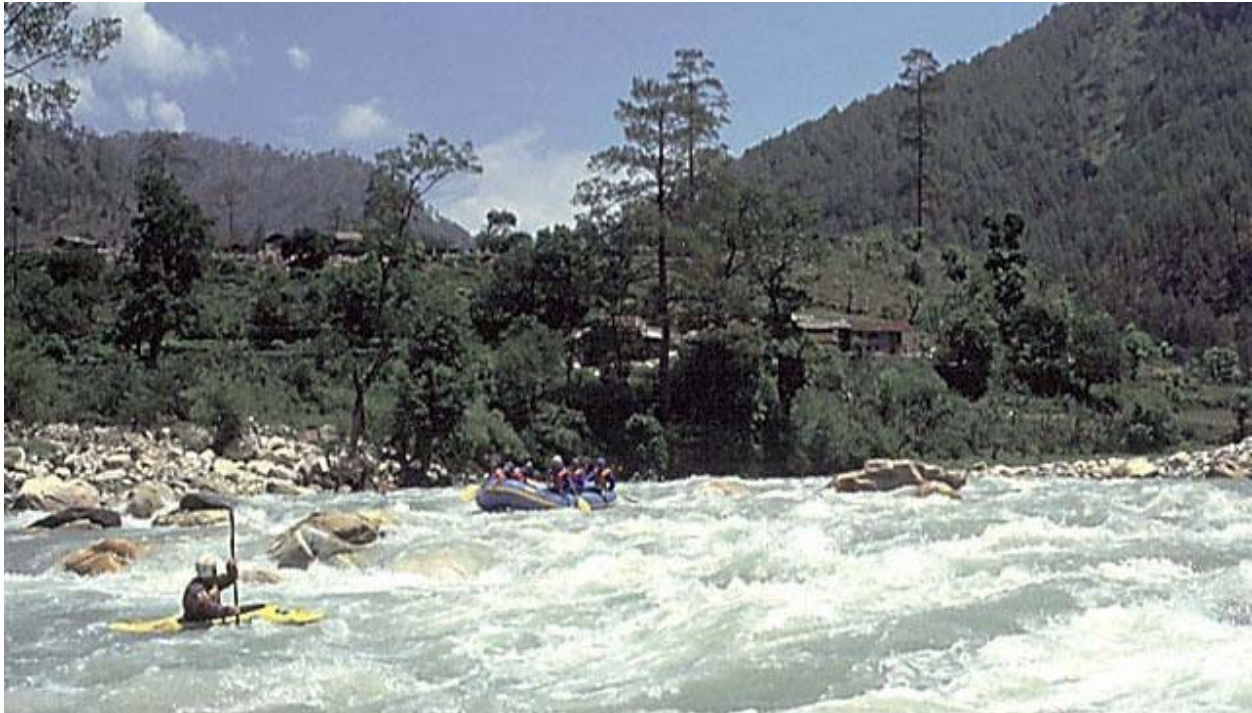
We base ourselves at the *Himalayan River Runners Tons Base Camp* which operates in summer at an elevation of 4500 ft ASL. We have an opportunity to experience all that the river offers; running two days of its lower stretch 'expedition' style, and it's more challenging upper stretch, from the relative luxury of the base camp itself. *(Or you could opt for an overnight trek on the last two days to round out a multi activity week.)*



Other than the unsurpassed whitewater thrills, the week long program allows you time to relax and explore the unspoilt mountainscape and get a glimpse into the hardy lifestyle and culture of the nomadic hill folk that reside in the region.

Day 00: Board the overnight Nizamuddin express departing Nizamuddin railway station, New Delhi at 11:30 pm.

Day 01: Arrive at Dehradun at 6am and transfer to Rest House/Hotel for freshening up and breakfast. Drive 6 hrs to HRR Tons base camp to arrive there by 3 pm with packed lunch served enroute. Overnight Base Camp.



Day 02: Our first exciting run on a 12 km stretch of the Tons above and below camp. The focus will be on team work and covering all safety aspects in preparation for the challenges downstream. Later in the afternoon, we have the opportunity to take a short walk upstream to our local waterfall for a dip and swim. Overnight Base camp.

