



Golden Mahaseer
Angling from
VANGHAT

3 Nights & 4 Days

Golden Mahaseer (*Tor putitora*)

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Western Ramganga River, Uttarakhand

Best time - 1st October till 15th November, 1st March till 30th May.

DAY 01, 02 & 03: VANGHAT



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Overview

The Western Ramganga is a spring fed river arising some 200kms North of Corbett Tiger Reserve at Dudhatoli in the Himalayan foothills. It is fishable throughout the year since it is not subject to snowmelt in the spring. The waters remain clear through most of the year except in the rains from June-end to early September. The fish that the angler is likely to encounter are Golden Mahseer, Goonch, Indian trout and the very shy Kalbanse.

Mahseer weighing 60lb have been caught in the recent past, Goonch run massive - at the right time it is possible to land a 100 lbs, 20-30 being average. The Indian trout is rare and a good size would be 10 inches.



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Taster of the Ramganga

This somewhat short fishing holiday with obvious focus on the undisputed lord of Himalayan Rivers the Golden Mahseer. Undeniably, the Mahseer is one of the fiercest fighting freshwater game fish that exists. Pound for pound it has unparalleled strength and endurance. They do have a transitory likeness to the carp and the barbell of the English waters, but as they say, the similarity soon ends in the turbid waters of the Himalayan foothills. Mahseer have overjoyed generations of anglers and time after time lived up to being called the "Mighty Mahseer." And what better way to fish than to be based in perhaps one of India's most remotely located jungle lodges – Vanghat, nestled deep in the awe inspiring Ramganga valley and surrounded by hills and the wildlife rich forest of Corbett Tiger Reserve far from any human habitation on the banks of the Ramganga - the lifeline of Kalagarh (division) of Corbett Tiger Reserve.



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Bamboo Raft
Nishit Gupta

Operational Itinerary

DAY 01:

Activity

Arrive Vanghat

Detail

Arrive Marchula, meet our representative and hike to Vanghat. The walk through the scrub forest and the sleepy village of Baluli is an excellent introduction to the wildlife rich Ramganga valley, and can prove to be the most personally satisfying way of reaching the Lodge. At the end of the trail a bamboo raft ferries guests across to remote Vanghat. (Average fitness and good walking shoes are however vital). One porter per person is provided.



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From mid-February however you get an option of hiring a 4 X 4 Gypsy which can drive you to lodge fording you across the Ramganga several times.

Post lunch briefing by Gillie. Unpack rods and other gear.

In the evening while sipping a drink and savouring hot snacks and soup discuss your next day's strategy.

Overnight

Vanghat (B, L, D)



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Vanghat Mud Cottage
Nishit Gupta



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Eleandor Gibbons

DAY 02 & 03:

Stay & Activity

Vanghat – Fishing

Detail

After an early cup of tea we head upstream on our 4 X 4 Gypsy upstream to Bandran near Marchula.

Today we fish the upstream beat at Marchula once the most popular fishing spot. This stretch with promising rapids and massive pool is home to massive Mahseer and Goonch and has featured in the ‘River Monster’ series anchored by Jermy Wade. Packed picnic meals and a camping mattress will be provided.

Return back to camp before it gets dark. We always have to keep in mind that this is Elephant & Tiger Country.

Overnight

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Cottage Interior
Sunal Kumar

DAY 04:

