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Walking safari trek at  
Nandadevi Biosphere  
guided by experienced naturalists.

Somewhere between Bugdiar  
and Rialkot

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# Guided wildlife treks at the Nanda Devi Biosphere.

## Nanda Devi National Park, Uttarakhand.

<b>Landscape</b>	Himalayan & high altitude forests.
<b>Best Time</b>	May to October.
<b>Wildlife Expected</b>	Himalayan Tahr, Snow Leopard, Himalayan Black-Bear, Brown Bear, Serow, Himalayan Musk deer. Orange-flanked bush robin, Indian tree pipit, yellow-bellied fantail flycatcher, blue-fronted redstart, vinaceous-breasted pipit.
<b>Wildlife Reported</b>	Snow Leopard, Black & Brown Bear, and Musk Deer.

**DAY 01 - RISHIKESH | DAY 02: JOSHIMATH | DAY 03: LATA VILLAGE | DAY 04: LATA KHARAK | DAY 05: DHARANSI PASS |  
DAY 06: DEBRUGHETA | DAY 07: HITOLI CAMP SITE | DAY 08: JOSHIMATH | DAY 09: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK**



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# Overview

Named after India's second highest mountain, Nanda Devi (7,816 m), and encircled by a spectacular range of mountains, such as Trishul, Dunagiri and Changabang, Nanda Devi National Park has still remained intact due to its inaccessibility. It is rich in Himalayan flora and fauna, including Snow Leopard, Himalayan Musk Deer, Bharal, Pika, Red Fox, Himalayan Tahr, and Yellow-throated Marten. Offering breathtaking sceneries and a wooded environment, the Reserve was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1988.

The entire Reserve lies within the Western Himalayas Endemic Bird Area (EBA) with seven species endemic to the area. This site has been designated an IBA (Important Bird Area) on the basis of A1 and A2 criteria. A total of 112 bird species have been recorded from Nanda Devi, 83 within the Biosphere Reserve. Himalayan Monal and Koklass Pheasant are commonly seen. One can also see Snow Partridge and Himalayan Snowcock, while Lammergeyers and Himalayan Griffons silently glide in the skies above.

Owing to the fragile eco-system, the buffer zone of the Reserve was opened to give visitors a glimpse into the rich diversity of the region. Nanda Devi trek takes you through this buffer area of the Reserve. It commences at Munsiyari (2290 m) and ascends up the Gori Ganga river gorge, which separates the beautiful mountain groups of Nanda Devi and Panchachuli. The initial part of the trek leads you through the high Himalayan ridges to open up into the wide expanse of the gentler trans-Himalayan region. There are quaint Himalayan settlements on the way and villages like Rilkot and Martoli have houses that are at least one hundred and fifty years old, living relics of Indo-Tibetan trade that flourished along the old silk route.

The route we follow was used by Famous climbers Shipton and Tilman on their amazing journey to the Nanda Devi basin. During the trek there are many views of the surrounding peaks and the Kuari Pass (3658m) itself has an unrivalled panorama of the Great Himalayan peaks including Nanda Devi (7816m), Changabang (6864m), Doonagiri (7066m) and Kamet (7756m).



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# Operational Itinerary

## DAY 01: RISHIKESH

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Arrive at Rishikesh</b>
<b>Gradient</b>	Gentle
<b>Detail</b>	Arrive at Rishikesh. Ganga Aarti in the evening. Overnight at a hotel on the banks of the Ganga.



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## DAY 02: JOSHIMATH

**Activity**

**Rishikesh - Joshimath (270 kms / 8-9 hrs )**

**Gradient**

Gentle

**Detail**

After breakfast, we will take a hill drive to Joshimath via Devprayag, Rudraprayag. Lunch en route. Upon arrival at Joshimath, check into hotel. Explore Joshimath in the evening.

Overnight stay at a hotel with great mountain views in Joshimath (B, L, D).



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Nandadevi from the base camp  
at the time of sunrise

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Before sunrise at the  
Nandadevi East base camp

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## DAY 03: LATA VILLAGE

**Activity**

**Joshimath - Lata Village (2317 Mts / 7599 ft) (2kms / 1 hrs).**

**Gradient**

Uphill climb

**Detail**

An hour's drive will take you to the Lata Village road head. Here you can trek to the village. Besides this we will visit the Nanda Devi Temple and get a firsthand experience of the distinctive culture of the region.

Overnight stay in the village (B, L, D).



