

## The Classic Chopta Chandrashila Trek

Location: Uttarakhand

Duration: 6 Days

Grading: Easy to Moderate

Webpage:

[http://www.team4adventure.com/trips/trek\\_chopta\\_chandrashila\\_06d/index.php](http://www.team4adventure.com/trips/trek_chopta_chandrashila_06d/index.php)



This is a beautiful trek, with difficulty level rated as easy to moderate. The trek passes through forests and vast meadows, and offers excellent views of snow clad Himalayas.

We start from Okhimath, and pass through Deoria tal, Chopta and Tungnath to reach the summit of Chandrashila for an amazing view of the Himalayas. Maximum altitude reached would be around 3950 at the summit of Chandrashila.

The region is a protected sanctuary for musk deer, and is rich in flora and fauna. Our first camp at Deoria tal is near a pristine lake ringed with forest. The views of Chaukhamba peaks are one of the most prominent in the entire journey. We would be further camping in the meadows of Chopta, and then at Tungnath. Each camp site would offer excellent views to the Himalayan peaks.

Tungnath is famous for the highest temple which is dedicated to Lord Shiva. Beyond Tungnath there is a small summit called Chandrashila which is a very beautiful vantage point to experience Himalayas in a wide spectrum. One would see the entire range in almost a 270 degrees of visibility, with peaks like Chaukhamba, Kedarnath, Nanda devi and Trishul among the most prominent ones.

### Itinerary:

**Day 0:** Board overnight train from Delhi to Haridwar.

**Day 1:** Transfer by road from Haridwar/Rishikesh to Okhimath ( 7 hours ). Overnight guest house at Okhimath.

**Day 2:** Short drive to Sari village, from where the trek for today is up to Deoria Tal ( 2387 Mtrs ). The trek would be largely uphill, through village and forest. Deoria tal is a beautiful lake amidst thick forest. The reflection of Chaukhamba peaks in the lake is notable for photography enthusiasts. Overnight Camp.

**Day 3:** Trek from Deoria tal to Banagher. The 4-5 hours walk would be through thick forest, and would delight nature lovers. Overnight Camp.

**Day 4 :** Trek from Banagher to the higher meadows of Chopta. The trek would take us across tikar khal to reach

the vast meadows of Chopta. Overnight Camp.

**Day 5:** Trek from Chopta to Tungnath ( 3680 Mtrs ) and further to Chandrashila summit ( 3950 Mtrs ). Tungnath is famous for the highest Shiva Temple in the world. Enjoy 270 degrees of unobstructed view of snow clad Himalayas from the vantage point of Chandrashila. One can sight golden breasted eagles in this area. Return to Chopta camp for overnight.

**Day 6:** Drive from Chopta to Haridwar/Rishikesh ( 8-9 hours ), for onwards journey.

## Travel Advisory

### PACKING LIST

Personal torch, small daypack/backpack to hold the day walk necessities, all clothing/luggage in rucksack/soft bags suitable to be carried on ponies, warm clothing, inner fleece body warmer lining, comfortable shoes suitable for hikes/treks, windproof jacket, warm headgear/balaclava, gloves, trekking pole, cameras, personal medication ( first aid would be provided ), sun protection and moisturizing cream etc.

### GENERAL NOTIFICATION

- Trekking programs in the Himalayas not necessarily would always run exactly as scheduled. Allow for unplanned long days or early camps due to weather disruptions or similar causes.
- Any additional expenses which might occur due to delays, weather disruptions, medical evacuation etc. would need to be borne by the participants. All participants are recommended to have a travel insurance that covers trekking and wilderness travel.

### JOURNEY

The tour starts from Haridwar, and ends at Haridwar.

- Participants from Delhi are recommended to travel by the following trains:
  - + Delhi to Haridwar: Overnight by 4041 Mussourie Express or 2205 NDLS Dehradun AC Special
  - + Haridwar to Delhi: Overnight by 4042 Mussourie Express or 2206 NDLS AC Special