



PANGARCHULLA PEAK CLIMB & KUARI PASS TREK (LORD CURZON TRAIL)

NATURE OF TRIP	Trekking
LOCATION	Garhwal Himalayas, Uttarakhand
DURATION	6 Days (Haridwar - Haridwar)
TREKKING DAYS	4 Days
MAXIMUM ALTITUDE	Pangarchulla peak summit (4700m) & Kuari Pass (3650m)
GRADE	Moderate+
SEASON	Sep-Nov
ACCOMODATION	Alpine Camping - 3 Nights Hotel/Eco lodge - 2 Nights
GROUP SIZE	Maximum of 15 persons

...We welcome you to join us on this memorable trip to the Himalayas



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CLIMB & THE TREK

The Kuari pass trek, also referred to as the Lord Curzon trail trek, is surely one of the most popular and finest treks in the Indian Himalayas and rightly so. According to us only thing missing on this trail was the 'adventure element' so we modified the regular itinerary a bit and added an exciting stage to this trek where you get to climb a challenging but doable Himalayan peak called Pangarchulla (4700 m). This peak can be climbed by 'fit' first time trekkers also but with some hard work put into it!!

Pangarchulla peak poses challenges which keep on changing with seasons. Beginning of the season (Apr – May) the climb involves navigating through deep snow while later in the season (Oct – Nov) difficulty comes in the form of bouldering and traversing scree slopes. Our guides will run a small course on climbing techniques to get you to know more about the sport and get comfortable with it. They will put ropes for safety (if required) and will assist people throughout the climb. One is not required to have any prior climbing experience/knowledge

For mountain lovers this trail offers king size views of Himalayas and an opportunity to be transported into inner Himalayan region in a very short duration. The trek is not only spectacular but very different from everything else. You

will for most of the times be walking on endless meadows with big and small mountains jutting out.

There are beautiful forest sections, magnificent campsites, and sunrise & sunsets to die for, in addition to many more enjoyable facets of the Himalayas which make trekking a worthwhile activity. You will also get the opportunity to meet and interact with shepherds and their entourage and surely be bowled over by their 'way of life'. Highlight of the trip would surely be the views of the most revered mountain in the world, Nanda Devi (7816 m) along with other towering giants like Dronagiri (7066 m), Kamet (7757 m), Chaukhamba (7128 m) & Trishul (7120 m) peak and many-many more.

This is a moderate trek barring one challenging day when you will literally climb to the top of the world when you summit Pangarchula peak at about 4700m. This is a demanding but technically easy climb which even first timers can attempt. Those who don't want to do this part can attempt Mini Pangarchula @ 4200m or stay back at the base camp and explore the surroundings from there. Upon reaching the top we experience a huge sense of achievement and see views which only select few get an opportunity to experience making it a moment to cherish lifelong.

Another big highlight of this trek would be the opportunity to visit and stay in Auli, where you stay in the scenically located & very comfortable Himalayan Eco lodge. While at the lodge keep a lookout for birds, you will surely end up seeing many species.

ITINERARY

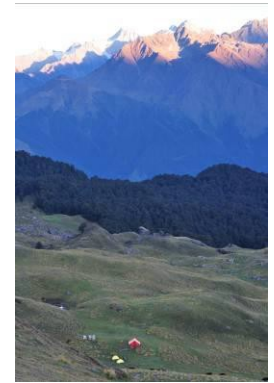
DAY 01: Haridwar – Auli (2450 m) Drive/280 kms/8-9 hrs

We will meet at Haridwar railway station at 7 a.m and from here board a vehicle and be driven up to Auli. This is a long but interesting drive. You will for most part of the journey drive along the Ganga & Alaknanda rivers. Enroute you will be crossing the holy towns of Devprayag & Rudraprayag. Evening relax at the beautiful lodge. Overnight in the lodge in Auli.

