

Panchachuli Glacier Trek

Located exquisitely in the lap of the snow capped peaks of Panchachuli, the Darma valley in Pithoragarh district is endowed with abundant scenic grandeur. The starting point to Panchachuli glacier is Tavaghat at the confluence of Dhaul Ganga and Kali Nadi, about 18 kms away from Dharchula. The actual trek begins from Sobla which is 35 kms from Dharchula and is accessible by road.

To reach Panchchuli, one has to pass through Dar, Urthing, Nagling and Saun villages, in the Darma valley.

From Dar to Panchachuli Glacier is a 31 kilometers trek. The route to the glacier abounds in exotic scenery, snowcapped mountains, gushing streams, alpine meadows and a rich variety of flora and fauna. On the final lap at village Duktu, one gets the spectacular view of Panchachuli that derives its name from the five peaks.

The heights of these peaks are 6355 meters, 6904 meters, 6321 meters, 6334 meters and 6437 meters respectively. The 3 kms long and 1 km wide glacier projects out from this range of hills. Trek of about 4 kms from village Saun leads to the base of this glacier.

Day wise Itinerary

Day 1: Departure for New Delhi. Overnight train journey.

Day 2: Arrival at Delhi in the morning, spend the day at Delhi and proceed to Kathgodam by train in the evening. Overnight train journey.

Day 3: Arrival at Kathgodam in the morning and transfer to Pithoragarh by road.

Day 4: (40 kms by vehicle, 8 kms by trek) Dharchula-Dar-Urthing (N/H) : Start early in the morning after breakfast , drive to Dar and then trek to Urthing Campsite which is a beautiful location with Dhaul Ganga flowing on one side. See around the place, visit the river side, have dinner and retire.



Enroute Dar

Day 5: (8 kms by trek) Urthing - Nagling (N/H): After Breakfast the trek starts for the Village of Nagling which is a trail of downhill and uphill along with numerous landslides. Sela comes after two kms and the first ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police)

Check point. One can get some nice refreshments in Sela with aerated drinks and omelets on demand as well. In Nagling the accommodation is in the Village and one will stay in the local houses enjoying local cuisines and local culture.



Nagling Village

Day 6: (9 kms by trek) Nagling-Dugtu/Sone (N/H): Start early morning for a beautiful walk crossing the Bugyal to Sone camp passing Balling on the way where the last check point of ITBP is there before the Panchachuli Glacier. The camp is set up after two kms from Sone village and one can see the towering Panchachuli peaks straight from the tents.

Day 7: (4 kms by trek) Sone Camp -Panchachuli (Back to camp): Today is the big day as the trek start very early in the morning and reaches the epitome of this beautiful trek. As the trek advances, one can get the views of the Panchachuli peaks coming nearer and nearer. The last climb is a 100 mts steep and after that it's just the peaks the viewer, and glacier below.



View of Panchachuli Peaks



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The visual ecstasy of this vision is something which is better seen than said. After spending some time there, come back to Sone camp and relax.

Day 8: (9 kms by trek) Sone camp – Nagling: Retrace back through the same route to Nagling

Day 9: (8 kms by trek) Nagling to (Bugyal) to Urthing: Go to visit the nearby Bugyal and then trek back to Urthing campsite

Day 10: (43 kms, 8 kms by trek rest by vehicle): Start early morning for Dar and then take the waiting vehicle to Dharchula. Take a nice shower and enjoy the specially cooked dinner to call off the trek.

Day 11: Departure to Kathgodam for onward journey to Delhi.

Day 12: Delhi to Pune by train.

Facilities provided during the trek

- 1) Expert Local Guide and staff
- 2) Sleeping bags and tents
- 3) Special focus on educating tourist about places on special basis
- 4) Veg meals during trek
- 5) Insight of tribal culture, local folklore and dances
- 6) Very comfortable tents & hot water facility at camp site

The cost given for these treks would include

- 1) All transfers in dedicated vehicles
- 2) All meals included
- 3) All food during transit
- 4) All porter and guide charges
- 5) All permits