

Pre Conference Tour Organized by Vivek High School, Chandigarh



Nature & Adventure Getaway

(06 Nights & 07 Days Pre Conference Tour)

India has a range of rivers ideal for multi day river touring. The Ganga, believed to be the 'holiest river in the world' and 'the life and soul of India', is by far the most popular. The cultural diversity en route, Hindu shrines and temples, the friendly & helpful people, the wildlife and avifauna and Gangetic dolphin sightings all add up to make this a very special trip.

Tour Highlights:

- *Yoga session*
- *River Rafting on the Ganges.*
- *Visit to temples and Ashrams of Rishikesh*
- *Evening 'Aarti' on the ghat of the Ganges River.*
- *Day hikes in the foothills of the Himalayas*
- *Game drive inside the Raja ji National Park.*

ITINERARY:

Oct. 03, 2009 (Saturday): Delhi – Haridwar (Train, Dep. 06:55 hrs, Arr. 11:15 hrs):

Early morning transfer from your hotel to New Delhi railway station to board the Dehradun Shatabadhi Express train to Haridwar. Breakfast on board.

At Haridwar railway station met with our representative and drive Snow Leopard Adventures camp in Rishikesh.

Haridwar is a sacred town for the Hindus and the name translates to 'Gateway to God'. Located at the base of the Shivalik hills, it is in this town that the River Ganga enters the plains. It is famous for its saints, temples, ashrams and bathing ghats. Millions of pilgrims visit the town every year. It is also the first holy town one reaches before

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embarking on a pilgrimage to various holy shrines in the Himalayas. Since time immemorial a magnificent religious festival called the `Kumbh Mela` is held here every twelve years, which attracts millions of pilgrims.

Upon arrival, camp welcome, orientation talk by the Camp Manager and settle down in the tents followed by lunch.

Located at the foothills of the Himalayas, the Camp is set up by the holy Ganga River and is surrounded by a thick Sal forest. Accommodation here is in safari tents and the camp is known for its utmost emphasis on safety, its efficient staff and its excellent cuisine.

Post lunch, leave for a 4 km trek to a Garhwali village. This trek meanders through the local school and brings you down to a Himalayan stream. You wade through the stream to cross it and walk back to camp.

Dinner around a merry campfire. Overnight in safari tents.

Oct. 04, 2009 (Sunday): Snow Leopard Adventures Camp (Yoga, Rafting & Sightseeing):

Early morning wake up call followed by a yoga session. Breakfast. Post breakfast, after a thorough safety briefing by your river guides depart for an exciting session of rafting on one of the easier sections of River Ganga.

Changing tents are set up at an isolated beach for the guests. After a picnic lunch, proceed for a short sightseeing trip of Rishikesh and take a walking tour of the fascinating town of Rishikesh, the spiritual birthplace of Yoga, Meditation and Ayurveda.

Located in the laps of lower Himalayas, Rishikesh is surrounded by scenic beauty of the hills on three sides with the Holy Ganges flowing through it. The town is sacred to Hindu pilgrims and is often referred to as the `Yoga Capital of the World`. Back in the 1960s, Rishikesh gained instant fame as the place where the Beatles came to stay with their guru, the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

After walking through the town, walk down to the bathing ghat for the evening prayer ceremony, "aarti".

In Hindu homes and temples, the "aarti" ceremony, performed at twilight, is one of the most important parts of the day. The lighting of lamp, as the sun is setting, is supposed to ensure the presence of God of light and fire in the house. Amid singing and chanting of devotional songs and hymns, the devotees line up along the bank of the river and float lit earthen lamps, "diyas", in River Ganges. The sight of the flickering flames of thousands of "diyas" on the river is awesome.

After the evening 'Aarti' drive back to Camp. Overnight in safari tents.

Oct. 05, 2009 (Monday): Snow Leopard Adventures Camp (Yoga, Rafting, Rock climbing and Repelling):

Early morning wake up call followed by a yoga session. Breakfast. Post breakfast proceed for another

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exciting session of rafting on one upper sections of River Ganga. This section has some of the most exhilarating Grade II and III rapids.

Lunch at the camp. Post lunch enjoy rock climbing & repelling session on the artificial climbing wall under the strict supervision of our qualified instructors.

Dinner around a merry campfire. Overnight in safari tents.

Oct. 06, 2009 (Tuesday): Snow Leopard Adventures Camp (*Neelkanth Mahadev Temple Trek*):

Wake up leisurely in the morning followed breakfast. Post breakfast, drive for about 1 ½ hrs to Neelkanth Mahadev temple dedicated to Lord Shiva at an altitude of 5000 ft.

After visiting the temple, gradually ascent uphill for about half an hour and descend moderately on the other side of the hill to reach the finishing point near Laxman Jhula suspension bridge. Picnic lunch en-route.