DAY 02: Auli (2450 m) – Khulara (3225 m) Trek/6 hrs

After an early breakfast we drive a short distance

(5 km) to reach the starting point of the trek. From here we start hiking through the Auli meadows (popular for skiing) and get very close views of the famous Nanda Devi Peak and many more big Himalayan giants. After the Auli meadows we get into a forest section and will walk through an enchanting mixed forest abundant in bird life. Once out of the jungle we will walk on the beautiful meadows of Gurson, every moment in this place is going to delight you. Beauty of these meadows is something to be experienced. From Gurson we descend for a short time and again get into a beautiful forest section having oaks, deodars, maple and chestnut trees. We will reach Tali, a campsite used by many trekkers on this trail but will continue hiking and in about a couple of hours reach the magnificent campsite at Khulara where we camp for the night. It's a beautiful open meadow where you camp and get very good views of the big wall of mountains in front. If it's a clear night star gazing is going to be fun. Overnight in tents.



DAY 03: Khulara (2550m) – Kuari Pass (3650m) – Base of Pangarchula peak (3650m) Trek/6-7 hrs

Today we go through a series of ascents on meadows which keep on getting better as we move up. Walking on golden, green and other hues of grass is just bliss. The mountain air is crisp and the views brilliant! You are sure to catch a shepherd with the sheep and the dog. Do spend some time with them. The views are going to be great throughout so we keep our cameras handy. We will reach Kuari pass in about 3 hours or so. Our guide might give you the option of not going to the actual pass (which is nearby) and instead climb another vantage point with better views so take a call depending upon what you feel like doing. After spending sometime at the vantage ridge/Kuari pass we will start walking towards our base camp for the climb to Pangarchula peak. Today you will get to view many big and renowned Himalayan peaks like Chaukhamba, Kedarnath, Neelkanth, Haathi-Ghodi, Kamet, Mana, Dronagiri, etc. Overnight in tents.

DAY 04: Base camp (3650m) – Summit of Pangarchula peak (4700m) & back Trek/7-8 hrs

We will wake up early (depending upon the conditions and the season, the lead guide will take a call on what time we start but usually it will be 5:00 a.m) and after a quick breakfast start climbing up the slopes of the mountain to reach a ridge which will lead us to the top. The climb is demanding but not technical in nature. You will in patches be walking on uneven terrain of boulders, scree and rocks. Early season we will have to negotiate through deep snow that's why we recommend an early start as it is easier to walk on hard snow. But the effort is going to be rewarded manifold with views which are surely unparalleled. Views around dawn are the best which is why we insist on an early start today. From the route leading to the summit and the top you get to see a set of big mountains which you otherwise don't get to see from Kuari pass region, mountains like Nanda Devi, Trishul, Changbhang and many more. Also very attractive is the views of the surrounding valleys in all directions. After capturing the views in our camera we start walking down to the base camp. Once at the camp we celebrate our success and relax. Depending on what time we get to the base camp we might also decide to walk down to Khulara so that we reach Auli early tomorrow and get time to sort out our luggage and relax in the comforts of the beautiful lodge. Overnight in tents.

DAY 05: Base camp (3650m)/Khulara (3225m) – Dhak (2000m) – Auli Trek/3.5-5.5 hrs & Drive/45 mins

After a leisurely breakfast we start climbing down towards the road linking Joshimath to Niti-Malari valley. We will walk all the way down to Dhak a small market place on this road. Walk today is again a completely enjoyable experience with us walking through interesting forest sections and couple of scenically located villages. We will make short stops at Tugasi & Karchi village and spend time interacting with people and getting to know more about their way of life. From Dhak we will board the waiting vehicles and drive to Auli where a hot shower followed by a sumptuous meal awaits us. Overnight at the lodge.