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## DAY 04: LATA KHARAK

**Activity**

**Lata Village - Lata Kharak ( 3689 mts / 12099 ft ) ( 9 kms / 4-5 hrs ).**

**Gradient**

Undulating terrain

**Detail**

Today's trek is a steep incline. The going might be arduous but very satisfying as the trail unfolds before one's eyes. Lata Kharak is a high plateau with high peaks surrounding it. Trekking time could vary from 5 - 7 hrs.

Overnight stay at a camp (B, L, D).



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## DAY 05: DHARANSI PASS

**Activity**

**Lata Kharak - Dharansi Pass (4250 mts / 13940 ft ) (10 kms / 4-5 hrs ).**

**Gradient**

Undulating terrain

**Detail**

A good night's sleep and what a morning! It seems we are in heaven with towering snow-clad peaks present all around. Dronagiri, Nanda Gunthi, and many more. The trail today takes a steep climb to Jhandi Dhar and Bagfyana Pass. From here on it ascends and descends through the narrow gorge of Satkul to Dharansi Pass.

Overnight stay at a camp (B, L, D).



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## DAY 06: DEBRUGHETA

**Activity**

**Dharansi Pass - Debrugheta (3500 mts / 11480 ft ) - Dharansi Pass (6kms / 3-4 hrs ).**

**Gradient**

Gentle

**Detail**

On today's trail the Malthuni - Bithartoli Ridges of the inner and outer sanctuary form a magnificent pass up to Rani Kholi and Donidar. The trail is a steep descent of about a kilometer to Debrugheta. Return to Dharansi Pass by late afternoon.

Overnight stay at a camp (B, L, D).



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## DAY 07: HITOLI CAMP SITE

**Activity**

**Dharansi Pass - Hitoli Camp Site (2900 mts / 9512 ft ) (12 kms / 5-6 hrs ).**

**Gradient**

Gentle

**Detail**

Today we will go through Jhandi Dhar, a steep descent of 4.5 km to the Hitoli camp site through thick forests of Rhododendron, Birch and Fir.

Overnight stay at camp (B, L, D).



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## DAY 08: JOSHIMATH

**Activity**

Hitoli Campsite – Joshimath (1890 mts / 6199 ft ) ( 8 kms/ 3-4 hrs ).

**Gradient**

Gentle

**Detail**

The trek goes through the village of Tolma to the road head from where it is a 30 km drive to Joshimath. We will trek through thick forests of Rhododendron, birch and many others. Upon arrival at Joshimath check into hotel for dinner.

Overnight stay at a hotel (B, L, D).



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First view of Nandadevi  
from Ganghar village

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## DAY 09: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

**Activity**

Joshimath - Ramnagar (305 kms/ 8 - 10 hrs drive).

**Gradient**

Gentle

**Detail**

Depart early with packed breakfast to Ramnagar. A long journey of some 300 km will get you to Corbett/ Ramnagar.

Overnight stay in a lodge in the periphery of Corbett Tiger Reserve (B, L, D).



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# DAY 10: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

**Activity**

Ramnagar to journey onwards

**Gradient**

Gentle

**Detail**

Morning after breakfast, 7 hours drive or take train to journey onwards.



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**Tour inclusions:**

- Accommodation for 09 nights at hotels, homestays and camps on twin share basis.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary as B, L, D (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Service of English speaking local naturalist.
- Services of Naturalist tracker during trek.
- Porters wherever needed.
- 4 X4 and taxi transfers.
- All applicable taxes at the time of quoting.



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**Tour exclusions:**

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, tips, use of payable items in room mini bar, any kind of alcoholic non-alcoholic beverages (unless specified).
  - Air Fare.
  - 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:**

- In case of any price hike by the Govt. you'll be duly informed and the deference will be shared equally.
- Itinerary order may change however number of days and general programme will remain the same.



# 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.



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- ❖ 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. Rural Traveller 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, Rural Traveller 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](mailto: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.

**Things To Carry:**

(Expected minimum temperature may be 5 to -1 degree Celsius below freezing point)

All luggage only as a soft luggage (will be carried by mules/porters)

Backpack/day pack with rainproof cover (for you to carry)

Rain coat/umbrella

Good shoes suitable for trekking

Long sleeve shirts / T-shirts

Woolen trousers / trek pants

Thermal wear (top + bottom)

Sweater / Jacket / Cardigan

Fleece jacket / Shawl

Windcheater/windproof jacket

Woolen hand gloves

Muffler / Woolen Cap / Ear Band

Woolen socks

Cotton socks

Undergarments

Hydration pouch

Sunglasses

Sun screen lotion

Lip balm

Torch/head torch

Sleeping bags & mattress (weather suitable good quality will be provided by us)

Camp saddles/floaters

Personal medicines (including knee cap, if needed, if any, as per your physician's prescription)

