



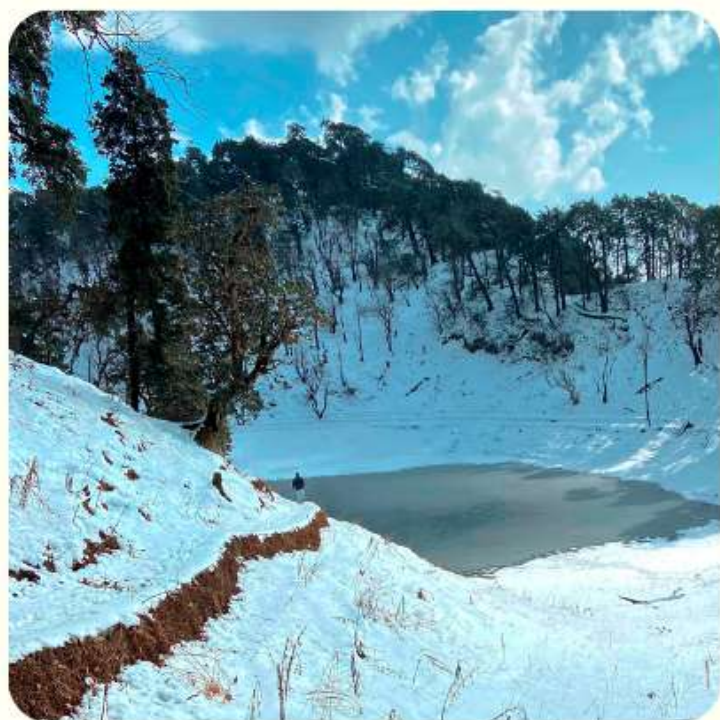
HIMALAYAN SHEPHERD

A motley of local people aimed at striving for enriching experience while creating a sustainable livelihood for the locals.

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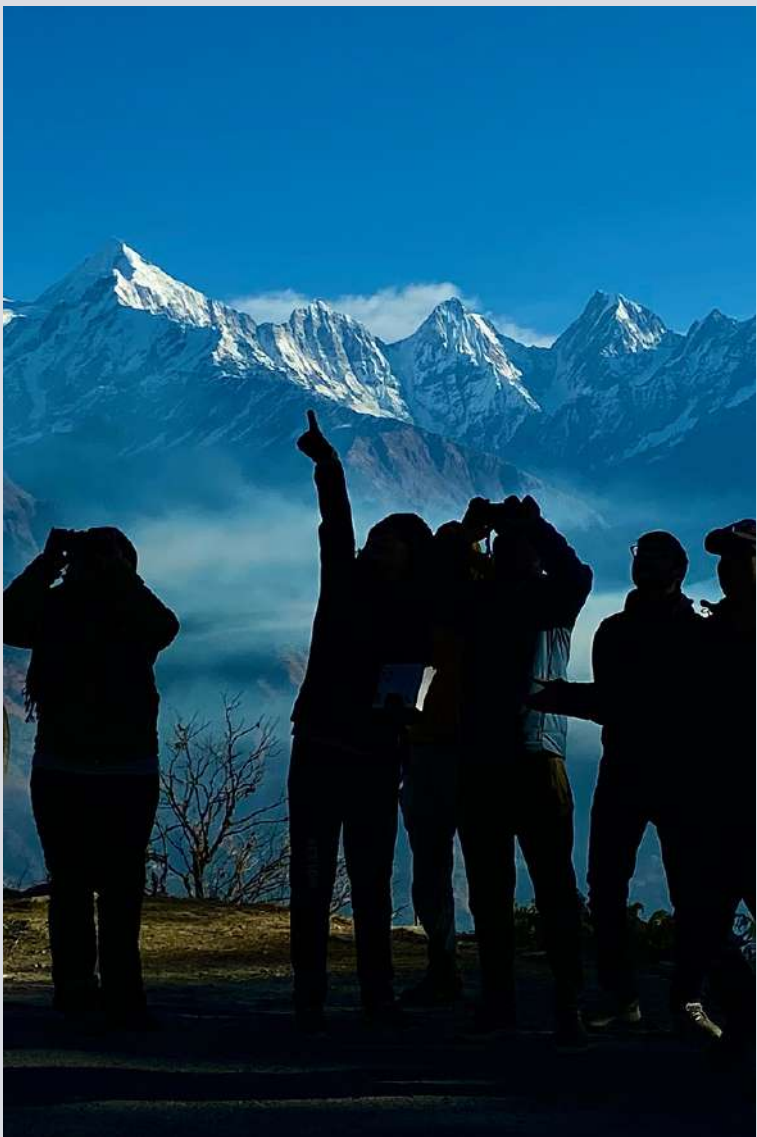
Himalayan Shepherd & Missions