DAY 06: Auli – Haridwar Drive/280 kms/8-9 hrs

After breakfast drive down to Haridwar. Trip ends here



COST OF THE TRIP

1. Trek tariff (Haridwar to Haridwar)

- Double sharing basis (2 persons sharing a tent & room) – **Rs. 10,400/-** per person
- Single sharing basis (1 person to a tent & room) – **Rs. 13,500/-** per person

2. Transport tariff (ex-Haridwar as per the itinerary)

Rs. 2,500/- per person

TREK TARIFF INCLUDES

1. **2 guides** for the group of maximum 15 trekkers so 1 guide for 6 group members. This will ensure high safety and more information and personal attention which are necessary to appreciate a trek. All our guides are professionally trained and have many years of relevant experience in guiding treks.
2. **Accommodation** in a deluxe mountain lodge in Auli on single/double occupancy basis
This lodge has an absolutely fantastic location and very good quality facilities and services.
3. **High quality Camping arrangements**
We believe that roughing it out necessarily doesn't mean sleeping in smelly sleeping bags, compromising on safety by using low quality equipment and having unappetising meals. We focus on your safety, basic comforts and the environment while camping. Keeping this in mind, the following equipment is provided on the trek:
 - 3/4 season imported alpine tents
 - Fresh and clean sleeping bags of very good quality
 - Good quality Camping Mattresses
 - Camping stools
 - Mess Tent
 - Toilet tents (2) with portable toilet seats
 - First Aid / Medical kit
4. **All meals** starting from dinner on Day 1 till breakfast on Day 6. A lot of emphasis is given to nutritional needs and a menu of vegetarian dishes is prepared accordingly. Tea/coffee will be served throughout.
5. **Porter/mule charges** for carrying camping equipment & rations
6. **Forest entry** charges, permits & camping fee (if any)
7. **First aid kit** (our guides are certified in handling first aid situations)

TRANSPORT TARIFF INCLUDES

Do keep in mind that transport is a very critical component of your trek. This aspect is most often not given proper attention and can result in a lot of discomfort especially in the mountains. We provide transfers to get you to the starting point and back as comfortably and in as less time as possible for you to enjoy the trip. We only use quality vehicles like Toyota Innova, Mahindra Xylo, Mahindra Scorpio, Tempo Traveller, etc. and no local jeeps or similar vehicles are used except where there are short transfers from the lodge to the trek points, etc. The transport tariff includes all driver charges, fuel, parking, toll and taxes.

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Service Tax 4.5%
- Porter/mule charges to carry your personal bag
- Any meals/services not mentioned above
- Any charges for video cameras, still cameras, etc.
- Soft drinks, beverages, etc.
- Personal expenses like tips, telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.
- Insurance

OTHER OPTIONAL CHARGES

1. **Charges for a porter/mule to carry personal bag throughout the trek (not more than 10 kgs):** Rs. 1,400 per person for the complete trek.

PAYMENT TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Rs. 3500/- as booking amount and the balance to be paid 30 days before the start of the trip.
- Payment to be made by Bank Transfer/Cheque/DD in favour of ANALA OUTDOORS (P) LTD. payable at Ahmedabad.
- Payment for this trip will not be adjusted against any future trips

- **Cancellation Charges (of the total amount):**

• Minimum	25%
• Between 45 & 31 days	50%
• Between 30 & 15 days	75%
• Last 14 days	No refund

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Transport Options (Delhi – Haridwar – Delhi)

For travel to Haridwar and back one can choose between air, rail & road. For air travel, the closest airport is the Jolly Grant Airport (30 kms) in Dehradun and is well connected to Delhi and other parts of the country by Air India, Jet Airways, Kingfisher Airlines & Spice Jet. Train travel is highly recommended with enough options being there. For train details, you could log on to www.indianrail.gov.in and for online railway ticket bookings you could log on to www.irctc.co.in.

There are frequent Public Transport buses including Volvos available from Delhi to Haridwar that cost about Rs. 200- 500 per person. These buses depart from Delhi ISBT every 30 mins. or so and take about 4/5 hrs to cover the distance. The same is also applicable on the return journey. A private vehicle could also be arranged for if you require the same.

