

short stay: lord curzon trail

go guide

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short stay spotlight

what you see

- Trek along the beautifully scenic Lord Curzon Trail from Ghat to Auli seeing small villages of thatched mud houses, terraces and lush agricultural scenery, jungle, rivers and mountains.

Operates May - September only

what you get

- 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners
- 7 nights camping
- 4 nights modestly appointed hotels
- Services of experienced trek staff - English speaking guide, cook and kitchen staff
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on days 1 and 12
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Porterage of 15kgs of personal belongings whilst on trek
- Chauffeur driven Qualis



on location

Your guide to on the ground...

visa requirements

Visas are required by all visitors to India. It is essential the visa is procured prior to travel. Visa forms are available from us and also supplied upon booking. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of return from India. Please be advised visa requirements are subject to change. Visa procurement is also the responsibility of the traveller and not of on the go.

climate

India has a three-season year known as the hot, the wet and the cool. The coolest time to visit is late September through April. Temps during this time are ideal for sightseeing. The hot season runs from around April through July. Conditions are hot and dry, especially in Rajasthan. July signals the start of the monsoon or wet season that continues until around end September. Although the weather is humid, the days are punctuated by intermittent rainfall.

time

India is 5 hours 30 mins ahead of GMT.

money

USD\$1 = INR46 (subject to fluctuation). The Indian Rupee is exchangeable only in India. Exchange facilities are available at various bureau de changes and banks. A few ATM machines exist in major towns and cities.

health requirements

It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio, if you haven't had a booster in the last ten years. We recommend vaccinations for Typhoid and Hepatitis A. You are also advised to take anti-Malarial medication. Information can change so please check with your local health care provider.

how much?

- TIPPING**
INR400 (USD\$8.50) if the day includes local guide & sightseeing
INR200 (USD\$4.50) if the day excludes local guide & sightseeing
- CAMERA FEES**
Please note that nearly all temples, museums, game parks and sights has a fee for camera use.
- Can of coke (330ml) INR40-50
- Mineral water (local, 500ml or 1L) INR30
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, local beer,) INR1200
- Beer (local brew Kingfisher - 650ml) INR150

things to bring

- Insect repellent to guard against pesky mosquitos
- Spare camera batteries/film so you can go snap happy.
- If you fancy a tipples, take advantage of Duty Free buys.
- Buy some Indian Rupees at the airport on arrival.
- Buy a phrasebook and practice your holiday Hindi.
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Keep a supply of small notes for local transactions.
- Keep a photocopy of your passport data pages.

top experiences

- Witness the holiest confluences of the Ghat area
- Capture the thatched mud huts and terraces as you walk from Ghat to Ramni
- View the highest complete mountain in India - Nanda Devi at 7861m
- Traverse the high ranges without ever entering the permanent snowline
- Check out Rishikesh, where the Beatles met their Guru





lord curzon trail: itinerary

day 1

Delhi. Airport arrival transfer to your hotel.
Overnight - Delhi.

day 2 - rishikesh

Delhi - Rishikesh - breakfast. Early in the morning, you will be transferred from your hotel to the New Delhi railway station to board the Shatabdi Express train to Haridwar. From Haridwar, drive to Rishikesh and check in to your hotel. Overnight - Rishikesh.

day 3 - ghat camp

Rishikesh - Ghat- breakfast. Morning drive to Ghat, the starting point to begin your walk. Enroute see the holiest river confluences of the area namely Deoprayag, Rudraprayag, Karna Prayag & Nandprayag. Arrive at the campsite in the evening where you will be welcome by our Trek staff. Dinner & overnight - Ghat camp.

day 4 - start the trek

Ghat - Ramni - breakfast. Trek 6 hrs. Today you will begin walking, and memorable walking it is! The trek is gradual with ascending and descending stretches. The countryside is fascinating - green and dramatic with distant peaks always in view. You will go through enchanting little villages of thatched mud houses, terraces and lush agricultural scenery. Lunch & dinner, overnight - Ramni camp.