At the finishing point board the waiting vehicle and drive to another Snow Leopard Adventures Camp.

Located 25 kms from Rishikesh, Himalayan Bear Stream Camp is tucked away in the foothills of the Himalayas, surrounded by towering hills with a stream flowing through it. The comfortable safari tents here have attached utilities and power.

Dinner around a merry campfire. Overnight in comfortable cottage tents.

Oct. 07, 2009 (Wednesday): Snow Leopard Adventures Camp (*Mountain Biking*):

Wake up early morning followed by a nature walk along the stream. Breakfast. Post breakfast depart for full day mountain biking with picnic lunch. The biking trail is on the unmettled hill road which is less frequented by the moving vehicles and offer good scenic beauty with typical Garhwali village en route.

Return to camp for evening tea with snacks.

Dinner around a merry campfire. Overnight in comfortable cottage tents.

Oct. 08, 2009 (Thursday): Snow Leopard Adventures Camp (*Simal Khet Trek*):

Wake up leisurely in the morning followed breakfast. Post breakfast, drive for an hour to the starting point of the trek with picnic lunch. After trekking uphill for about 30 minutes, take a short detour to a nearby waterfall en route viewing the stalactites formations.

After spending some time at the fall, get back on to the trail and continue the trek to ascent gradually for about 2 hours. The trail passes through small houses and vegetation fields till you pass a small school to reach SIMAL KHET village. Cross the village and trek downhill for another 2 hours passing through lush green forests and vegetation to reach the base for evening tea.

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Dinner around a merry campfire. Overnight in comfortable cottage tents.

Oct. 09, 2009 (Friday): Jungle Safari and Depart for Delhi (Train, Dep. 18:20 hrs/ Arr. 22:40 hrs):

Wake-up early morning followed by breakfast. Post breakfast drive to Chilla for the jeep safari in 'Rajaji National Park'. On arrival get into the jeeps and enter the park with a team of qualified naturalist. The safari gets you closer to the wildlife and to the possibility of sighting a leopard. The park is known for its Tuskers, Elephants and a good number of bird species with lots of cheetals and neelguy around. Shoot pictures of wild animals and flora-fauna. Safari takes about 2 hours. Drive back to the camp for lunch.

Post lunch transfer to Haridwar railway station on time to board the Shatabdhi Express train back to Delhi. Dinner on board.

Arrive at New Delhi railway station and meet with our representative and transfer to your hotel.

Oct. 10, 2009 (Saturday): Delhi – Ajmer (Train, Dep. 06:05 hrs, Arr. 13:00 hrs):

Early morning transfer to New Delhi railway station to board the Ajmer Shatabadhi Express train to Ajmer. Breakfast on board.

TOUR END

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COST (Indian Rupees):

<u>No. of Guest</u>	<u>Price Per Guest</u>	<u>Single Tent Supplement</u>
6 - 8 Guests	INR 23,245	INR 8410
9 – 13 Guests	INR 22,575	INR 8410
14 Guests & above	INR 21,130	INR 8410

The above prices are valid from September 15, 2009 to Dec. 20, 2009 and include the following services:

- Meeting and assistance at the railway station in Haridwar.
- All land transportation including arrival / departure transfers to / from railway station using A/C vehicle in Delhi and Non A/C vehicle from Haridwar to Haridwar.
- Sightseeing as per itinerary including evening “Aarti” at the ghat in Rishikesh.
- Yoga session by a qualified yoga guru.
- Train fare for Delhi – Hariwar – Delhi sector and Delhi – Ajmer sector by Shatabdi Express train in A/C Chair Car.
- All adventure activities at the camp under the strict supervision of our qualified outdoor instructors and river guides.
- Bar-be-cue dinner on any 01 night at the camp.
- Soft drinks, sodas and snacks around the campfire every night.
- Government of India Service Tax @ 3.09%.
- 06 Nights accommodation on twin sharing bases at Snow Leopard Adventures Camp inclusive of all meals (Morning & evening Tea & Snacks, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner).

The above price does not include the following services:

- International airfare to/from India and Airport Tax
- Passport fee, visa fee, fee for inoculations and health certificates.
- Travel insurance including baggage insurance, medical evacuation and air evacuation incase of emergency.
- Hotel accommodation in Delhi.
- Transport & accommodation in Ajmer.
- Single Tent accommodation – (*See Supplement*).
- Any meals or optional trips other than specified in the program.
- Any en route or personal expenses like telephone calls, tips & gratuities, laundry etc.
- Items of personal nature like clothes, shoes, daypacks, personal medical kit etc.
- Any exigency expenses due to reasons beyond our normal control.
- Video camera/ camera charges at the monuments or any other item not specified above.