

General Information of Uttarakhand

For Travel Consultants / Travel Agents

Destinations:

Garhwal Region: Haridwar, Rishikesh, Dehradun, Mussoorie, Rajaji National Park, Chardham (Gangotri Yamunotri Kedarnath Badrinath) Dhanaulti & Kanatal, Tehri Lake, Chakrata, Auli, Chopta, Harsil, Valley Of Flowers, Hemkund Sahib

Kumaon Region: Nainital, Corbett, Kausani, Almora, Ranikhet, Binsar, Munsiyari, Chaukori, Patal Bhubneswar, Lansdowne, Mukteswar

Popular Leisure / Honeymoon Destinations: Nainital, Mussoorie, Auli, Chopta, Rishikesh Corbett, Kausani

Popular Pilgrimage Destinations: Haridwar, Rishikesh, Dev Prayag, Hemkund Sahib (June to Sep open), Chardham (Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri. Open from May till Diwali each year)

Popular Adventure Destinations: Rishikesh (Rafting & Rope Activities like Bungy), Tehri (Water Sports in Lake, Auli (Skiing – Jan & Feb is best), Paragliding (Dehradun, Nainital & Pauri)

Popular Treks: Chopta (02-04 Days), Nag Tibba (03 Days), Gaumukh (05 Days), Har Ki Doon (7 Days), Valley of Flowers (05 days), Auli Kuari Pass (06 Days), Roopkund (08 Days), Panch Kedar (11 Days)

(For Trekking best season is April-May-June & Oct-Nov in General. Valley of Flowers-Hemkund best in monsoon only. July August is best for that. Winter treks are possible but very difficult due to heavy snowfall)

Hill Station with Good Snow Fall in Winter (Second week of December till first week of March): Auli, Chopta, Dhanaulti, Harsil, Kausani, Nainital, Mussoorie, Chakrata

Popular Wild Life Destinations: Rajaji National Park & Corbett National Parks (Best time is after 15 Nov till June each year. Monsoon time core areas are closed for safari.

How to Reach:

Dehradun is major airport with regular daily flights from many cities across India. However Dehradun is in Gahrwal Region so if your tour includes only Kumaon Destinations like Nainital Corbett Kausani etc Kathgodam / Ramnagar Railway Station is better option. Pantnagar Airport is close to Kumaon Region Destinations but currently flights are limited but it is increasing. Bareilly is also option as flights are cheaper there sometimes. Delhi is just 6-9 hours drive from many destinations of Uttarakhand like Haridwar Rishikesh Dehradun Corbett Mussoorie many agents provide complete land package from Delhi also.

By Train Haridwar/Rishikesh/Dehradun has multiple trains regularly from Delhi / Mumbai / Ahmedabad / Amritsar / Jammu/ Varansi / Kolkata / Puri / Kathgodam etc.

By Train Kathgodam Ramnagar has daily trains from Delhi / Dehradun / Kolkata / Lucknow.

Things to know:

1. Parking is major issue in some hill area destinations so while booking the hotel / camp kindly check about the parking specially if your vehicle is big like Tempo Traveler / Bus. Many hotels are not suitable for group in the main tourist areas. Mall Road hotels in places like Nainital Mussoorie have limited access by car.
2. Jungle Safari has limited availability in Corbett so kindly book well in advance. Specially if the tour is during long weekends. Also check zone names and distance from hotel while booking. Dhikala, Jhirna, Bijrani are famous zones in Corbett while Chilla range is famous in Rajaji National Park. However animal view is entirely on luck in any range.
3. Heavy traffic is normal in the long weekends as well as all weekends in Summer time. Kindly avoid extra long drives in plan to avoid spending multiple hours in car/vehicle for guests. Plan sightseeing places according to that.
4. Kanwar Mela is popular festival in Sawan Month of Hindu calendar each year (Approx July Aug). Approx 20 days are heavy traffic days in Delhi-Haridwar-Rishikesh route during this period. Local sightseeing in Haridwar Rishikesh is also effected for at least 15 days time before Sawan Shivratri. Things will go normal after Shivratri.
5. Lift is often not available in small hotels in hill stations. Due to cold weather many hill area hotels will only have fan in the room but no AC. Room Heaters are often charged extra by many hotels.
6. Non veg is not available in certain religious place hotels like Haridwar Rishikesh.
7. During the monsoon season from July to Sep road block can happen due to landslide in mountain areas of Chardham.
8. During the winter season road at destinations like Auli Chopta is covered in snow. Tourist vehicle find it difficult to drive in heavy snow on road and guest might need to

take local vehicles in that case. Generally snow is cleared very quickly but heavy snowfall can take hours to clear.

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