

# Valley Of Flower Trek



Days:	10
Price from:	930 USD International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★★
Difficult:	★★★☆☆
📌 Trekking	

## FABULOUS FLOWERS, MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAINS

Frank Smythe discovered this trekker's delight in 1931, which is now, designated a UNESCO world Heritage site: The valley of flowers turns into a riot of colours in August and September each year, with over a thousand varieties of flowers, shrubs, orchids and plants carpeting the valley in the myriad hues and differing textures. To reach the Garhwal Himalayas, we drive north from Delhi to Rishikesh, a yoga centre and pilgrim town by the sacred Ganges, and once the hangout of the Beatles. The road north ascends through resplendent foothills to reach Joshimath, gateway to the Valley of Flowers.

Our trek starts from the nearby trail-head at Govindghat: we hike down to remote Ghangaria, the base camp for all excursions into the valley. The next day, we climb up to the fabled valley for a wonderful afternoon amidst wildflower-filled meadows and featuring fabulous mountain views. Next, a steep 6 km ascent takes us to Hemkund Lake (4,329m), rewarding beyond measure. The lake is absolutely stunning, its blue-green waters reflecting the seven encircling snow-clad peaks and adjoining glaciers. Hemkund Sahib is a famous pilgrimage site for Sikhs, set in a truly spectacular natural setting. After a gentle descent to Govind Ghat, we retrace our steps to Delhi for a final day's sightseeing

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Valley of flowers – a UNESCO World's Heritage site
- Hemkund Sahib – a magnificent Sikh shrine set by the beautiful Hemkund Lake
- Mountain meadows or Bugyals – for breathtaking views
- Temple towns of Rishikesh and Joshimath – sacred centers for Hindus

## Day 1. Traditional welcome on arrival



Delhi 📍

- Arrive at the **International airport** of Delhi. After the traditional welcome, transfer to the hotel for overnight stay.

🏠 Accommodation

Hotel L'Affaire

## Day 2. Delhi – Rishikesh



Delhi 📍

🚗 240km - ⌚ 6h 30m

### Delhi - Rishikesh

- In the morning, we drive to Rishikesh, situated on the banks of the **Ganges**. Rishikesh is said to be the birth place of yoga and known as the gateway of the four major Dhams (pilgrimage sites) of Hindus – **Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri**. Upon arrival, we are transferred to the hotel. In the evening, we visit the Ghats of river Ganga to see the evening Aarti (worship)- spectacle of sights, sounds and chanting. Flanked by the Shivalik range of the Himalayas, Rishikesh is well known for its scenic beauty and the spiritual experience

Rishikesh 📍	☕ Breakfast	Hotel L'Affaire
	🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
	🍷 Dinner	Hotel Neeraj Bhawan
	🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Neeraj Bhawan

## Day 3. Rishikesh - Joshimath



Rishikesh 📍  
🚗 260km - ⌚ 7h 30m  
Joshimath 📍

### Rishikesh - Joshimath

- Today we leave for Joshimath. En-route, we stop at **Devprayag** to witness the confluence of river Alaknanda and Bhagirathi forming the holy river Ganges. We reach Joshimath by late-afternoon and check-in to the campground. Rest of the day is free to relax.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Neeraj Bhawan
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Hotel Nanda Inn
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nanda Inn

## Day 4. Joshimath – Govindghat (1828m) – Ghangaria (3000m)



Joshimath 📍  
🚗 20km - ⌚ 30m  
Govindghat 📍  
13km - ⌚ 4h  
Ghangaria 📍

### Joshimath - Govindghat

- In the morning, we leave for Govindghat by road situated around 20Kms from Joshimath.

### Govindghat - Ghangaria

- From Govindghat, we trek to **Ghangaria - the base camp for the Valley of Flowers**. We reach Ghangaria late afternoon. Rest of the day is free to relax and to explore the area.

