

Dodital Darwa Pass Trek 2015



Dodital, literally meaning the Dodi Lake, is at an elevation of 3024 m north of Uttarkashi. Crystal clear waters are surrounded by dense oak woods, pine, deodar and rhododendrons. The lake is full of fish and is known for some rare species like the Himalayan Golden Trout. The forest surrounding the lake is also full of wildlife. It provides an idyllic set up for rest and recreational activities like angling, boating and bird-watching. The trek from Dodital to Hanuma Chatti via Darwa Top takes two days, moves on to the upper reaches of the Garhwal Himalayas in Yamunotri; the place where the sacred river Yamuna originates from high up in the mountains is the Dodital lake- mysterious, alluring, and simply beautiful! The serene, tranquil surroundings, gurgling streams, crystal clear water, and dense alpine forests make for an ideal retreat. The trek from Dodital to Yamunotri takes you through high altitude grasslands and dense virgin forests. The scenery en-route is really astounding!

Area: Garhwal Himalayas

Duration: 7 Days.

Altitude: 4150 mts /13612 ft

Grade: Easy

Season: Jan - June & Sept - Dec

Day 01: Delhi – Haridwar – Uttarkashi
(200 Kms/6 hrs drive Approx)

In the morning take an AC Train for Haridwar at 06:55 hrs. Arrival at Haridwar by 11:25 hrs. On arrival met our representative and then drive to Uttarkashi. Arrival at Uttarkashi by evening and check in to hotel. Overnight in the hotel.

Day 02: Uttarkashi – Sangamchatti – Manjhi (16 kms/6-7 hrs)

In the morning after breakfast drive to Sangamchatti and from here trek to Manjhi via Agoda Village & Bevra. Upon arrival at Manjhi set out camp for overnight stay. Dinner and overnight stay in tents.



Day 03: Manjhi – Dodital (3307 10847 ft) (6 Kms/ 3 – 4 hrs)

A gradual zigzag trek through beautiful landscape of thick forests and steep cliffs brings you the mysterious Dodital. Dinner and overnight stay in the tent.



Day 04: Dodital (3307 mts/10847 ft)

Day free to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the Lake and surrounding dense forest. The scenic beauty of Dodital can compel any nature lover to camp here for days together, the lake, the surrounding pine forest, the towering Darwa Bugyal on one side and the valley on the other is serene and enticing. The parikrama around the lake is of 1.5 kms. A few streams coming from Darwa Bugyal feed the lake. Dinner and overnight stay in the camp

Day 05: Dodital – Darwa Top (5 kms/ 3 hrs)

Early in the morning trek up to Darwa Top with packed breakfasts. The walk to Darwa top is 5 kms (2-3 hrs). It is a pass at a height of 4150 mts. The entire walk is an uphill climb. It starts with the climb along the feeder to Dodital breaking into a thick birch forest opening into the high meadows. A perfect setting for Himalayan wild flowers, Darwa top offers an amphitheatre view of the Bandarpunch and Swargarohini range of peaks. Absorb the breathtaking views and start the downhill walk to reach the campsite for the hot lunch. One can also spend this day sipping tea, catching up with the local tales, walking around the lake sighting birds or just observing the clear waters of the lake with the trout making an occasional appearance. After exploring the Darwa Top trek back to Dodital for dinner and overnight stay.



Day 06: Dodital – Agoda (2250 mts/7380 ft) (17 kms/4-5 hrs)

After breakfast we will trek down till Agoda. It is a 17 Kms Trek, Overnight in camps at Agoda.

Day 07: Agoda – Haridwar (4 kms trek + 190 kms Drive) - **Delhi**

Early morning after breakfast Trek down to Sangamchatti 04 Kms Trek, and from Sangamchatti drive down to Haridwar. From here catch AC train for Delhi at 18:05 hrs. Arrival at Delhi by 22:45 hrs.

Trip & Services Ends Here

Cost of the trip

INR 21500 per person* (For a minimum of 2-4 people)

USD 415 per person* (For a minimum of 2-4 people)

*3.5% service tax extra



Cost Includes

- **Train:** AC Chair Car Train from Delhi to Haridwar & back
- **Transport: Mahindra max** from Haridwar to Sangamchatti & back to Haridwar.
- **Accommodation:** Hotel in Uttarkashi with bed & breakfast basis. Guest House in Agoda. While on the trek accommodation will be provided in tents on double sharing and single basis. Our tents are 4 season dome tents (Keltay) with lots of space for personal luggage. We will be putting up a dining tent and a toilet tent to make your camping comfortable.
- **Meals:** In Uttarkashi only breakfast will serve. While on trek all meals will be provided. The meal will be mix of Indian, Chinese and continental.
- **Professional and experienced** English speaking local trekking guide
- **Mules/Porters:** For carrying camping equipment like tents, carry mat, camping stool, rations, vegetables and some amount of personal gear of the clients (one bag not weighing more than 15 kgs).
- **kitchen staff** would accompany the group
- **Entry fee for the park**

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Air fare
- Accommodation at Delhi
- Enroute meal
- Any charges for carrying still/video cameras etc.
- Alcohol, soft drinks, bottled water, beverages, etc.
- Personal expenses like tips, telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Any meals/services not mentioned above
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.
- Travel insurance

Trekking Equipments List

1. Trekking boots - well broken in and waterproofed
2. Down jacket or equivalent with hood, One heavy wool shirt or sweater, Two cotton shirts, One pair cotton trousers or shorts, One pair woolen trousers
3. Three pairs of regular underwear, Long underwear - thermal or wool
4. Wind- and rain-gear with hood, Sun hat with brim
5. Woolen hat or balaclava, Woolen gloves, Woolen socks to wear with boots, Cotton socks, Personal first-aid kit including medication for common ailments
6. Flashlight with extra batteries
7. Sunglasses or snow goggles (an extra pair is recommended)
8. Water bottle, preferably wide mouthed, with at least one liter capacity
9. Pocket knife, Note book with pens and pencils
10. Plastic bags - small size for books, film etc., larger bags for clothes, sleeping bags
11. Well fitting strong shoes with a couple of woolen socks. The shoes should be used before treks to avoid blisters.
12. First aid set for minor accidents and sickness.
13. A raincoat is necessary to meet uncertainties of weather.
14. Chocolates, lozenges, candies, glucose and dry fruits provide extra pep and energy.
15. It is advisable not to exhaust energy by walking fast, as otherwise the trek will be not enjoyable.