

A CWH GROUP HOLIDAY TO KUMAON. 15-20 MAR 2022



IN THE HEART OF KUMAON

Kumaon has its own charm. Idyllic villages set amidst meadows, beautiful trails through pine forests, clear views of Nanda Devi and other snow covered peaks, lovely places to stay and delicious Kumaoni cuisine. We explore all these aspects on this holiday and do so through short, easy walks on forest trails and stays in off-beat but beautiful lodges and homestays. It's a trip for everyone who wants to explore the less touristy side of the Himalaya.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Easy walking trails through
- beautiful forests and valleys
- Visits to quaint villages and
- community involvement
- Sumptuous local cuisine
- Crystal clear Himalaya views



A BRIEF OVERVIEW



Pangot

Set amidst thick pine and oak forest, Pangot is a hidden gem of Kumaon. Mostly patronized by birding enthusiasts, it has a lot to offer in terms of natural beauty and easy trails. We stay in a lodge which was the first one to come up in this region.



Binsar

Binsar wildlife sanctuary lies at an altitude of 1000-2500M in the middle Himalaya and apart from being easily accessible, offers a wide variety of experiences. We stay in a village first with local people in a homestay before moving on to more comfortable settings.

ITINERARY: 6 DAY TRIP, 4 DAYS OFF WORK

15-16 MAR	Fly into Pantnagar/ Bareilly (from Delhi) and from the airport drive to Pangot. ~ 3 to 5 hours.	You can also choose to take the overnight train from Delhi to Kathgodam (14 th night). You can then drive to Pangot ~ 2 hours. In Pangot we stay 2 nights in a beautiful lodge and do birding, short walks, etc.
17-19 MAR	On 17 th morning we drive to Binsar sanctuary. ~ 2-3 hours. We stay for 3 nights in Binsar.	17 th – Our stay today will be very special. We will be in a homestay in a quanit village inside Binsar sanctuary. 18 th and 19 th – After a night in homestay we will walk/ drive to a forest retreat in Binsar. From this comfortable setting, we explore the sanctuary.
20 MAR	Drive back to Pantnagar/ Bareilly airport to catch the flight back to Delhi.	Again, you can choose to catch the morning train from Kathgodam instead of the flight back to Delhi. Book your tickets accordingly.

COST FOR THE TRIP:

Stay and food	On twin sharing basis. All meals included except when in transit.
Homestay, birding, walks, etc.	All included including guides and sanctuary fees, etc.
Transportation	From Pantnagar/ Bareilly airport (or Kathgodam station) and back in SUVs.

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The cost of the trip = **Rs 45000/- 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 <u>cancellation policy</u> and fill the release document.

WHAT TO GET ALONG?

Have you ever experienced the Himalaya in Spring? The sun is warm but not uncomfortably, the days are long and cloudless, hundreds of flowers have just started blooming and a delicious scent is in the air. Temp ranges from 10 to 25 degrees. A warm sweater, a jacket and a woolen cap will do. Get a pair of comfortable walking shoes along too. Will provide a detailed list 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 will be visiting villages where Aarohi and Chirag, two NGOs, committed to need-based and people-planned integrated rural development in the Kumaon region, work. They promote alternative income venues for the locals through stores that sell various handicrafts and organic products.

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GIFT THIS TRIP

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.