The moot idea behind organising such events is to give a better perspective of The Himalayas, its denizens, culture, traditions, organic foods, and most importantly the abundance of rich flora and fauna the place harbours. Recently travelling has evolved in many a way than just going to places and ticking off the bucket list. Unless you experience things in your own way and term, the purpose of travelling is minced somewhat. Travelling is less to do with your knowledge you have garnered through reading and hearing, it lies in how much you have sidelined those while experiencing things yourself. How much you have learned during course of travelling is what matters the most. Let your hair down, get into a small talk with the lady in the kitchen, have a wholesome laugh with the kids who you meet enroute, aware of the problems of the villages you visit, spend some time mingling into their cultures, have had time with people working in their agriculture field, and respect nature by being a responsible traveller are some of things considered most real and aesthetic.

You have to actually leave behind the cities and its ideas when you come to mountain. Actually means mentally and physically.

Himalayan Shepherd aims at striving for enriching experience while creating a sustainable livelihood to the locals.

Happy Shepherd



Why Travel with Himalayan Shepherd.

Himalayan Shepherd- a motley of locals- has been striving towards sustainable and responsible tourism in mountains, while generating livelihood among different sectors concerned. The conservation of biodiversity, upliftment of tradition & culture, inculcating the importance of organic foods are things prime in focus.

Through our event, we try to acquaint people about the way local lives, eat and work , by visiting places over a span of days. We are trying to impart a new definition of Travelling in a way that truly combines your cherishing moments and enriching experience, an addition which might change your perspective towards the way we travelled till now. We are a small, happy shepherd looking forward to your participation.

OUR TEAM

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Founder, Souldrifts



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Founder, The Villagers Foundation



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Mentor, IMF



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Govind Brithwal

Owner, Birthi Campsite





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Pyrography Artist



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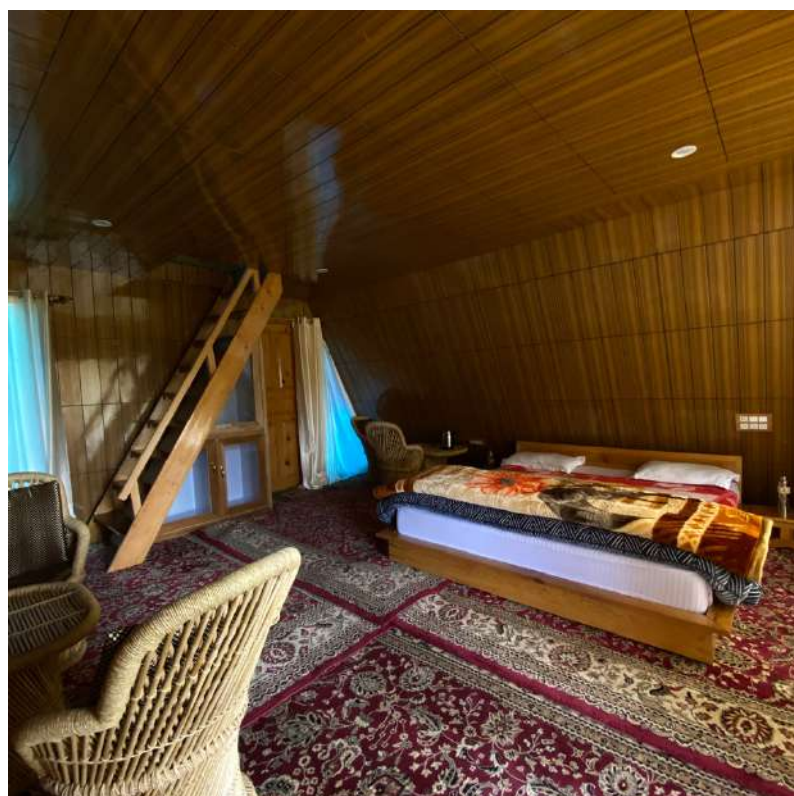


your could be an agent of change.