Weather Details

The days are sunny with temperatures hovering around (10-16 °C) and the evenings start getting cold with the onset of October and nights are comparatively colder (-5 to 5 °C). Wind-chill factor is something that one needs to account and be prepared for on most Himalayan treks.

Please keep in mind that the above information is not exact and does not account for sudden changes. Whatever the temperatures and conditions rest assured we will be prepared to handle it with ease as we use equipment of very high specifications

LIST OF ESSENTIALS

Mountain/adventure travel requires one to be adequately equipped with the right kind of personal gear. Since one is travelling in the wilderness there will be hardly any opportunity to buy anything once you hit the trail so we urge you to carefully pack everything into your bags.

- Shirts / T-shirts – 2/3
- Jeans / Trekking Pants - 2
- Windproof jacket of decent quality (no flimsy wind cheaters please!) preferably with a hood
- Warm and thick Fleece / Full-sleeve Woollen sweater
- Thermal inner wear (upper & lower)
- Woollen cap
- Woollen gloves
- Woollen socks & regular socks (3-4 pairs)
- Scarf/muffler (optional)
- Comfortable Trekking/Hiking shoes (shoes with a thick sole are recommended)
- Lightweight floaters/sandals/slippers
- Raincoat / Poncho
- Small light weight towel
- Water bottle (sturdy ones, no empty Bisleri bottles!!)
- Cap / Hat to keep the strong sun away from your face

- Sun glasses
- Walking stick / Trekking pole
- Sunscreen Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Torch / Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Medicines, if requiring any specific medication
- Personal toiletries
- Books, if you like reading
- Day pack/small bag which you will carry on your back every day and keep your essentials in it
- Carry rain cover for your bags
- Keep a few poly bags or waterproof bags in your bag in which if required you can put your belongings in case of heavy rain
- Camera if you like (with fully charged batteries)

...LOADS OF ENTHUSIASM!! AND A PLEDGE TO LEAVE NO TRACE

Carry your stuff in a duffel bag, soft shoulder bag or a rucksack. Avoid suitcases, trolleys or any other hard luggage. As you will be walking long distances carrying a rucksack, avoid bringing unnecessary items on the trek. Please avoid carrying expensive watches, jewellery and electronic items on the trek.

NOTE: In case you are planning to put your bag on a mule or taking a porter please get a duffel bag or rucksack and keep it in mind that there is a possibility that the bag at times might brush against a rock or a tree and get slightly damaged so don't get very expensive bags. Also in case of damage we shall not be held accountable

[Our Trekking Code](#)

We are mountain lovers and have pledged to bring no harm to them in our pursuit of running organised wilderness travel in the Himalayas and seek your assistance too in this regard. We are more than convinced that one can have more fun on a trip if we go about it in a way that no harm is caused to the ecology. In this regard we have a set of guidelines that we adhere to based on the tenets of 'Leave No Trace' & 'Tread Light' policies. These guidelines are very simple and emphasise on travelling in small groups, better planning, understanding impact of camping, proper waste disposal, respecting local cultures, sensitivity towards wildlife and so on.

[Acclimatisation & high altitude sickness](#)

This is one of the most important aspects of travelling in the high Himalayas and cannot be ignored or set aside. Acclimatisation basically means our body adjusting to lower levels of oxygen (rarefied air) & reduced air pressure as we move up. In case one does not acclimatise properly there are chances of the person facing extreme discomfort and this can be fatal in extreme cases. While there is no set route to getting properly acclimatised there are a general precautions and steps that one can take to initiate good acclimatisation. Our trekking guides will assist you with these steps.

[Trek grading system](#)

Moderate On these treks one is not required to trek for more than 5/6 hrs a day. Also the terrain is not too difficult. These treks are normally a week or so long. For these treks prior trekking experience is not necessary. Very rarely on these treks would one camp at altitudes higher than 3800m. These treks are great for first timers or for veterans wanting to go on a trail which is relatively less demanding

Moderate+ These are moderate treks with mostly one difficult day. These trails are fine for fit beginners also.

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