

Kuari Pass Trek

Lord Curzon's trail — the widest view of Nanda Devi from any easy pass

DURATION	6D / 5N	DIFFICULTY	Moderate
MAX ALTITUDE	12,516 ft	DISTANCE	33 km
BASE CAMP	Dhak Village, near Joshimath	REGION	Garhwal
PRICE	₹9,500 per person · Transportation charged separately.		

About this trek

Kuari Pass is the trek we recommend to anyone coming to Joshimath for the first time. The trail climbs from Dhak through Gulling and the oak forests of Khullara to the pass, and the reward is a panorama that includes most of the big Garhwal peaks at once. Camps are on open meadows, the days are moderate, and in winter the same route becomes a gentle snow trek.

Day by day

Day	Route / activity	Distance · time · stay
1	Rishikesh to Joshimath Rishikesh → Joshimath Road day up the Alaknanda valley to Joshimath.	250 km · 9–10 hrs drive · Joshimath (guesthouse)
2	Joshimath to Dhak, trek to Gulling Joshimath → Dhak → Gulling A short drive to Dhak village and a steady climb through terraced fields to the first meadow camp.	5 km · 4 hrs trek · Gulling (camp) · 9,600 ft

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3	Gulling to Khullara Gulling → Tali forest → Khullara Oak and rhododendron forest, then the Khullara clearing with Dronagiri in view.	6 km · 5 hrs trek · Khullara (camp) · 11,000 ft
4	Khullara to Kuari Pass and back Khullara → Kuari Pass → Khullara The pass day. An early start over the ridge to the pass, with Nanda Devi, Kamet, Dronagiri and Chaukhamba on the skyline.	10 km · 7-8 hrs round trip · Khullara (camp) · 12,516 ft
5	Khullara to Dhak, drive to Joshimath Khullara → Dhak → Joshimath The descent by the same route, and the drive back to Joshimath.	12 km · 6 hrs trek + drive · Joshimath (guesthouse)
6	Joshimath to Rishikesh Joshimath → Rishikesh Drive out of the valley.	250 km · 9-10 hrs drive · —

What is and is not included

Included

- Qualified trek leader and support staff
- Forest and camping permits
- Twin/triple sharing tents or guesthouse as noted
- All meals on the trek
- Safety equipment and first-aid support

Not included

- Transportation to and from the base camp unless noted
- Personal trekking gear and rentals
- Personal expenses and travel insurance
- Anything not listed under inclusions

Things to carry

- Trekking shoes with ankle support

- Backpack (40-60 L) with a rain cover
- Three warm layers and a padded jacket
- Poncho or rain jacket
- Sun cap, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Two one-litre water bottles

Upcoming departures

06 Oct – 11 Oct 2026	Sold out
20 Oct – 25 Oct 2026	14 seats left
06 Nov – 11 Nov 2026	3 seats left
20 Nov – 25 Nov 2026	18 seats left
06 Dec – 11 Dec 2026	9 seats left
20 Dec – 25 Dec 2026	20 seats left

Seat counts are live on the website; this sheet shows them as of 03 Sep 2026.

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