Travelling often is a platform where we come across people from different strata of society. By interacting with them, our experience gets enriched, so are our notions. Travelling leads you to come across situations where you could be a great help to people. your work, profession and skill are ultimate blessings to those who are in deprived situations. A doctor could advise an individual, a group who are undergoing through health ailments. An entrepreneur could take a small lecture among students enthusiastic about their budding career, so is anyone with their respective fields.

Your time is their far-fetched dreams.

Accommodation & Food



A request

We uphold sustainable and responsible tourism aided duly by the local. In the wake of ever scaling waste problem in the Himalayas, we urge visitors to dispose of waste properly while on the go. We also request visitors to respect the biodiversity this place wields, not to mention the people you come across during your travelling.



Google Reviews



The event 'Himalayan Shepherd' by souldrifts was an experience par excellence in more than one way. The places I visited during my course of stay- Chaukori, Birthi, Munsyari & Darkot- exhibit unparalleled beauty the Himalayas harbour. I truly am thankful for the moments I rejoiced with my friends, while living every moment in the mountain.

Thank you souldrifts and team.

Kunj Biharri



Kudos to souldrifts for organising Himalayan Shepherd event. It was a surreal, absorbing experience exploring different parts of kumaon himalayas while savouring local pahadi foods - Raggi, red rice, Bhaang ki chutney & greens. Not only did I learn culture & tradition which I actually am fond of, but also different treks in the region imparted me valuable knowledge about the rich biodiversity this place nurtures.

Sanjay Mahawar

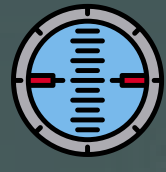


There is something about being out there – amidst nature, with loved ones, that drew our passion. We knew what we were looking for – a memorable experience, an experience we'd cherish for ages together. And Himalayan shepherd fulfilled our expectations to the fullest. It was a surreal experience in the mountains of Kumaon region. Munsiyari is a destination which adds peace to the memories. The culture and tradition we came to know about was a cherry on the top.

