

Chopta – Chandrashila Winter Summit Trek with Deoriatal



Trip Leader: Amit & Local Guide Baldev Rana (Indian)

Region: Garhwal Himalayas of Uttranchal

Style of Trek: Indian Leader

Altitude: 4090 mts/13415 ft

Duration: 05 Days

Season: December - February

Grade: Easy to Moderate

Minimum: 4 clients plus Indian Leader

Highlights of the trip

- Famous Temples at Haridwar, Rishikesh & Tungnath, Confluences, Crystal Clear Lake, Snow clapped Himalayan Peaks and many more.
- Low altitude trek with cavernous gorges, spacious views, vibrant colors. Dazzling variation in scenery
- Snow clapped peaks, murmuring Water falls, lush green meadows & Mountain Goats.
- Rare glimpses of an ancient culture of local people.
- Sweeping views to Chaukhamba & Kedarnath Peak. Possible sightings of some wildlife,
- Nights in Hotel, Guest House and Tents.



Introduction:

Deoriatal Lake has captivating surroundings with forest all around. The mighty Chaukhamba Peak & Neelkanth peaks are reflected in the pristine waters of this lake.

Chandrasila Trek is one of the popular trek that can be undertaken round the year, in Garhwal Himalayas except during heavy snowing months of December & January. Chandrasila summit is a rock face above the temple of Tungnath, the highest of all the temples in the Himalayas. It is a short but rigorous hike beyond the temple. The Chandrasila summit affords the most beautiful view of the Nanda Devi, Trishul, Kedar Peak and Chaukhamba peaks.



Chopta is one of the most beautiful and picturesque spots in the whole Garhwal. The breathtaking view of the Himalayas is treat for the eyes as well as soul. Chopta is situated on the Gopeshwar - Ukhimath road at a distance of about 40 Kms. from Gopeshwar Chopta is 2900 mts high.

Day by day Schedule

18th February: Day 01: Delhi - Haridwar - Ukhimath (200 kms/7-8 hrs)

In the morning board an AC train for Haridwar at 06:55 hrs. Arrival at Haridwar by 11:25 hrs and then transfer to Ukhimath via Rishikesh, Devprayag (Confluence of Alaknanda & Bhagirathi, from Devprayag the Holy river Ganges started), Rudraprayag (Confluence of Alaknanda & Mandakini River). Breakfast and lunch enroute. Arrival at Ukhimath by evening. Check into TRH. Dinner and overnight stay.



Ukhimath (1370 mts/4500 ft) is on the other side of the Mandakini River Valley from Guptkashi a relatively short steep walk by foot, or a much longer way by road. Ukhimath is the winter seat of Kedarnath, as well as the winter home of the priest who presides over his worship. After the Kedarnath temple closes for the winter, a movable image of Kedarnath is brought in procession to Ukhimath, where it resides until the Kedarnath temple reopens in late April or early May.

This picture shows the outer gateway to the temple complex, which is not only brightly painted and decorated, but two full stories tall (the wall also serves as the back wall of buildings inside). The stones piled at lower left were for some sort of construction project, which was in full swing when I visited (since summer is the "slow" season ritually speaking, it made sense for the place to be torn up them. And the nearby buildings are clearly residential, since a young girl is visible at upper right.



19th February: Day 02: Ukhimath - Deoriatal (2438 mts/7998 ft)

In the morning you can see snow clapped Himalayan ranges. After breakfast start your trek to Deoriatal through dense forest of Rhododendron and lots of wild flowers and ferns. The trek will take 3- 4 hrs to reach Deoriatal. Upon arrival at Deoriatal set out the tents for overnight stay.

20th February: Day 03: Deoriatal – Sari - Chopta

In the morning trek down to Sari village (3 kms) and from here drive to Chopta through dense forest and meadows. Its 30 kms drive from Sari Village. Upon arrival at Chopta set out your tents for overnight stay. In the evening explore the magnificent view of the Himalayas.

21st February: Day 04: Chopta –Tungnath (3680 ft/12070 ft) – Chandrasila (4090 mts/13415 ft) - Chopta

After an early breakfast trek to Tungnath with packed lunch. Tungnath is situated at the height of 3680 mts from the sea level the highest in India. The trek is three kms upward. Enroute you will find lush green meadows and you can see the entire range of snow clapped Himalayas. Upon arrival at Tungnath Temple and visit the temple. After relax one further one kms trek to Chandrasila peak. Later trek back to Chopta for dinner and overnight stay.

22nd February: Day 05: Chopta – Haridwar - Delhi

After an early breakfast drive to Haridwar. Breakfast & Lunch enroute. Upon arrival at Haridwar transfer to railway station to catch Dehradun Shatabdi express train for Delhi at 18:05 hrs. Arrival at Delhi by 22:45 hrs.

Trip and services ends here



COST OF THE TRIP

Rs. 17,500/- per person

* 4.9 % service tax extra

COST INCLUDES

- **Train :** AC Chair car train from Delhi – Haridwar & Back
- **Transport:** All road transfer by Chevrolet Tavera/Toyota Innova/Qualis car from Haridwar to Haridwar.
- **Accommodation:** Tourist Rest House/Guest House in Ukhimath with bed and breakfast basis. While on the trek accommodation will be provided in tents. Our tents are 4 season dome tents (Keltay) with lots of space for personal luggage. We will be putting up a dining tent and a toilet tent to make your camping comfortable.
- **Meals:** In Ukhimath only breakfast will serve. While on trek all meal will be provided. The food would be mix of Indian, Chinese & Continental.
- **Professional and experienced** Trip Leader & Local trekking guide who knows the area very well
- **Cook and porters** to carry camping equipments, ration and some amount of clients personal gear (not more then 12 kgs)
- **All necessary Permits and camping fee**

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Air fare
- Accommodation at Delhi
- Enroute meal
- Any charges for carrying still/video cameras etc.
- Alcohol, soft drinks, bottled water, beverages, etc.
- Personal expenses like tips, telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Any meals/services not mentioned above
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.
- Travel insurance

Trekking Equipments List

- Trekking shoes or Regular sports shoes Nike or Adidas
- One warmer (jacket or equivalent with hood)
- One wool shirt or sweater, Two cotton shirts/T-Shirts
- One pair cotton trousers or shorts
- One pair shorts or calf-length skirt for women
- Three pairs of regular underwear
- Long underwear - thermal or wool

- Wind- and rain-gear with hood, Sun hat, Cotton socks 4 pair
- Personal first-aid kit including medication for common ailments
- Flashlight with extra batteries, Sunglasses
- Water bottle, preferably wide mouthed, with at least one liter capacity
- Pocket knife, Camera, Note book with pens and pencils
- Plastic bags - small size for books, film etc., larger bags for clothes
- Sun cream lotion
- Personal toiletries