**Duration of Trek: 4 Hrs**

**Distance: 13 Kms**

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Nanda Inn
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Hotel Nandalokpal
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nandalokpal

## Day 5. Ghangaria – Valley of Flowers – Ghangaria



Ghangaria 📍

- After the breakfast, we leave for valley of flowers (3 kms one side trek). A beautiful meadow covered with a carpet of flowers of myriad colors and surrounded by the dazzling snow-clad Himalayas. Almost 300 species of wild flowers bloom here unhindered by mankind. We enjoy and explore the beauty of rare Himalayan flora and fauna here. In the afternoon, we take the same route to return to Ghangaria.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Nandalokpal
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp

🍴 Dinner	Hotel Nandalokpal
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nandalokpal

## Day 6. Ghangaria – Hemkund Sahib – Ghangaria



Ghangaria 📍

- After the breakfast, we start our trek to **Hemkund Sahib** – a revered Sikh Shrine on the banks of Hemkund Lake, a bluish green lake flanked by snow-covered peaks as tall as 4632 mts. The 6-kms trek to Hemkund Sahib is a steep climb along with the Laxman Ganga River which emanates from Hemkund. After visiting Hemkund Lake, we return to Ghangaria by evening.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Nandalokpal
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍴 Dinner	Hotel Nandalokpal
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nandalokpal

## Day 7. Trek from Ghangaria to Govindghat (1828m) and drive to Joshimath



Ghangaria 📍  
13km - ⌚ 4h  
Govindghat 📍  
🚗 20km - ⌚ 30m  
Joshimath 📍

### Ghangaria - Govindghat

- After delicious breakfast, we trek down to Govindghat.  
**Duration of Trek: 4 Hrs**  
**Distance: 13 Kms**

### Govindghat - Joshimath

- Upon arrival, we go for a short excursion to **Mana Village**, situated in the district of Chamoli. Located at an altitude of 3,200 meters, Mana is the last village before the Mana Pass and is 24 kms from the border of India and China. The village is at a distance of about 3 km from the Hindu Pilgrimage town of Badrinath and its scenic beauty is only to be seen to be believed. From Govindghat, we drive to Joshimath for overnight stay.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Nandalokpal
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍴 Dinner	Hotel Nanda Inn
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nanda Inn

## Day 8. Joshimath to Rishikesh



Joshimath 📍  
🚗 260km - ⌚ 7h 30m  
Rishikesh 📍

### Joshimath - Rishikesh

- Today, we head back to Rishikesh, a prominent meditation centre and pilgrim destination for Hindus. On arrival, check-in at hotel. In the evening, we visit the holy ghats and watch the evening aarti – a spectacle of sights, sounds and chanting. We may wish to visit the local bazaar.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Nanda Inn
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍴 Dinner	Hotel Neeraj Bhawan

## Day 9. Rishikesh - Delhi



Rishikesh 📍  
🚗 240km - ⌚ 6h 30m  
Delhi 📍

### Rishikesh - Delhi

- After the breakfast, we drive down to Delhi. Upon reaching there, we check in to our hotel. The rest of the day is free for last minute shopping or further exploration.