Akriti Akriti

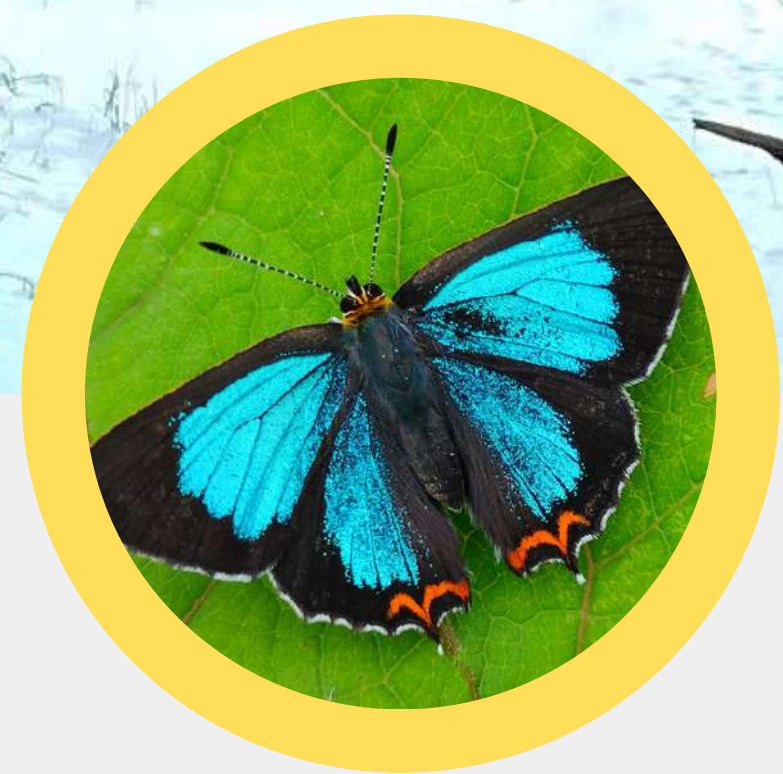
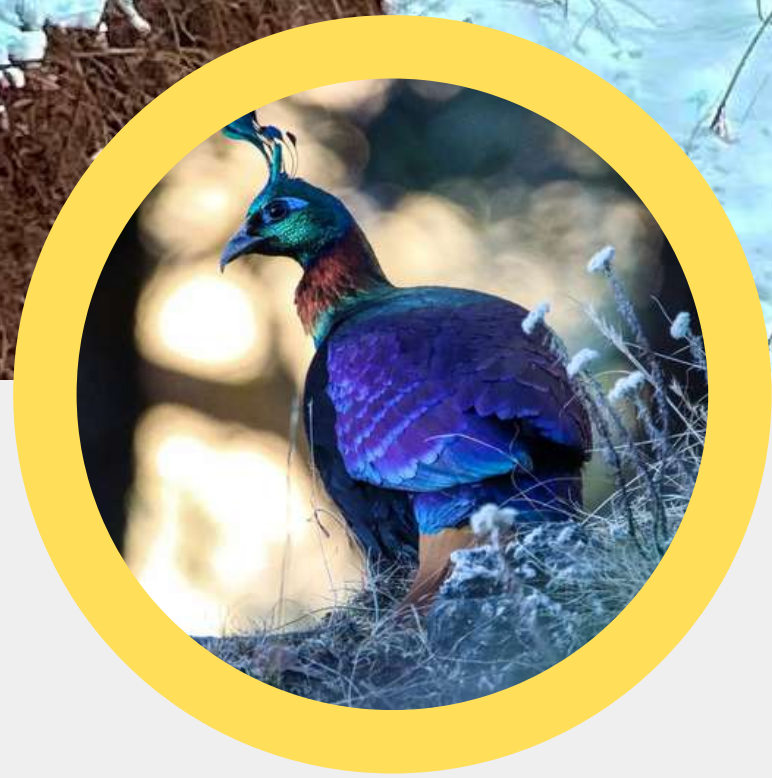
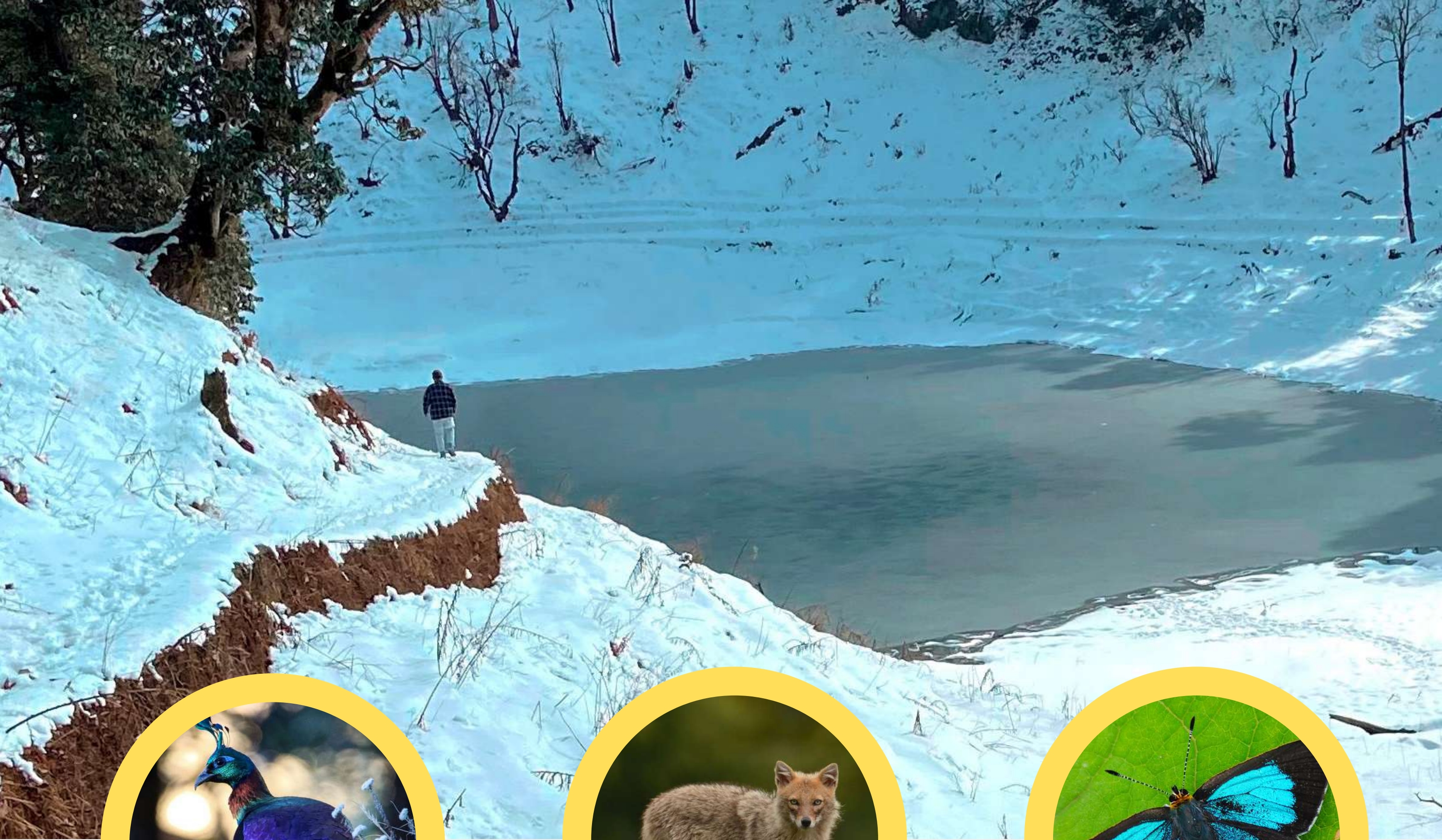


