

SHEPHERDS TRAIL TREK



Duration

18 days

Grade Moderate

Max. Altitude 5040 Mts at the top of the Kugti Pass

Season May-End June, August-October

Fixed Departures Guaranteed to run for a minimum party of 3 trekkers.

Trek Highlights

This lovely trek starts from Dharamshala which is the residence of His Holiness The Dalai Lama of Tibet and finishes in the Buddhist district of Lahoul. These trails have been used over centuries by the famous shepherd tribe of Himachal called the Gaddi.

Route Chart:

New Delhi - Dharamshala - Triund - Lahesh Cave - Indrahhar Pass - Chatru - Kuarsi - Machetar - Hardsar - Kugti Village - Duggi Cave - Alyas - Kugti Pass - Camp - Raip - Manali - New Delhi

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 01: Arrive Delhi

Arrive Delhi. Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02: Delhi-Dharamshala (14-15 Hrs)

Drive overnight to Dharamshala and check into a good hotel in Dharamshala.

DAY 03: DHARAMSHALA

Explore Dharamshala (1280 Mts) and McLeod Ganj which is now home to a large Tibetan community in exile. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04: Dharamshala-Triund (1+4 Hrs)

Drive to the beginning of the trek just a little beyond McLeod Ganj (1860 Mts) takes less than an hour. Camp at Triund (2975 Mts) for the night. Overnight in tents

DAY 05: Triund-Lahesh Cave (4-5 Hrs)

Trek through impressive alpine terrain and camp in the beautiful meadows around Lahesh Cave (3600 Mts). Overnight in tents.

DAY 06: Lahesh Cave-Indrahar Pass-Chatru (6-7 Hrs)

The trek upto the top of the pass (4350 Mts) is challenging. The views from the top of the pass are among the best in the Himalayas. Overnight in tents.

DAY 07: Chatru-Kuarsi (5-6 Hrs)

Trek along narrow trails to Kuarsi (2730 Mts). The Gaddi tribes from these areas are simple folk who still follow tradition and are nomadic shepherds. Overnight in tents.

DAY 08: Kuarsi-Machetar (5-6 Hrs)

Trek mostly downhill to Machetar (1800 Mts) in the Ravi Valley. Overnight in tents.

DAY 09: Machetar-Hardsar (3 Hrs)

Drive to Hardsar (2280 Mts) by jeep. Overnight for a much needed rest in Camp.

DAY 10: Hardsar-Kugti Village (5 Hrs)

Trek through coniferous forests to Kugti Village (2640 Mts) after which the pass is named. Overnight in tents.

DAY 11: Kugti-Duggi Cave (4-5 Hrs)

Beautiful trek via the ancient temple of Kailnag. Camp close to Duggi cave (3200 Mts). Overnight in tents.

DAY 12: Duggi Cave-Alyas (4 Hrs)

Pass through meadows famed for their wild flowers in the Monsoon months and camp at the base of the Kugti Pass at Alyas (4000 Mts). Overnight in tents.

DAY 13: Alyas-Kugti Pass-Camp (5-6 Hrs)

Challenging trek over glaciers to the top of the Kugti Pass (5040 Mts). This pass has been used by migrating shepherds and their flocks since centuries. Overnight in tents.

DAY 14: Camp-Raip (4-5 Hrs)

The arid valleys of Lahaul and the change in scenery confirms the lack of monsoon rains in this area. Though the meadows are lush green in spring. Overnight in tents.

DAY 15: Raip-Manali (8-9 Hrs)

Drive to Manali in the Kullu Valley over the Rohtang Pass. Overnight in hotel.

DAY 16: Manali

The day is reserved to explore this famous tourist destination and also rest before the long journey back to Delhi. Board a luxury bus to return to Delhi the next morning.

DAY 17: Drive overnight Manali-Delhi (14 Hrs)

Drive from Manali to Delhi by luxury coach. Check in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 18: Depart Delhi

Depart Delhi for onward destination.