Activity

Depart

About

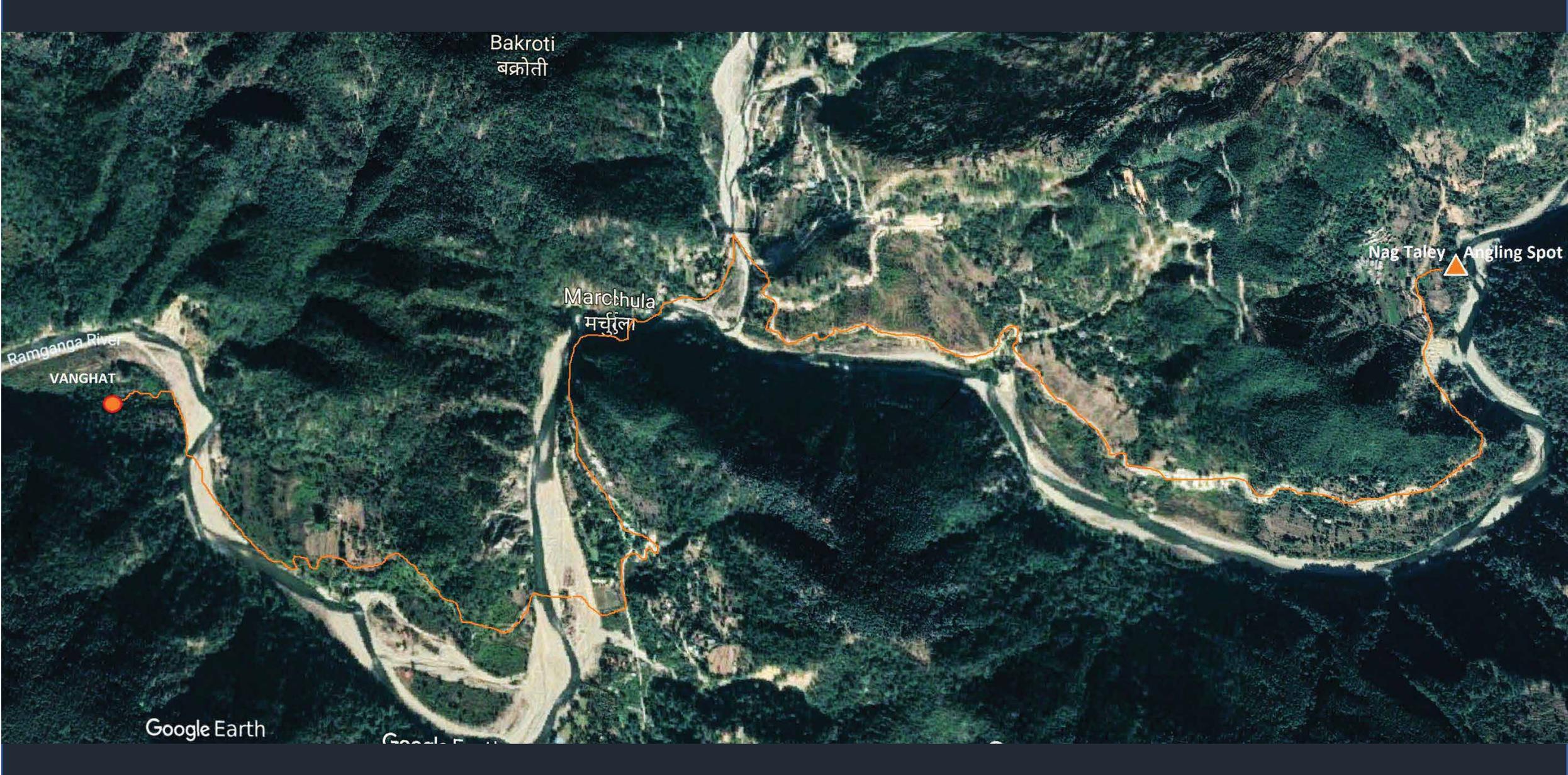
Wake up to the rustle of the breeze in the nearby forests, the calls of the birds and monkeys, the rumble of the river as it goes over rapids. After a hearty breakfast depart for onward destination.

Overnight

N/A



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Bakroti
बक्रोती

Marchhula
मर्चुला

Nag Taley Angling Spot

Ramganga River
VANGHAT

Google Earth

Hotel Envisaged:

- Vanghat - 03 Nights.

Cost inclusions:

- Accommodation for 03 nights at lodge/ Camp mentioned above on twin share basis.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary as B, L, D (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- 2 Full days in Ramganga River angling.
- Gypsy for two days pickup and drop from Vanghat to fishing point
- Service of English speaking local naturalist/guide for Vanghat.
- All applicable taxes at the time of quoting.



Cost exclusions:

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, tips, use of payable items in room mini bar, any kind of alcoholic n on-alcoholic beverages (unless specified).
- Air Fare.
- Any Transports.
- Cost incurred in obtaining visa, insurance etc.
- Cost incurred in case of hospitalization or evacuation.
- Tips gratuities given to drivers/ guides, restaurant waiters etc.
- Please note that in case of any revision in government tax structure or substantial fuel hike we reserve the right to revise the tour cost. However, marginal difference will be absorbed by us.



Important:

- Itinerary order may change however number of days and general programme will remain the same



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BOOKING & CANCELTATION POLICY

Booking Conditions:

- A 50% advance confirms your trip with us. Balance needs to be deposited at least 30 days before trip date.

Cancellation Policy:

- Less than 15 days before the arrival date - no refund
- Less than 20 days before the arrival date - 60% refund
- Less than 25 days before the arrival date - 75% refund
- No refund in case of road block, accident, no show etc



- ❖ The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credit will be given for services not used. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance upon booking.
- ❖ It is mandatory for guests to present valid photo identification at the time of check-in.
- ❖ The inclusion of extra bed with a booking is facilitated with a folding cot or a mattress as an extra bed.
- ❖ Early check-in or late check-out is subject to availability and may be chargeable by the lodge. The standard check-in time is 1 PM and the standard check-out time is 11 AM.
- ❖ The room tariff includes all taxes. The amount paid for the room does not include charges for optional services and facilities (such as room service, mini bar, snacks or telephone calls). These will be charged at the time of check-out.
- ❖ The hotel/lodge reserves the right of admission. Accommodation can be denied to guests posing as a couple if suitable proof of identification is not presented at check-in. Vanghat Lodge and associates will not be responsible for any check-in denied by the hotel/lodge due to the aforesaid reason.



Important Note:

In case of any revision in government tax structure or fuel prices, Vanghat reserves the right to revise the tour price. However, marginal revision in tour price will be absorbed by us.

- ❖ To book the above tour, please write to Sumantha Ghosh at vanghat@gmail.com. We will be happy to tailor -make a bird tour to suit the number of days that you may have.
- ❖ Do write to us if you want us to pick you up from Delhi airport, make arrangements for accommodation in Delhi, taxi and organize guided tours in Delhi or Rajasthan.



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