About Munsyari



2200 m

It is a hill station and lies at the base of the great Himalayan mountain range, at an elevation of about 2,200 m (7,200 ft) and is a starting point of various treks into the interior of the range. In local parlance, the name 'Munsiyari' refers to a 'place with snow'. Situated on the banks of Goriganga river, it is a fast-growing tourist destination, and mountaineers, glacier enthusiasts, high altitude trekkers and nature lovers commonly use it as their hub or base camp. Munsiyari also falls on the ancient salt route from Tibet and is at the entrance of the Johar Valley, which extends along the path of the Gori Ganga river to its source at the Milam Glacier



Eco Park, Munsyari

 (Day 1)

- Morning tea & Breakfast
- You will be touring **Nature Trail** accompanied by a guide who will be sharing useful information regarding flora and fauna. The place abounds in different species of birds, aromatic medicinal plants, rare wildlife and Butterflies. Eco Park is home to some of rarest birds species like **Himalayan Monal, koklass Pheasant, Satyr Tragopan** courtesy to all out conservation effort put in by Mr. Brijesh Dharmshaktu and team
- Following lunch, a trek to **Thamri Kund** will be on the card. The trek is home to different species of birds and wildlife and medicinal plants, of which you will be made aware of during the trek by a local guide. A 1.5 km trek will fetch a panoramic view of Kund, the water of which is crystal clear. There is a folklore attached to it also.