day 5 - jungle scenery

Ramni - Jhenji - breakfast. Trek 5 hrs. It's a beautiful walk through the jungle of wild silver oak and rhododendron to the village of Jhenji. En route enjoy the view of snowcapped peaks from Ramni Pass. Lunch, dinner & overnight - Jhenji camp.

day 6 - wild countryside

Jhenji - Pana - breakfast. Trek 6 hrs. The countryside is wild with more descending and ascending to village of Pana and the impressive suspension bridge. Lunch, dinner & overnight - Pana camp.

day 7 - ascend the mountain

Pana - Dhakwani - breakfast. Trek 6 hrs. Today a long but immensely satisfying climb on up towards Kauripass brings you to Dhakwani. Its height, chilly winds and isolation is very impressive. In the distance you will see peaks of upto 6000mtrs. Lunch, dinner & overnight - Dhakwani camp.

day 8 - stunning views

Dhakwani - Gorson - breakfast. Trek 7hrs. Over the Kauri Pass today, with unforgettably beautiful mountain views, considered by some to be among

the finest in the world. Here you are on the edge of the great divide between the Lesser and the Greater Himalaya. After the pass, the trek passes through beautiful alpine meadows. You will have spectacular view of mighty Himalayan peaks of Nanda Devi (7817mtrs), Kamet (7756mtrs), Dronagiri (7066mtrs) Kedarnath (6940mtrs) Hathi Parbat (6727 mtrs) & Neelkanth (6596mtrs). Lunch, dinner & overnight - Gorson camp.

day 9 - free time

Gorson - breakfast. Day free to adjust, recover or to explore. Lunch, dinner & overnight - Gorson camp.

day 10 - last day of trek

Gorson - Auli - Joshimath - breakfast. Trek 2 hrs. In the morning relax and enjoy the stunning wide angled view of mighty Himalayan peaks. Then its a downhill walk to the skiing resort of Auli. Here you will board our waiting vehicle and drive down to Joshimath. Lunch, dinner & overnight - Joshimath.

day 11 - rishikesh

Joshimath - Rishikesh - breakfast. After breakfast you will drive to Rishikesh. Rest of the day free. Overnight - Rishikesh.

day 12 - train to delhi

Rishikesh - Delhi - breakfast. Early in the morning, you will be transferred from your hotel to the railway station to board the Shatabdi Express train for Delhi. You will be met on arrival and transferred to a hotel to freshen up and later in the evening you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

environmental commitment

Preserving the natural state and beauty of the areas we pass through is essential. In helping to preserve the historical and religious legacy of India; it's coastlines and waterways, local cultures, flora and fauna, please read on and see how you can do your bit. Please respect the following:

- Take no relic from historical sites with you, be it a small chunk of fluted marble, stonework or carving.
- Dress appropriately if entering a place of worship such as a Hindu temple. Show respect for the sacred beliefs of others.
- If instructed not to touch - don't touch!
- Stick to designated paths. Erosion is a problem on hill and mountainsides, especially at high altitudes.
- Avoid removing or disturbing any plant life that keeps topsoils in place.
- Do not attempt to enter areas that are

cordoned off or out of bounds.

- Do not engage in hunting or the purchase of trophies of endangered species. It's illegal in India's parks and sanctuaries, and to import the hide of an endangered species is also illegal into many Western countries.
- Take all personal litter with you, especially plastic bags (these can be seen clogging up the rivers in Leh, even through they are banned).
- Sanitary products should be wrapped and disposed of in a bin, to avoid blocking sometimes temperamental plumbing systems.
- If needing to perform your ablutions beyond the confines of a WC, be sure to bury any waste. Help us to reduce environmental impact for the benefit of all by disposing of litter such as cans, bags, cigarette ends and other detritus responsibly. Please also abide by any rules dictated on signage or by your guide.

altitude sickness

Some travellers can experience mild altitude sickness. The symptoms are persistent headaches, dizziness, nausea, insomnia, loss of appetite and shortness of breath.

The best way to avoid this is to rest for 24 - 48 hours on arrival, drink 3 - 4 litres of water a day, avoid alcohol and don't over exert yourself - take it easy.

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