Day 03: After an early breakfast we drive an hour downstream to Tiuni where we start our first stretch of rafting on the middle Tons. Numerous rapids in the Class 3 grade and a few 4's, keeps the excitement levels high. We raft approx 25 km to camp on a secluded beach where a smaller tributary joins in. Overnight river expedition camp.



Day 04: After breakfast and camp pack up we continue on downstream to rapids which get a little more challenging and the river narrows down to a scenic vertical gorge. After plenty of action and thrills we reach our take out point at Minus by mid afternoon, where we conclude the lower rafting stretch. A 3 hour drive back up river; we reach the Tons Base camp by evening to welcome hot showers and a bed to sleep in! Overnight Base Camp.



Day 05: A well earned layover day. Enjoy the ambience of the camp, or opt to drive down to the famous Hanol Temple for a discourse on the local Hindu deities and customs. Or take a hike to our local 'swimming pool' to cool off. Back to Base Overnight Base camp.



Day 06: After an early breakfast rafting commences from camp. Soon were negotiating several Class 4+ rapids and by now the well coordinated teamwork would make these challengers a sheer joy and achievement to run successfully. There would be one portage (carrying the raft around an unrunnable section), and a packed river lunch served thereafter. A few more rapids after lunch concludes the days run below the Hanol temple. We walk up to the road and drive back to Base camp for the night. (See option below)

Day 07: After breakfast we drive down to where we left the raft about 15 km downstream. Our final day with several challengers to keep the adrenaline running high! Its non stop action from the time you start to running the 'Confluence' rapid near Tiuni and another near the take out itself – both Class 4 + . We end our rafting at the Tiuni Bridge, (where we had started a few days before) and hours drive upstream gets us back to Base Camp for a celebratory drink and dinner around the campfire. Overnight Base Camp.

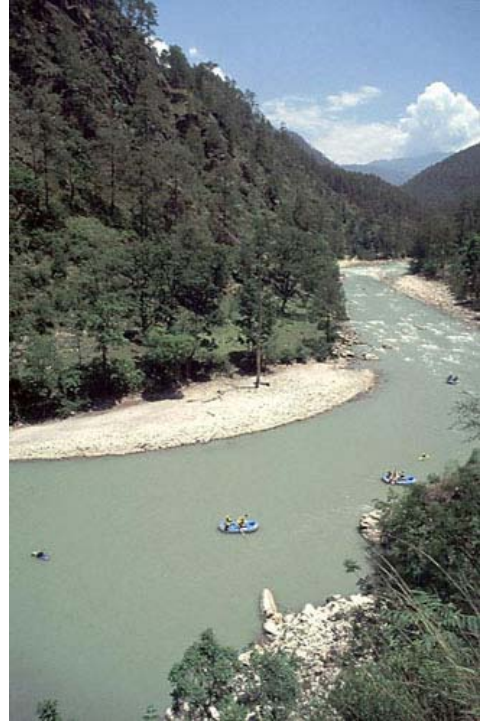
OR (for Day 06 and 07)

For those who want a multi - activity adventure - opt to go on an overnight trek.

Day 06: After an early breakfast a two hour drive gets us up the mountain to start our trek through one of the most pristine mixed forests in the Tons region. At an average altitude of 7000 ft ASL, we trek along a ridge for 5 hours through mixed forests of birch, pine and deodar to reach a secluded Forest Rest House (7600ft ASL) built by the British in the 1920's. We camp nearby and enjoy great views to the north east of the peaks of the Garhwal Himalaya. - Bandar Poonch, Black Peak, Swarg Rohini etc., all above 6000m. Overnight in tented trek camp.

Day 07: After enjoying a morning sunrise over the peaks and a relaxed breakfast, we start our return descent along a different route down to the road head. We return to the Tons River Base camp by 4 pm to welcome showers and a farewell campfire dinner.

Day 08: After a relaxed breakfast we depart camp and drive back to Dun to connect to the Shatabdi departing Dun at 5pm to reach Delhi at 1045 pm. End.



Cost per Person: Rs 29,500/- (based on a minimum of 6 persons)

Fixed Date Departures:

Trip I: 21st - 29th May 2011

Trip II: 4th - 12th June 2011

All inclusive cost EX - DEHRADUN. Transport, Meals, Camping, Rafting, Trekking etc with all gear excluding sleeping bags, and cost of railway tickets .

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