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About Darkot

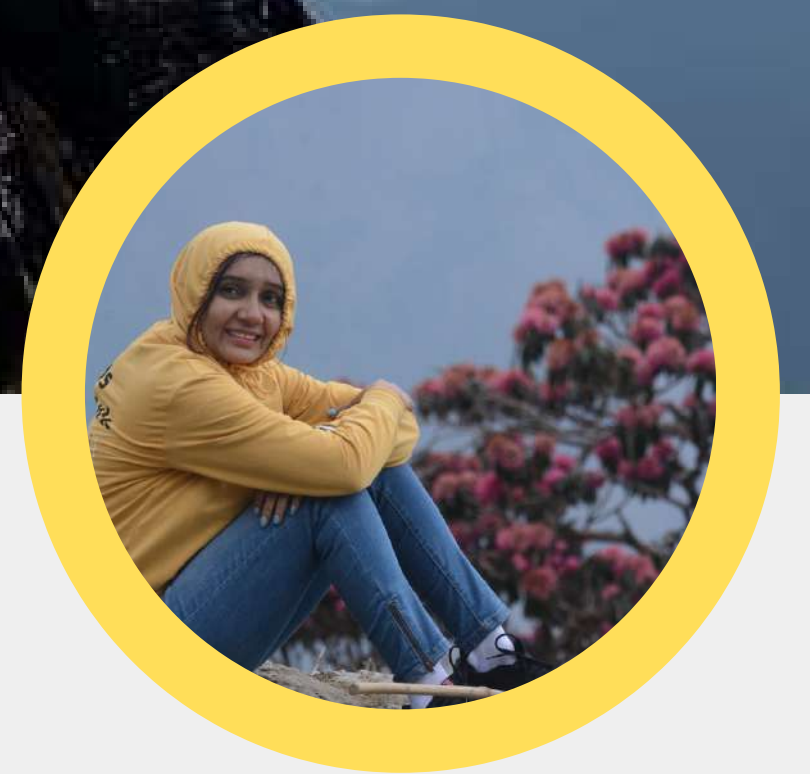
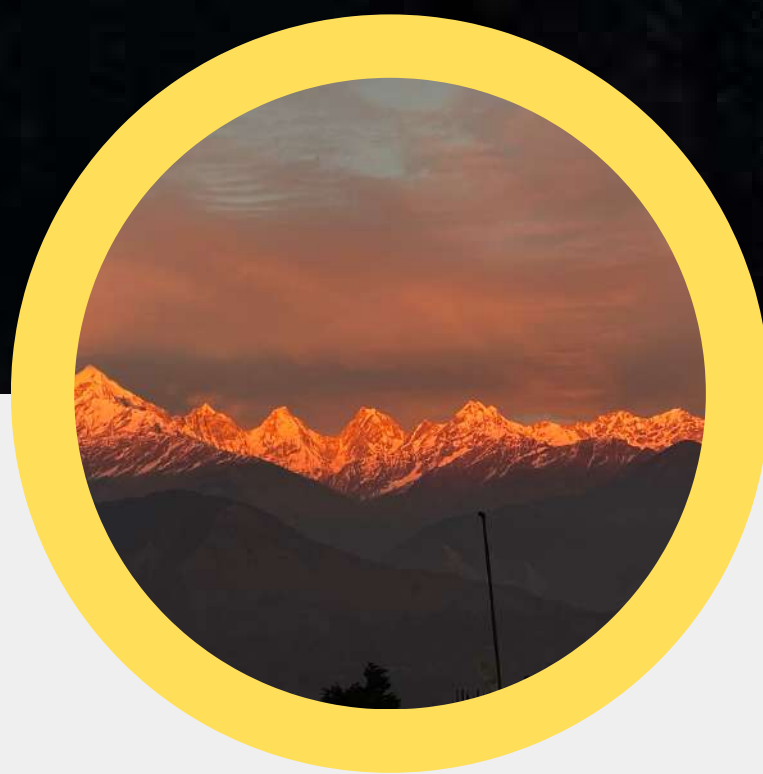
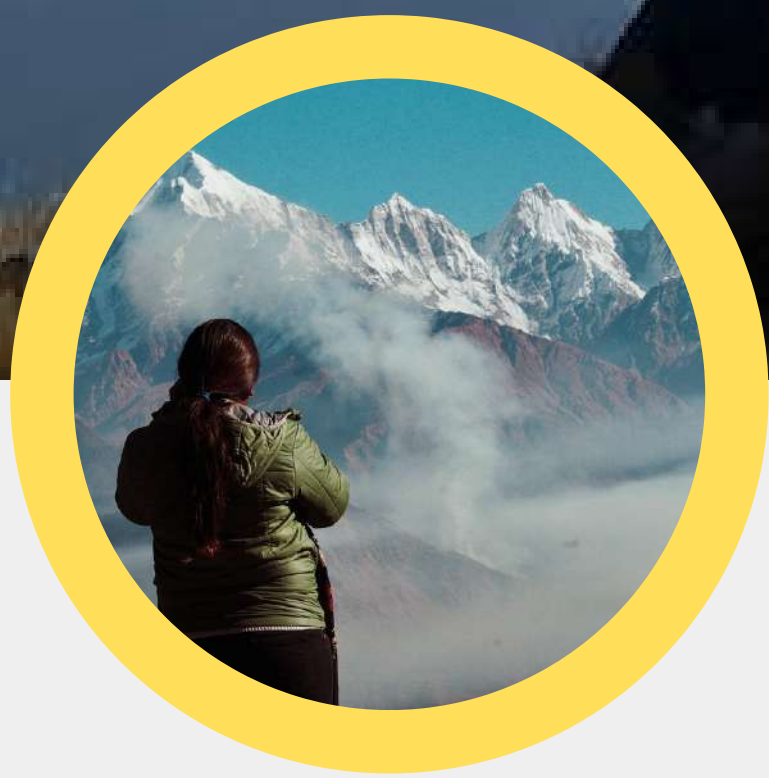
The village of Darkot was one of the settlements that the community birthed. In the quest for livelihood, women decided to take on weaving which had traditionally passed down to them as an art form that enabled them to weave beautiful handloom for their homes and families. Some of the pieces such as dunn (a kind of rug) or thulma (a coarse bedspread) are still woven only for personal use, while others are made to be sold to the rare tourist that wanders off Munsyari into Darkot. Under a government scheme a few years back, the homes here were given angora rabbits to rear and use, which makes it one of the few spots where large-scale angora farming doesn't exist, making it a small and cruelty-free local industry.



