

UTTARKASHI, UTTARAKHAND

Kedar*kantha*

Trek 2026

The Throat of Lord Shiva. 12,467 feet. Four forest zones, one frozen lake, one summit where every major peak in the Western Garhwal fills the horizon.

5 Days

17.5 km

12,467 ft

Max 15 Trekkers

Easy-Moderate

Rs 7,500 per person | Dehradun to Dehradun, all-inclusive

Why This Trail Stands Apart

5 REASONS TO TREK THIS ROUTE

- The Forest Shifts Four Times**
Oak, blue pine, silver birch, alpine meadow. Each zone changes the air, light and sound. The birch section in winter looks black and white and silent. Trekkers rush through it. That is a mistake.
- 360-Degree Summit Panorama**
Swargarohini (6,252m), Bandarpooch (6,316m), Kalanag (6,387m), the Gangotri group. Named, placed, pointed out by your trek leader. Nobody speaks for the first thirty seconds at the top.
- The Clearing at 9,800 ft**
At 2.4 km, the oak forest opens. No signboard. Swargarohini fills the gap between two ridgelines. We stop here 15 minutes on every batch. Most operators rush past. First-timers call it their first Himalayan moment.
- Sankri: The Trek Before the Trek**
A living Garhwali village at 6,400 ft. Wood-carved homes, the Someshwar Mahadev temple, and a Garhwali thali at a local dhaba. Jhangore Ki Kheer, Bhang Ki Chutney, Gahat dal. Start the trek that way.
- Max 15 Trekkers Per Batch**
Most operators run 25 to 40. We cap at 15. One guide per 5 trekkers. Our camp sits on the quieter northern edge of Juda Ka Talab meadow, away from the main camping ground.

DIFFICULTY: EASY-MODERATE

You are ready if you can jog 5 km in 45 minutes, climb 15 floors without stopping, and do 3 sets of 15 squats. Age 8 to 62 have summited with us.

TREK AT A GLANCE

Difficulty	Easy-Moderate
Duration	5 Days (3 trek + 2 drive)
Distance	17.5 km total
Max Altitude	12,467 ft / 3,800 m
Start Point	Sankri, Uttarkashi
Trek Fee	Rs 7,500 per person
Suitable For	First-timers, Families (8+)
Group Size	Maximum 15 trekkers

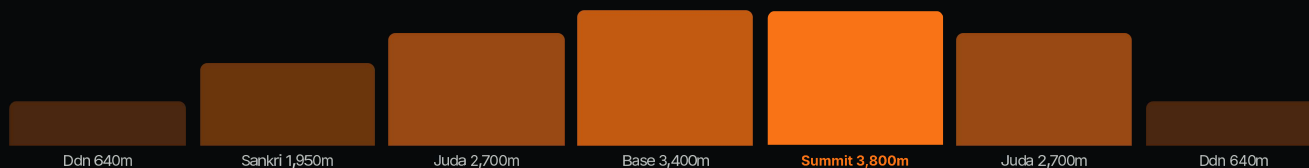
BEST SEASONS

- Dec to Feb | Snow, frozen lake, starfields
- Mar to Apr | Snow above, wildflowers below
- May to Jun | Green meadows, low crowds
- Oct to Nov | Crystal views, autumn colour
- Jul to Sep | Trek closed (monsoon)

Fits a **Thursday-to-Monday** window. Fly into Dehradun Wednesday night, return Monday evening.

5-Day Itinerary

17.5 km



1

Dehradun to Sankri

Drive 200 km | 9-10 hours | Pickup 6:00 AM

Mussoorie bypass, Yamuna valley, Purola (last ATM), Mori, Sankri. Arrive evening. Gear check, briefing, dinner. Sankri is a Garhwali village at 6,400 ft where three rivers meet: Supin, Tons, Kedarganga.

640m to 1,950m
Drive only

2

Sankri to Juda Ka Talab

4 km | 4-5 hours | Start 8:30 AM

Oak forest to blue pine to silver birch. The clearing at 2.4 km reveals Swargarohini for the first time. Camp at Juda Ka Talab: the frozen lake of locks, birch on three sides, Milky Way overhead, zero phone signal.

1,950m to 2,700m
+750m gain

3

Juda Ka Talab to Base Camp

3.5 km | 3-4 hours | Start 8:00 AM

Cross the treeline. Birch gives way to rhododendron scrub, then open alpine meadow. In winter, a continuous snowfield above 3,000m. Base camp: flat open meadow, no trees, summit ridge visible to the north, musk deer tracks in fresh snow.

2,700m to 3,400m
+700m gain

4

Summit Day *The Big One*

6 km | 6-7 hours | Wake-up 2:30 AM, Departure 3:30 AM

Headlamps, stars, packed snow until 5:30 AM. The steepest 500m sits between 3,600m and the summit ridge. Sunrise turns Bandarpooch gold. At 12,467 ft: Swargarohini, Bandarpooch, Kalanag, the Gangotri group. Twenty minutes at the top. Nobody speaks for the first thirty seconds.

Descend to base camp, hot breakfast, then back to Juda Ka Talab. Afternoon is free.

