OFFICE OF THE TREKKING & MOUNTAINEERING DIVISION
GARHWAL MANDAL VIKAS NIGAM LTD., MUNIKIRETI, RISHIKESH

TOUR NO. 06
GHUTTU-REEH-GANGI-BHELBAGI-CHOWKI-MASHARTAAL-MAYALIPASS-VASUKITAAL-KEDARNATH-GAURIKUND
"HIGH ALTITUDE TREK VIA MAYALI PASS 5097M."

Duration: **10 Days, w.e.f 7.9.10 to 16.9.10, Season – July ,August to mid September, Grade – Difficult to technical**

Cost: **@ Rs. 36,085/-per pax, US $-820, Euro – 612**

SERVICES: Accommodation in tourist bungalows/lodges/camps, Indian vegetarian all meals, trekking equipment (tent, sleeping bag & mattress,), Rs. one lac Insurance of participants, first aid, services of trained mountaineering tour escorts and experienced camp followers.

Description : The Khatling – Mashar tal high altitude trek falls in the valley of Bhilangana. Nature has bestowed her bounty on the vale of Bhilangana in abundance, and the rich pasture lands are ideal camping sites. The valley of Bhilangana affords a panoramic view of snow-clad peaks and hanging glaciers as Jogin(Ist 6454 m, IInd 6116m & IIIrd 6116m), Kirti Stambh(6285m) , Meru(6660m) & Sphetic Prishtwan (6905m). The Khatling glacier is situated in between Gangotri and Kedarnath. The whole trek route passes through dense whispering forests, delightful emerald alpine meadows & water falls. trekker will have to cross score of small streams on impronised log bridges and some times fording them on this route. this area is rich in wildlife. For endurance of the trek participants must be extensive Himalayan trekkers, physically fit & due acclimatization is must to avoid mountain sickness.

TREK ITINERARY

7.9.2010 All the participants are requested to assemble at TRH Ghuttu, 1400m. In the evening group reception and opening address. Ghuttu situated on the bank of river Bhilangana is famous for being gateway for Sahastratal & Panwalikanth-Kedarnath trek. Dinner & o/n stay in TRH.

8.9.2010 After b/f 10 km trek to Reeh, 2132m. with packed lunch. The trek is a gradual up & down and passes through forests of rhododendron bamboo and pine. Dinner & o/n stay in TRH Reeh (Acclimatization & physical fitness day/trek).

9.9.2010 After b/f 10 km trek to Gangi, 2700m. with packed lunch. The uphill trek to Gangi is a gradual ascent for the first 5 km up to Kalyani and after is gradual. From Kalyani one route goes to Saharstratal. From Gangi there is a panoramic view of the beautiful Bhilangana valley covered with mist and surrounded by snow covered with mist and surrounded by snow covered mountains. The villafge is also fairly large. Dinner & o/n stay in TRH Gangi (Acclimatization & physical fitness day/trek).

10.9.2010 After b/f 14 km trek to Bhelbagi, 3110m. with packed lunch. The trek passes through some of the densest descent to the river and thereafter a gradual ascent. Kharsoli is a small alpine meadow with a stream flowing through it and surrounded by stately cedars and oak trees. Dinner & o/n stay in camp.

11.9.2010 After b/f 12 km trek to Chowki, 4000m. with packed lunch. The trail follows the river along a roller coaster path running over several streams to the grazing areas. On this day

participants often required to cross the rippling waters of the numerous streams, by way of improvised log bridges or glacial traverse. From Chowki view of snow capped peaks and hanging glaciers viz Kirti Stambh 6270m. Joggin group of peaks Ist 6465m., IInd 6324m. & IIIrd 6116m. and Espehtic Prishtwan, made of white quartz, which from a distance dazzles like crystal white snow. Chowki is a flat meadow at the base of Mayalipass. Dinner & o/n stay in camp.

12.9.2010 After b/f 5 + 5 km to and fro trek to lateral Khatling glacier with packed lunch. The glacier is surrounded by Jogin group, Espehtic peak and Kirti Stambh are the source of river Bhilangana situated an elevation of 4700m. Dinner & o/n stay in camp.

13.9.2010 After b/f 9 km trek to Masartal, 5097m. with packed lunch. The ascent is laborious through loose tumbled rocks. Masartal is a high altitude lake, its environs are sheer unspoilt nature. From Mashartal view of facing Kedar peak 6940m and Bharte Kuntha 6578m. Dinner & o/n stay in camp.

14.9.2010 After b/f 11 km trek to Vasukitaal via Mayali pass 5490m. with packed lunch via Paniyatal and Teentaal. During the trek small crevasses, snow traversing and moraine walk zone.Trekking through this region requires some experience. From the pass facing view of Kedar peak and Bharte Kuntha and splendid Panwali Kantha valley. The lake is a pearl set in an unrivalled natural setting. The water is crystal clear and often seen with floating blocks of glistening ice.Dinner & o/n stay in camp at Vasukitaal 4135m.

15.9.2010 After b/f 8 km trek to Kedarnath ji, 3584m. with packed lunch. Kedarnath shrine is the seat of Lord Shiva & one of the twelve" Jyotirilingas is the holiest pilgrimage for Hindus. Kedarnath is a scenic spot situated against the backdrop of the majestic Kedar peak(6960m). The place is a photogenic hamlet & every facility is available to the visitors. Dinner & o/n stay in TRH Kedarnath.

16.9.2010 Early morning after bath visit temple to Sari Kedarnath ji. Darshan and pooja. Arrival back to TRH for breakfast. 14 km trek to Gaurikund(1980m). Hot lunch enroute at TRH Rambara. In the afternoon arrival at Gaurikund. Hot water sulpher spring bath. Gala dinner and o/n stay in TRH Gaurikund. **Tour concludes.**

NOTE: Itinerary is subject to change due to any natural calamities and weather conditions. Each participants will have to carry their personal belongings and the equipments provided for the trek.Entrance fee for National park, sanctuaries, reserve forest, forest panchayat, shooting & filming fee will be directly paid by the individual participant to the concerning forest offices as per the government norms.