Darkot

 (Day 2)

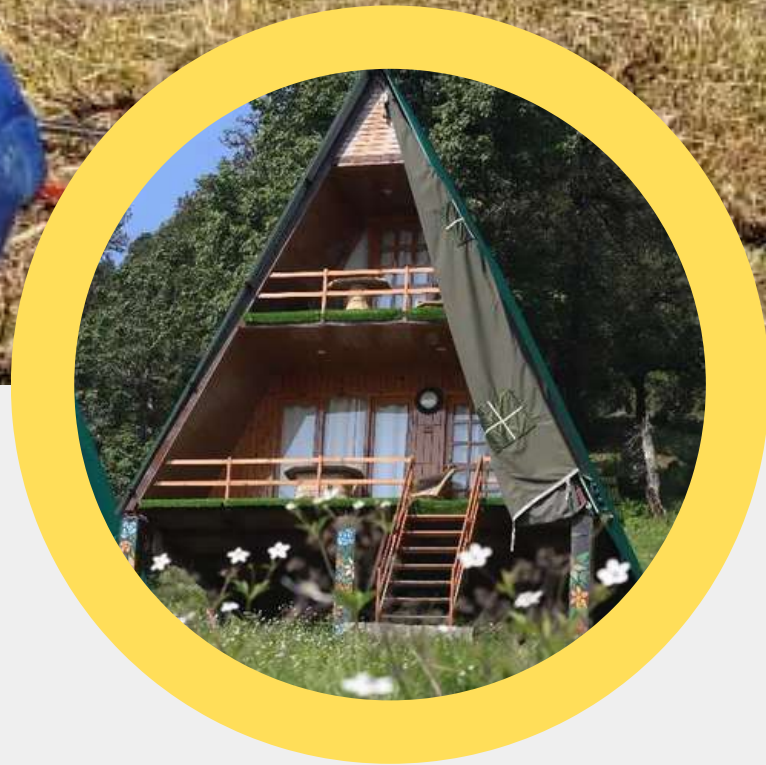
- Morning tea.
- After breakfast, you will be visiting **Nanda Devi Temple**, situated at a distance of 7 km from the property. There would local visit to nearby places like museum and Saras Market where you can acquaint yourself of local herbs and handicrafts and spices.
- We will be paying a visit to **Darkot** - a hamlet famously known for its handicraft work since long.
- At Darkot, We will have a pahadi cuisine prepared at local house.
- Given the time, we would be visiting nearby temple.



Eco Park, Munsyari

 (Day 3)

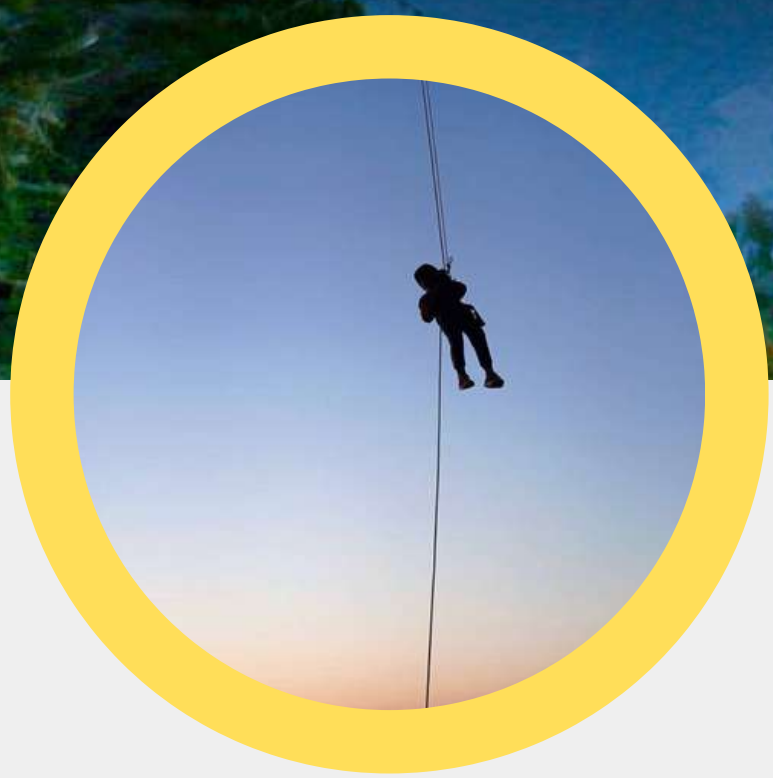
- Morning tea & Breakfast early.
- You will be trekking to **khaliya Top** - a moderate trek of 7 km meandering through oak & rhododendron forest.
- Lunch would be served mid way at TRC guest house.
- Evening tea.
- Dinner (local pahadi foods)
- **Bonfire would be a daily affair.**



