

Rafting Expedition on Ganga

Location: Uttarakhand

Duration: 2 Days

Grading: Moderate, Demanding

Webpage:

http://www.team4adventure.com/trips/rafting_ganga_expedition_02d/index.php



A two days action packed rafting adventure on the river Ganges. The river trip is done in self supported expedition style, which implies that all our camping gear, luggage, rations etc. travels on cargo rafts along with the rafts of the participants. Enroute we ground the rafts at an isolated beach to setup our camp for the night. Participants lend a hand to setup tents, collection of wood for camp fires and various odd tasks that are needed to establish our stay.

The tour starts from Kaudiyala and finishes at Rishikesh, in a two days trip for whitewater rafting on Ganges. Expected rafting to be of about 3-4 hours each day, spanning a total river distance of about 38 Kms. Stay is organized in expedition style nylon dome tents with carry mats and sleeping bag arrangements. Beach activities like volleyball, flying disc, and evening campfire are organized.

If you look for a complete outdoor camping experience with participation / involvement from self, a lot of rafting and a bit of roughing out, then join this rafting trip on Ganges.

Itinerary:

Day 0: Departure by overnight train from Delhi for Haridwar.

Day 1: Arrival at Haridwar in early morning, transfer to Kaudiyala. All luggage of participants is packed in waterproof dry bags, and the river trip starts after a detailed safety briefing at the put-in. Today we would run the rapid biggie - "Wall" which usually ranges between class III+ to class IV difficulty level. After this rapid the trip is moderate, inter-spread with lot of smaller class I/II rapids which are suitable for swimming and body surfing. Camp is set up after the exciting class III rapid called "Three Blind Mice".

Day 2: After breakfast, the camp is winded up, and everything is packed in dry bags. The rafts are once again put into the water to continue our river journey. Today we would run several exciting class III kind of rapids like "Roller Coaster" and "Golf Course". We would finish our trip near the temple town of Rishikesh.

Travel Advisory

PACKING LIST

Personal torch, quick drying clothes/swimming costume for rafting, waterproof floater kind of sandals with a securable back strap, retainer strap for shades or prescription glasses, cameras, sun protection/block cream, moisturiser, change of clothing to wear after rafting, towel, toilet kit etc. Warm clothing would be needed from mid Oct. to mid March.

GENERAL NOTIFICATION

- Participants would be required to sign an indemnity/disclaimer prior to trip start.
- Minimum age for participation is 15 years.
- No room service or any kind of special considerations/customizations is possible/provided.
- This is not a luxury trip. Participants should be willing to rough it out.
- Participants are expected to participate in camp activities like collecting wood, setting up tents etc.
- Participants not comfortable in water may be asked to walk certain rapids.
- People with past history/ailment of heart, asthma, epilepsy are not recommended to register for this tour.
- Weather disruptions may at times result in discomfort or unplanned adjustments.
- Toilets are tented, dry pit arrangements with western kind of w/c.

JOURNEY

- Participants should reach Shivpuri not later than 8 AM on day 01
- Return from Rishikesh should be planned not earlier than 4 PM on day 02
- Participants from Delhi are recommended to travel by the following trains:
 - + Delhi to Haridwar: 4041 Mussoorie Express or 2205 NDLS Dehradun AC Special
 - + Haridwar to Delhi: 2018 Shatabdi Express (evening) or 4042 Mussoorie Express