



Event Itinerary

- **Event Name:** Gupt Khal Trek 14D/13N
- **Location:** Gupt Khal Trek
- **Duration:** 14 Days 13 Night

Day 1: Arrival at the Gateway of the Expedition

- Reach **Joshimath** after travelling to Dehradun by overnight train or bus, or arriving by flight at Jolly Grant Airport.
- Meet the waiting vehicle and continue the approximately **278 km drive to Joshimath**.
- Check into the hotel and take the evening to relax and prepare for the demanding days ahead.
- Overnight stay at Joshimath.

Day 2: Into the Valley of Ghangharia

- Begin the morning with a short drive from Joshimath to **Govind Ghat**, covering around **26 km**.
- From Govind Ghat, start trekking along the trail leading towards Ghangharia.
- Follow the Laxman Ganga Valley through changing slopes and peaceful mountain surroundings.
- Pass pilgrims and horses along the route before reaching the campsite near **Kanjilla Kharak**.

- Spend the evening enjoying views of Ghangharia and the surrounding Bhyundar Gorge.

Day 3: Into the Blossoming Valley

- After breakfast, set out from Ghangharia towards the **Valley of Flowers**.
- Follow the trail through forests while enjoying the region's diverse flora, fauna, and mountain scenery.
- At the forest check gate, present the required documents before entering the protected valley.
- Continue deeper into the valley before reaching **Tipra Kharak Camping Grounds at 3,700 metres**.
- Enjoy the remote surroundings and views towards the barren expanse of **Tipra Glacier** before settling in for the night.

Day 4: Glacier Country & High-Altitude Acclimatization

- Leave Tipra Kharak and begin the **4 km journey towards Bhyundar Icefall Camp**.
- Depending on the team's condition, use the day for acclimatization or progress towards the Bhyundar Icefall.
- Cross the glacier bed and make your way towards the upper section of the lateral moraine.
- Continue carefully through the rugged glacial terrain before reaching the campsite.
- Settle into **Bhyundar Icefall Camp at 4,600 metres** for an overnight stay.

Day 5: Beneath the Parvati Col

- Depart from the moraine camp and advance towards the **Bhyundar Khal Base**.

- Tackle a short but steep climb as the route approaches the **Panpatia Snowfield**.
- Continue towards the area below **Parvati Col**, where the camp will be established.
- Rest and recover at the campsite in preparation for the high-altitude crossing ahead.
- Spend the night at the base camp.

Day 6: Conquering Bhyundar Khal

- Start early at around **6:00 AM** and climb steadily towards the ridge leading to Bhyundar Khal.
- Gain altitude towards the snow plateau before reaching **Bhyundar Khal at approximately 5,100 metres**.
- Pause to admire views of Rata Pahar, Uki Pahar, Mt. Kagbhushand, Mt. Nilgiri, and the Kamet massif.
- Descend towards the glacier floor and stop for a packed lunch.
- Continue down to **Bank-Kund Lake Camp at 4,500 metres**, completing nearly **12 km** for the day.

Day 7: Across the Bankund Glacier

- Begin the challenging **6 km trek from Bank-Kund Lake towards Bank-Kund Base**.
- Follow a grassy ridge before reaching a demanding snow slope where careful footwork is essential.
- Navigate the steep icy section and cross the main body of the **Bankund Glacier**.
- Continue along the glacier's left bank towards the camping ground.
- Reach **Bankund Glacier Camping Ground at around 4,900 metres** and settle in for the night.

Day 8: The Secret Pass Comes into View

- Start around **9:00 AM** and move towards the medial moraine ridge west of Bankund Base.
- Follow the ridge northwest while taking in expansive panoramic views of the surrounding high mountains.
- Continue towards **Garh Camping Ground**, positioned near the head of the Bankund Glacier.
- From the campsite, enjoy a clear view towards **Gupt Khal, the Secret Pass**.
- Arrive at approximately **5,450 metres** and rest while the advance team scouts the route for the upcoming pass crossing.

Day 9: Approach to Gupt Khal Base

- Begin the morning trek around **6:00 AM** towards the Gupt Khal Base Camp.
- Follow the medial moraine ridge towards the southern flank of **Mana Parvat**.
- Continue along the ridge until you reach a point directly opposite Gupt Khal.
- Cross the vast snowfield, shaped by wind into wave-like patterns.
- Reach **Gupt Khal Base Camp at approximately 5,600 metres** and prepare for the next day's pass attempt.

Day 10: Crossing the Legendary Gupt Khal

- Begin the major pass-crossing day with an early start from Gupt Khal Base.
- Climb towards the top of **Gupt Khal at around 5,800 metres**, the highest point of the expedition.
- Take time to appreciate views across the **Kamet and Mana Massifs, Saraswathi Valley, and Bankund Glacier**.

- Descend approximately **3 km** towards the Nakthani Snowfields.
- Establish camp at around **5,650 metres** and rest after the successful crossing.

Day 11: Leaving the High Snowfields Behind

- After breakfast, begin the descent from Nakthani Snowfields towards the **Nakthani Glacier Snout**.
- Cover approximately **9 km** while gradually moving away from the extreme high-altitude snow terrain.
- As the landscape becomes more accessible, enjoy the feeling of returning towards civilization.
- Reach the **Nakthani Glacier Snout at around 4,950 metres** and rest for the night.

Day 12: From the Glacier to Badrinath

- Start early from the Upper Nakthani Campground and continue towards the **Saraswati River Valley**.
- Cross the river and join the Army trail before beginning the descent towards Badrinath.
- Pass through **Mana Village** and visit the historic **Vyas and Ganesh Gufas** along the way.
- Enjoy a late lunch at Mana before continuing towards the roadhead.
- Reach Badrinath by vehicle and attend **Darshan at Badrinath Temple**, followed by a relaxing bath at Taptkund.

Day 13: Rest, Reflection & Badrinath

- Take a much-needed recovery day after the long high-altitude expedition.
- Relax in the peaceful surroundings of **Badrinath** and explore the local area at an easy pace.

- Visit **Taptkund hot springs** or simply use the day to rest and reflect on the journey.
- Enjoy a calm final evening in the mountains.

Day 14: Farewell to the Himalayas

- After breakfast, leave Badrinath and begin the scenic drive towards **Rishikesh**.
- Travel through the mountain roads while enjoying the final Himalayan landscapes.
- Stop for lunch along the route before continuing towards Rishikesh.
- Arrive in **Rishikesh by evening**, bringing the Gupt Khal expedition to a close.

Pickup Location

- **Joshimath Uttarakhand** - 12:00 PM

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