

KINGDOM OF GADDIS TREK

- DURATION – 12 days
- DEPARTURE – Flexible
- PRICE pp share twin
 - 2pax/NZD3010; 3>4pax/NZD2940; 5>6pax/NZD2890;
 - (prices current at the time of publication (09/02/2009))*
- INCLUDES – **Delhi, Dharamshla , Kereri village, Bal, Triund, Bhagsu, Paragpur, Amritsar.**

This short trek explores the mountain villages of the historic Kingdom of the Gaddis where dense mixed forests of oak, rhododendron and pine provide access to high pasture trekking. The trek offers great views of the Daula Dhar mountain Range. The tour also visits the monastery and residence of H.H. the Dalai Lama, Paragpur (a heritage village) and Amritsar. Best time to visit April to mid June & mid September to mid December. The trek requires a moderate level of fitness

Day 1: Arrive Delhi:

Met on arrival and transfer to Hotel

Day 2: Delhi sightseeing/ overnight train to Pathankot.

Sightseeing today to New Delhi to visit India Gate, Birla Temple and Humayun's Tomb. Late evening transfer to railway station for overnight train to Pathankot 21.15 hrs. O/n Train.

Day 3: Arrive Pathankot at 07.30 hrs- Transfer to Dharamshala:

Met and transfer to Dharamshala (McLeod Ganj/ 1750mts) (approx 3hrs) Lunch on arrival, afternoon free. This evening visit the residence of H.H. Dalai Lama and the monastery.

Day 4 : Dharamshala

Day to explore the bustling bazaars and Gompas old Medical Centre. Dharamshala is in the Dhauladhar range and varies in altitude from 1250m at the 'Lower Town' bazaar to McLeodganj at 1768m..

Day 5: Dharamshala (McLeod Ganj) - Kareri (2070m)

First trekking day (14kms/7hrs trek). The first few kms are a gradually ascent and descent to Satobari village, followed by a steep descent through dense pine forest to Ghore village, our lunch stop. After lunch a steep ascent for about 2hrs to the top of the ridge through the mixed forest, from the top ridge there are fine views of the valley below and another one hours almost flat walk to Kareri village (2070m), where we camp by the Laund river.

Day 6: Kereri- Bal (2330m/approx 7 hrs)

First a very gradual ascent, to a tea stop at a mountain village with great views of the Dauladar mountain range. Continue through the open meadows and pine forest before descending to a beautiful mountain stream (chance for a swim in the river pools) – and our lunch stop. After lunch begin first a gradual ascent then more steeply through dense mixed forest of bamboo, oak and pine to the col with great views of the valley. From the col its another 30 min gradually ascent to Bal village (2330m), and a short distance passed the village through the terraced fields to the camping place close to the river with Camel peak (5300mts) in the distance.

Day 7: Bal – Laka Got (3500mts/ approx 9hrs)

Cross the river via a suspension bridge, then a steep ascent through mixed forest of Rothundreadren and pine for about 2hrs (the forest is heaven for bird watchers!) to a small chai (Tea) shop on the ridge. A short stop before a gradual ascent along the path used by the Gaddi tribal people to take their cattle to high pastures of Lak and Triund. Fine views of grassy slope and distant views of Dharamshala. After lunch the views open up as we get closer to Dhauladhar mountain range. Ascent through a meadow with a small temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, and then through the Oak forest to Laka Got, a perfect camping place with close-up views of the Dhuladhar mountains.

Day 8: Laka Got (3500mts) Rest day.

Time to rest and explore the valley and its Glacier. For the energetic we can make an ascent to Indrah Pass (4350mts), with spectacular views of Chamba Valley and distant views of Pir Pangal range.

Day 9: Laka Got to Triund (2985mts).

After a leisurely breakfast a descent of about 3hrs through the Oak forest to Triund Meadows. This afternoon time to explore around the camp area.

Day 10: Triund- Bhagsu Nag Village (1740mts/ about 5hrs trek)

After breakfast we walk over a grassy ridge for about 4kms with fine views of the valley below and the snowy peaks over the valley. A steep descent through the mixed forest of Oak, Rothoundrend, and bamboo to small Bhagsu Nallaha (Stream), cross the river to a Chai Shop followed by a gradual descent to our lunch spot close to a waterfall. After lunch 30 min trek to Bhagsu

Nag Village with a picturesque temple and natural springs! Great for refreshing dip! Our jeeps will be waiting to drive us back to Dharmshala.

Day 11: Dharmashal – Pathankot – Delhi

Morning Free. Afternoon drive to Pathankot (about 90 Km / 03 hrs) to board the overnight train to Delhi (Dep. 19.05 hrs Arr. 05.20 hrs) Overnight in train.

Day 12 Delhi – Home country.

Transfer from the railway station to hotel. (Hotel - day use only to 20.00) Day at leisure for own activity. After dinner, transfer to International airport for departure flight.