🍳 Breakfast

Hotel Neeraj Bhawan

🏠 Accommodation

Hotel L'Affaire

## Day 10. Departure from Delhi



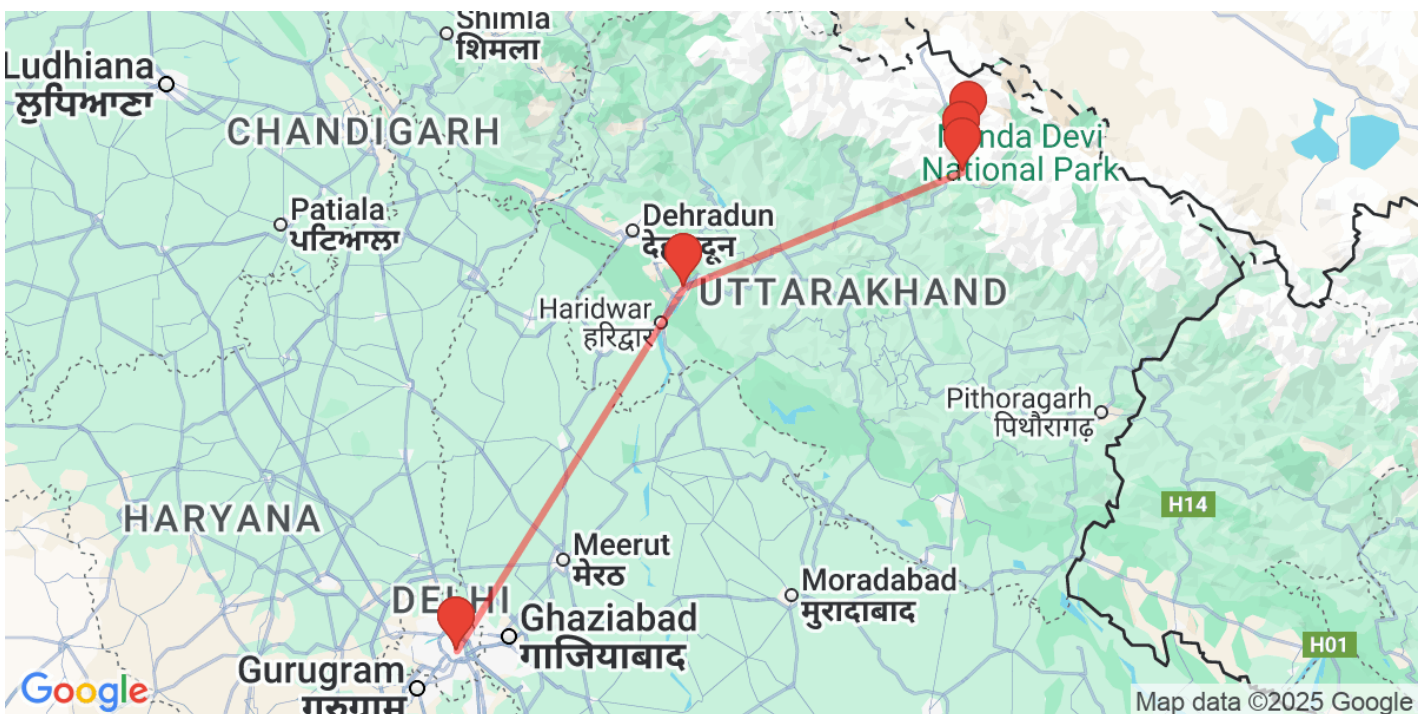
Delhi 📍

- In the afternoon we visit the walled city of **Old Delhi**; crowded, full of activity and still influenced by the great Mughals who once ruled from the ramparts of the majestic Red Fort Delhi. Here we visit Jama Masjid Delhi - the largest 17th century mosque in India; Chandni Chowk - the typical Indian market always abuzz with activities; and Rajghat - the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi (also called the 'Father of the Nation'). We also visit New Delhi where we drive past the **Presidential Palace**, **Secretariat Buildings** and down the impressive Rajpath to India Gate .
- Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the International airport or any point of convenience for onward journey to respective countries.

🍳 Breakfast

Hotel L'Affaire

## Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

2-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12
1875 USD	1605 USD	1155 USD	980 USD	930 USD

### Included

- Accommodation for 07 nights on Full board in Lodge/ Hotel on double sharing basis
- 02 nights on breakfast basis in hotel in Delhi
- All ground transportation included in the program using private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver
- Trekking guide for 04 days during trekking (D:04 till D:07)
- Professional English speaking tour leader throughout the trip
- First aid kit
- Govt. Taxes

### Not included

- International flights tickets
- Travel insurance
- These rates will not be valid for peak season from 20 December 2019 to 10 January 2020 , Christmas and New Year's extra supplement cost will be charged during this period
- Lunch and Dinner in Delhi
- Tips for Local guide, trek guide and other trek staff
- Rescue and evacuation services
- Miscellaneous Expenses - drinks, souvenir, personal expenses etc.
- The cancellation and baggage insurance, assistance and repatriation
- Indian Visa
- Other services not mentioned in 'Inclusion'