Eco Park, Munsyari

 (Day 4)

- Morning tea & Breakfast
- There will be a **walk around session** in the evening in different corners of the park aimed at informing different peaks of The Himalayas (**Himalayan Darsan**). Classes on **wild survival** will be conducted by Mr. Brijesh Dharmshaktu.
- Lunch & siesta
- There is a stack of useful books available in **property's library**. you are free to access them.
- Dinner
- Bonfire and few stories by locals.



Eco Park, Munsyari

 (Day 5)

- You will be visiting **Mesar Kund** following Breakfast. .
- Upon arrival to Eco Park, lunch would be served.
- There would be a session organised for adventure activities set up in property only. Participants would be taking part and learning few things pertaining to activities like Zip Lining, Burma Bridge, Ladder climbing and more. Evening tea.
- Dinner (local pahadi foods)
- Bonfire would be a daily affair.



Important points & mentions

- No harm in any form to the flora and fauna of the place is entailed as it is home to different species which make this place a unique.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, so is smoking.
- **Littering of any form, be it at property you stay or places you travel to, is highly discouraged.**
- Loud music is not allowed as it strays away or dithers wildlife protected here.
- Straying in the dark is not recommended. Any kind of damage resulting out of it would be person's sole responsibility.
- Please switch off light when not in use.
- Please use water judiciously in the mountain.
- Any kind of damage levied to property and things therein would be borne upon by the same.
- your cooperation is highly solicited in making the event a successful one. Be courteous to people and staff you meet during your stay.

Guidelines for guests



Guests are requested to bring few below-mentioned items needed during stay.

- ~ Woolen Clothes.
- ~ A sturdy backpack.
- ~ Trekking shoes & woolen socks (extra pair).
- ~ Trekking Trouser.
- ~ Head lamp (extra battery).
- ~ Windcheater.
- ~ A pair of gloves.
- ~ A small bag needed during trek.
- ~ A water bottle, preferably thermosteel.
- ~ Sunglass & Sunscreen.
- ~ Medicines if required.
- ~ Personal toiletries
- ~ A disposable bag to curtail personal littering.
- **Guest's medicinal history if any should be intimated beforehand.**



Terms & Conditions

- In order to confirm your booking, you will be needing to pay **50% amount in advance** which will be non-refundable.
- The maximum number of guests we look forward is **15**, though it can extend/diminish under circumstances.
- The accommodation would be on a **shared basis** during the whole travelling. A room & Tent (A-shaped) will be shared by **three members** while eco cottage(a separate storey above) by **four**. In case someone needs a private space, they will have to pay extra charges incurred.
- The meal consists of **local veg pahadi foods**. Separate demands would be met by individual.
- The itinerary is **subject to change** depending on **weather conditions, road blocks or any other natural calamities**. Any extra costing arising out of it will be paid by the group.
- Your travel is **non-insured**. Loss of lives & associated properties are sole responsibility.



Payment Mode

In order to confirm your booking for the event, you will be needing to pay 50% amount in advance, which will be slated non-refundable under any circumstances. The remaining amount is to be paid before a week of the event.

The payment would be made in the name of

UPI id : souldrifts@oksbi

No other mode of payment would be entertained.

No third party acts on behalf of us in seeking payment & confirmation. A mail confirming your booking would be sent over your email id provided.



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Disclaimer

Souldrifts is neither a tour operator nor a travel company. It comprises locals hailing from different parts of Uttarakhand committed to providing an undivided hospitality to visitors through concerted efforts.



A Holy place

Thamri Kund



Himalayan Shepherd

Overlook Panchachuli

Nanda Devi Temple



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Moderate trek

Khaliya Top



Himalayan Shepherd






The art of exploring lies in getting lost into oblivion

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