3,400m to 3,800m
+400m / -1,100m

5

Juda Ka Talab to Sankri + Drive to Dehradun

4 km trek + 200 km drive | Leave camp by 7:00 AM

Birch, pine, oak, back to Sankri. Knees take the load: shorten poles, land on your toes. Drive Sankri to Dehradun, 9-10 hours. Do not book return flights before 9 PM.

2,700m to 640m
All downhill**CAMP 1****Juda Ka Talab, 2,700m**

Birch meadow, frozen lake, Milky Way

CAMP 2**Kedarkantha Base Camp, 3,400m**

Open alpine meadow, summit ridge visible north

TENTS**4-season dome tents**

2 per tent, sleeping bags rated to -10 C

FOOD**Fresh-cooked every camp**

Hot soup within 20 mins of arrival, always

Inclusions, Pricing and Policy

INCLUDED

- + Dehradun to Sankri to Dehradun transport, both ways
- + All meals from Day 1 dinner to Day 5 lunch, cooked fresh at every camp
- + 4-season dome tents, sleeping bags rated to -10 C, foam mattresses
- + Trek leaders and support guides at 1:5 ratio. One certified leader minimum per batch
- + Forest permits and Govind Pashu Vihar National Park entry fees
- + Pulse oximeters and portable oxygen cylinders at Juda Ka Talab and base camp
- + Microspikes for all trekkers (December to March)
- + Cloakroom at Sankri base: first bag free, additional bags Rs 500 each

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel to and from Dehradun: flights, trains, buses
- Personal gear: trekking shoes, backpack, thermals, jacket
- Personal medications beyond the basic first aid kit on trail
- Tips for trek staff (Rs 300 to 500 per trekker is standard practice)
- Hotel and meals in Dehradun before and after the trek
- Backpack offloading: optional, Rs 1,600 + GST per bag, max 12 kg

BUDGET ESTIMATE: TOTAL TRIP

Travel to Dehradun: Rs 3,000 to 8,000. Gear if buying new: Rs 3,000 to 6,000. Hotel one night: Rs 800 to 1,500. Budget Rs 4,000 to 5,500 above the trek fee for all personal costs.

PRICING BREAKDOWN

COMPONENT	AMOUNT	NOTES
Trek Fee (Dehradun to Dehradun)	Rs 7,500	All-inclusive: transport, meals, camping, guides, permits, medical kit
Trek Insurance	Rs 350	Mandatory. Emergency evacuation from any point on trail
Backpack Offloading	Rs 1,600	Optional. +GST. Max 12 kg. Bag reaches camp before you do
Minimum Total per Person	Rs 7,850	Trek fee + mandatory insurance

CANCELLATION POLICY

30+ days before
100%
refund

15 days before
75%
refund

7 days before
50%
refund

0-7 days before
0%
no refund

IF WE CANCEL
Full refund or free
reschedule to any date within
12 months. Your choice.

Reschedule once to any available date in the same season at no extra charge. Request must arrive at least 15 days before your original trek date.

ESSENTIAL PACKING: NO EXCEPTIONS

- Ankle-high waterproof shoes (broken in 2+ weeks before) | Full layer system: thermals, fleece, down jacket, windshell
- Headlamp with spare batteries in a warm pocket | UV sunglasses Category 3 or 4
- Power bank 10,000 mAh min (sleep with it at base camp) | **No cotton. No heavy jeans.**

"The clearing at 2.4 km hit me harder than the summit. I stood there looking at Swargarohini and forgot I was tired."

Ananya Sharma, 26

Software Engineer, Bangalore | First Himalayan trek

★★★★★

"I went solo. Came back with 14 friends. The camp at Jhuda Ka Talab was the quietest place I have ever slept."

Sneha Rao, 29

Graphic Designer, Hyderabad | Solo trekker

★★★★★

"At 58, I was the oldest in the batch. Nobody treated me differently. The poles and the slow pace made it work."

Vikrant Singh, 58

Retired Army Officer, Chandigarh

★★★★★

"Our 10-year-old reached the summit. He said, Papa, I can see everything. We have the photograph framed."

Arjun and Meera Kapoor, Delhi

Trekking with son Aarav, age 10

★★★★★



YOUR GUIDE TEAM

Ritesh Kumar Mishra

Founder, TravElsket. 80+ batches on the Kedarkantha route over 6 years. Points out every peak by name at the summit. Keeps the group together on summit day without rushing anyone.

SpO2 checks at every camp. Oximeter always in pocket. Emergency medication always on person. Safety is not a policy here. It is a default.

LIMITED TO 15 SPOTS PER BATCH

Book your spot before it fills.

WhatsApp or call to check available dates, ask any questions, or register for the Kedarkantha Trek 2026.

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SAFETY

1:5 guide ratio. Pulse oximeters. Portable oxygen at high camps. Emergency exit plans from every point on trail.

HOW TO REACH DEHRADUN

Delhi: 1-hour flight or overnight bus.
 Mumbai: 2.5-hour direct flight.
 Bangalore: 2.5-3 hour direct flight.
 Book return after 9 PM.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Withdraw cash at Purolo ATM. Inform family before Sankri departure. Start training 6 weeks before trek date.