

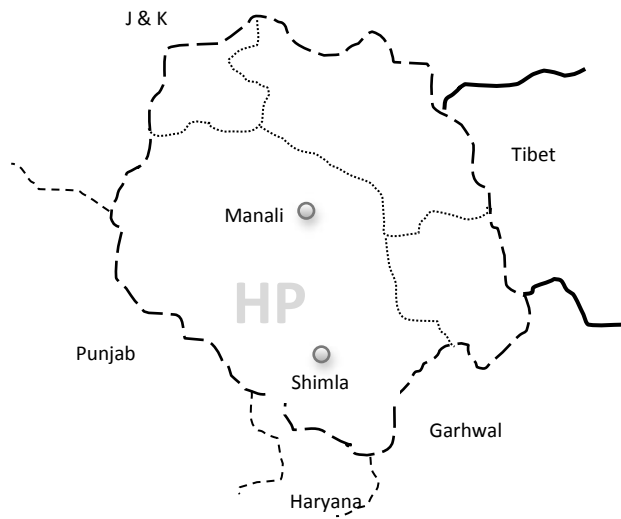


KALIHANI BASE CAMP – TREK OF THE YEAR 2020

Hidden in plain sight, just behind the bustling Manali, is a fairy tale land with landmarks like the Khan pari pass and Rani sui (lake of the queen). Miles of undulating meadows, encircled by snow covered peaks from all 4 sides, this is the land of Gaddi shepherds as they make the remarkable journey each year across the Kalihani pass to the remotest village in Indian Himalaya – Bada Banghal. We follow their footsteps till the base camp of Kalihani, and then return via an enchanted forest, full of black magic and wild bears. Interested?

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exploring the wild Himalaya
- Chance to meet and trek with Gaddi shepherds.
- High Himalayan trek experience for everyone



A BRIEF OVERVIEW



The place

Part of the Manali sanctuary and on the age old route taken by Gaddi shepherds to Bara Banghal. Other than that, it is an unknown, unmapped region. On our previous trek there 5 years ago, we could only find one old guide and even he lost his way. The gaddis helped us



The trek

Literally starting from Hadimba temple, within minutes the trail leave Manali behind and enters a deep, dark, ancient forest and after crossing it reaches the meadows spread as far as eyes can see. The trek has long walking days but not particularly difficult. So a trek for all.

ITINERARY: 8 DAY TRIP, 4 DAYS OFF WORK (2 WEEKENDS)

13-14 JUN	<p>Fly into Chandigarh or Kullu and drive to Katrain. From Chd – 8 to 10 hours. From Katrain – 1 hour.</p>	<p>We are staying in Katrain, outside Manali to avoid the crazy rush and traffic of summer season. Instead we will spend a day relaxing and acclimatizing in the nearby villages of Kullu valley.</p>
15 - 19 JUN	<p>We trek for 5 days and reach the height of 4500M. The days will be long but views and landscape is spectacular.</p> <p>We finish the trek on 19th and are back in Katrain.</p>	<p>Day 1- Manali to Lama Dugh, 4-5 hours Day 2- Lamadugh to Riyali Thach, 6-7 hours Day 3- Riyali Thach to Kalihani Base, 5-6 hours Day 4- Kalihani Base to Rani Sui, 9-10 hours Day 5 - Rani Sui to Shangchar, 4-5 hours. Then drive to Katrain ~ 1 hours.</p>
20 JUN	<p>Drive back to Kullu or Chandigarh for the return flight. ~ 6 hours</p>	<p>Book your flight/ train from Chandigarh post 2 pm.</p>

COST FOR THE TRIP:

Stay and food Double occupancy at hotel in Katrain. Breakfast included. Other meals and snacks, etc., not included.

Trek All trekking equipment like tents, sleeping bags, mats, dining tents, toilet tents, etc. Trekking personnel like guides, porters, cooks. All meals.

Transportation Ex- Chandigarh/ Kullu in SUVs.

The cost of the trip =
Rs 50000/- per person
including all taxes.

Note: The group size will be limited to 12. Bookings are done on first come first serve basis and hence no deadlines. Confirm your place by making the full payment in advance. Read our [cancellation policy](#) and fill the [release document](#).

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WHAT TO GET ALONG?

Himalayan summer means long pleasant days and cool nights. It will be cold as we camp high on the meadows but we will be snug in our sleeping bags. Temp ranges from 5 to 25 degrees. Never count out the occasional Himalayan shower though. We will be prepared accordingly: Woolen sweater, cap, socks and gloves, a light rain jacket and good trekking shoes are the essentials. Layering is the key. Detailed checklist on signing up.

MAKING A CONTRIBUTION

There is always a way of giving back to the place and people where we go for our holidays. We are hiring local staff for organizing the entire trip: guides, porters, cooks, etc. All our trek supplies will be purchased from local shops. The organization we are working with supports local sustainable tourism initiatives. You can also support the locals by getting your warm clothes, etc., from the rural handicrafts stores.

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Pics from our previous trip, [here](#)

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You can chose from gift vouchers starting from Rs 5000. Write to us with the name of the receiver and the denomination of the voucher.

NOTE

All CWH trips have a strict no-alcohol policy. And no packaged noodles.