



## ADVENTURE AND COMMUNITY MUKTESHWAR

### OVERVIEW

Mukteshwar is one of the highest Central Himalayan ridges. It commands spectacular views of the snow-covered peaks. The prominent peaks visible are Nandadevi, Trishuland Panchchuli amongst others. Our Camp Purple is located on the Mukteshwar ridge amidst apple orchard.

Mukteshwar (7290 Ft) is also the most accessible ridge in the middle Himalayas. It is one of the best rock climbing-rappelling sites in Kumaon and offers great opportunities for trekking through beautiful countryside. The villages of the region still retain their old world charm.

The students will explore the local area, hike through the forests and participate in adventure activities like rock climbing and rappelling. This is also an opportunity to learn about the culture and traditions directly from villagers.



**Mukteshwar, India**

# Route



The group will reach Indira Gandhi International Airport . First-Hand Experiences team will be at the airport to receive.



# Itinerary



## Day 1

### Arrival

The group will arrive in Delhi. First-Hand Experiences staff will pick the group from the airport. The group will be taken to Connaught Place – a business and financial hub in central Delhi. It's an opportunity to enjoy a variety of food and explore the area.

The group will undertake a overnight bus ride to Mukteshwar.

## Day 2

### Night in the Jungle

- Arrive at the camp by 07:00. Have breakfast and rest.
- After lunch, prepare your bag pack for the night in the jungle
- Start trekking. We will pass through the dense oak, rhododendron, silver fir forest and will set up our camps next to a small stream.
- Collect firewood and learn to build a fire in the jungle.
- Prepare your own dinner on firewood with the help of the trekking experts and guides.
- Bonfire followed by dinner.

## Day 3

### Treasure Hunt & Stargazing

- Early morning bird-watching
- Breakfast
- Splash around the pool. Can also slide down the waterfall.
- Head to the main road and take buses back to camp.
- Lunch at the camp.
- Treasure hunt based on Puzzle Matrix in the neighbouring area. The participants will explore the surrounding areas in their teams hunting for clues to the Matrix.
- Archery.
- Evening tea snacks.
- Campfire and Dinner.
- Introduction to Stargazing.

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## Day 4 Rock Climbing

- Breakfast at the camp.
- Hike to basic rock-climbing site.
- Introduction to rock climbing knots, creating secure bases and climbing together.
- Climb some interesting rock pitches.
- Lunch at the camp site.
- After lunch hike Bariyadhunga (2.5km) to experience the sunset.
- Evening tea snacks there.
- Come back to camp.
- Bonfire followed by dinner.

## Day 5 Village Visit

- Breakfast.
- Hike (5 km) to village Sasbani. Here the group will be divided into small teams.
- Settle In different-different houses, Interaction with villagers.
- Live a day in the lifestyle of a typical Kumaoni village; taste delicious Kumauni meals.
- Games with local village children in the evening.
- Head back to the road and take buses back to the camp.
- Review of the village visit around the bonfire.

## Day 6 Advance Rock Climbing

- Breakfast at the camp.
- We will head towards Chauli ki Jali (3.5 km) for Advance rock climbing & rappelling in various pitches (35ft to 250ft).
- Picnic lunch at rock site
- Continue with rock climbing and rappelling.
- Walk back to camp.
- Evening tea, snacks at the campsite.
- Music party around the bonfire.
- Dinner.

## Day 7 Departure

# Project Fee



## Project fee will be shared on request.

### Inclusions

1. Accommodation
2. All placements and activities
3. Three meals a day
4. Airport pick-up and drop-offs, and all local transfers
5. Full induction and orientation by experienced staff
6. Evening cultural activities
7. Entry fee and guided tours
8. 24/7 in-country support by our English speaking local Team.
9. Travel and Medical Insurance
10. Free place for a chaperon with every 20 students

### Exclusions

1. Flights
2. Spending money
3. Visa



# Cancellation Policy



- 1) Notice of 3 months or more: Full refund
- 2) Notice of 2 to 3 months: One-third of the total programme fee will be held by First-Hand Experiences
- 3) Notice of 1 to 2 months: Two-thirds of the total programme fee will be held by First-Hand Experiences
- 4) Notice of less than one month: No refund.

Exceptions are entirely at the discretion of First-Hand Experiences and must be agreed in writing at the time when any postponement or cancellation is made.

