

RUPIN SUPIN- HIGH MYSTERIES



A campsite on the way to Baraadsar lake

What is it? A group trek to one of the least explored regions between Himachal and Garhwal. 13th – 22nd May 2010.

THE TREK of 2010. Period. A trip that has us excited for over a year now. One of the lesser-known regions in Garhwal is the Yamuna valley. Lesser so is the tons valley, a tributary. Many times lesser are the Rupin and Supin valleys, tributaries of Tons. We traverse these two valleys in a spectacular trek over high ridges overlooking the mightiest of Himalayan peaks. The highlight though is probably the least known of all high altitude lakes, the mysterious Baraadsar (4400M). Highly revered by the locals for the powers it possess, it's a very special place. 6 days of rather easy trekking in a rather complete wilderness makes it a Himalayan trek for all.





A trek on a ridge

The Rupin-Supin trek is unique in the sense that for hours on end the trail goes over a high ridge dividing two valleys. You get to see both the valleys and the peaks surrounding them, and all this while walking on pretty much a straight path.

High mysteries

High altitude, snow covered peaks all around and miles and miles away from any kind of inhabitation, maybe its just natural to be mysterious in such cases. The Baraadsar is just that much more as it can't even be seen till you are right by its shore.

Itinerary

Date	Activity	Remarks	You have to...
Thursday, 13th May '10	Reach Delhi by evening. Take the overnite Mussorie express to Dehradun.	Its convenient and less hectic to take the overnite train. (Can also fly into Dehradun).	Book your air/train tickets to Delhi and to Dehradun.
14th May	Reach Dehradun early morning. Breakfast and a long drive to Netwar, our trekking base. (7-8 hours)	We move through the lower and middle Himalaya as we drive via Mussorie to Netwar. Long and tiring drive, but the scenery makes it worthwhile.	
15th May	Rest day.	A much needed rest day before we start on our trek. Explore the surroundings as we get used to the Himalaya.	
16th -21st May	The trek. We start from Dhaula (1500M) and walk past pretty villages as we climb to the meadows and then to the ridge separating the valleys. We then climb to the Baraadsar at 4400M amidst snow covered peaks and finally descend into Supin valley.	We cover 75km over 6 days and climb from 1500M to 4400M. This makes it a medium difficulty trek with 2 long days. You will just have to walk as we will be accompanied by guides, porters, cooks and mules to take care of all logistics. Campsites will be set and hot food served. The joys of trekking. Full itinerary on signing up.	
21st May	We are back in Netwar today.	Time to celebrate with the locals and our trek staff.	
Sat, 22nd May	Drive back to Dehradun to catch the train back to Delhi.	You have option of booking the evening shatabdi or the overnite Mussorie express.	Book your train/air tickets to Delhi and beyond.

Cost for the trip: The cost components of the trip are:

Stay and food	We will stay in family run guesthouses and homestays where available. Food will be local – fresh and simple. Food not included while in transit.
Trek	All trekking equipment like tents, sleeping bags, mats, dining tents, toilet tents, etc. Entire staff. All meals.
Transportation	We will use Qualis/ Innova with max 4 in one car.

The cost of the trip = **Rs 30000/-** per person

Cost includes: All components mentioned above. Basically everything except air and train tickets.

Note: The group size will be limited to 10. Get on the advance list by making a payment of Rs 2500 before 10th Mar. Confirm your place by paying the full amount before 11th Apr. Please check the cancellation policy on our website.

Payment options:

1. Cheque/ DD:

For 'Connect with Himalaya'.
403, Ram Krishna chambers
Linking Road, Khar west
Above Reebok showroom
Mumbai -400052

2. Online transfer/ Deposit to:

Account name: Connect with Himalaya
Bank: Axis bank
Branch: Springfield- Lokhandwala, Mumbai
Current A/C #: 415010200003681
IFSC: UTIB0000415, SWIFT: AXISINBB002

What to get along?

Himalayan summer means long pleasant days and cool nights. It will be cold as we camp high on the meadows but we will be snug in our sleeping bags. Temp ranges from 7 to 25 degrees. Never count out the occasional Himalayan shower though. We will be prepared accordingly: Woolen sweater, cap, socks and gloves, a light rain jacket and good walking shoes are the essentials. Layering is the key. Detailed checklist on signing up.

Making a contribution:

There is always a way of giving back to the place and people where we go for our holidays. We are organizing this trek with a group of guides and porters of this area. This is their only source of employment apart from the once a year crop cycle. You can also support local handicraft weavers by buying your woolens from them directly. This is one of the most neglected areas of Uttarakhand and while in Netwar we get a chance to help them in every possible way. We are open to any suggestions you might have as to how we can make a contribution through this trip.

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