Personal toiletries

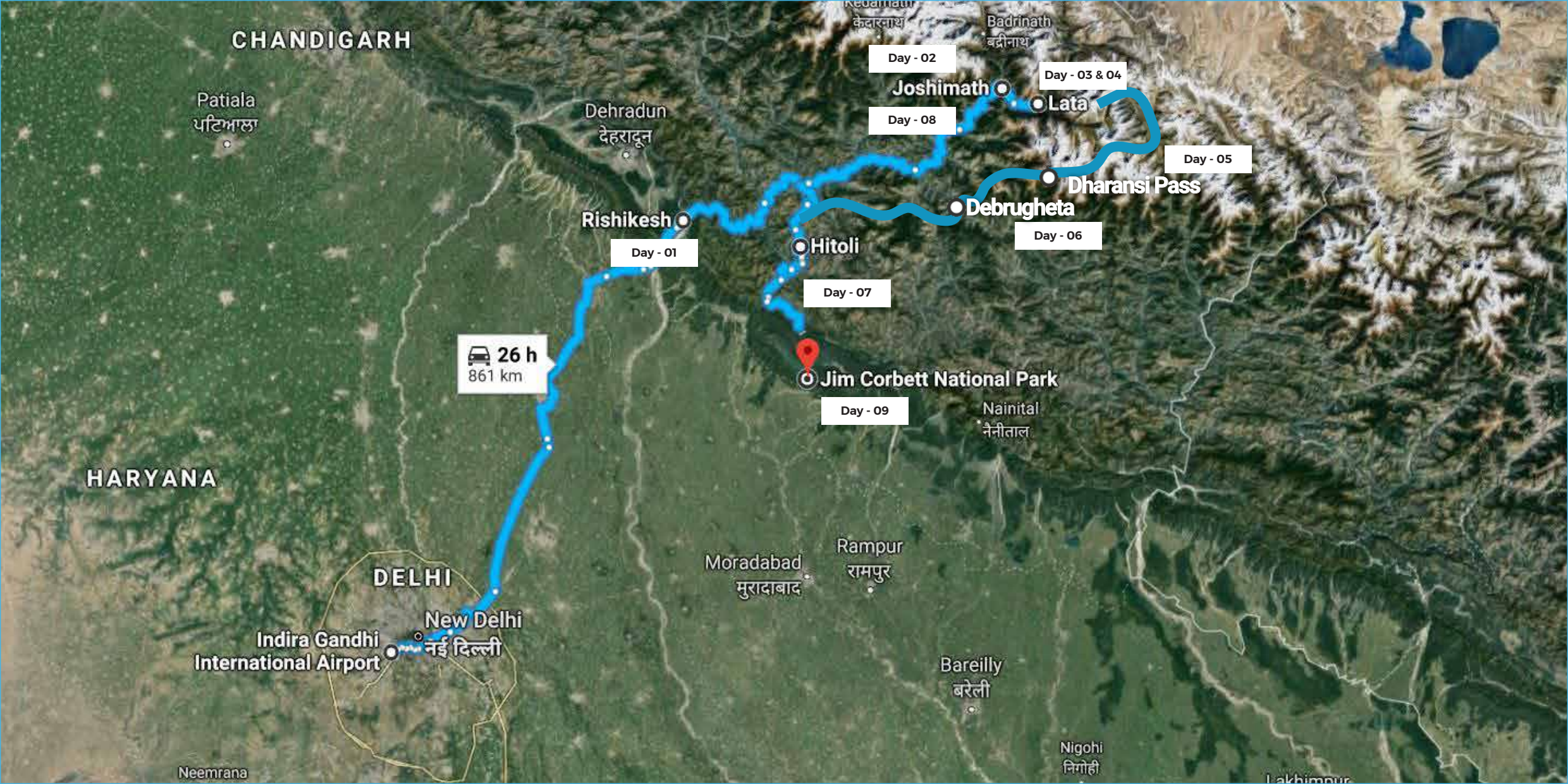
Extra batteries for your camera

Snow Cap\*

Trekking sticks\*

\*Available on hire





CHANDIGARH

Patiala  
ਪਟਿਆਲਾ

Dehradun  
देहरादून

Day - 02

Joshimath

Day - 03 & 04

Lata

Day - 08

Day - 05

Dharansi Pass

Debrugheta

Day - 06

Rishikesh

Day - 01

Hitoli

Day - 07

26 h  
861 km

Jim Corbett National Park

Day - 09

Nainital  
नैनीताल

HARYANA

DELHI

Moradabad  
मुरादाबाद

Rampur  
रामपुर

Bareilly  
बरेली

Nigohi  
निगोही

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First view of Nandadevi  
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