

UTTARAKHAND · UTTARKASHI · HIMALAYA

Kedarkantha Trek

5 days · 4 nights · Easy – Moderate · summit at 3,810 m

₹9,000

per person + 5% GST · EMI available at checkout · Free Trekking Gear (refundable deposit)

DURATION

5 days

GRADE

Easy – Moderate

HIGHEST POINT

3,810 m 12,500 ft

TREK DISTANCE

20 km

Kedarkantha at a glance

Trek fee per person

₹9,000

+ 5% GST ₹450

₹9,450 all-in

EMI available at checkout

Book at

trekkaro.com/trek/kedarkantha-trek

Free Trekking Gear

Decathlon trekking shoes, a -10°C jacket, trekking poles, gaiters and microspikes come with your booking (₹3,000 refundable deposit + ₹200 washing charge). Tents and -20°C sleeping bags are part of the trek.

WHY TREK WITH TREKKARO

- ✓ World's only Free Trekking Gear company, since 2018
- ✓ Groups capped at 20 · one leader or guide for every 8
- ✓ Certified trek leaders, oximeter checks, first-aid kit
- ✓ Hot, fresh meals cooked at camp
- ✓ 4.7 on Google · 4.9 on Facebook
- ✓ Free rescheduling up to 8 days before

Kedarkantha is India's most celebrated winter trek, and for good reason. It rewards first-time trekkers with a dramatic summit climb, snow-buried pine forests, a frozen lake campsite, and 360-degree Himalayan views, all without requiring prior mountaineering experience.

Kedarkantha (3,810 m / 12,500 ft) rises from the Govind Pashu Vihar National Park in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, deep in the western Garhwal Himalayas. It is a relatively accessible summit by Himalayan standards, reachable without technical climbing gear or prior mountaineering experience, yet it rewards every trekker with a summit view that rivals peaks three times its height. The trail begins at Sankri village (1,950 m), winds through ancient cedar and pine forests, passes the frozen high-altitude lake of Juda Ka Talab, crosses sweeping snow-blanketed...

TEMPERATURE IN THE SEASONS THIS TREK RUNS

Winter (Dec-Feb)

Day -2°C to 8°C, Night -15°C to -10°C

Spring (Mar-Apr)

Day 5°C to 15°C, Night -6°C to -2°C

Summer (May-Jun)

Day 10°C to 20°C, Night 2°C to 5°C

Autumn (Sep-Nov)

Day 5°C to 18°C, Night -8°C to -2°C

The itinerary

1 DAY 1

Arrival at Sankri (1,950 m / 6,400 ft)

200 km drive from Dehradun, 7–8 hrs

Your Kedarkantha winter trek begins not on a trail, but on a winding mountain road that feels like a curtain slowly rising on a grand stage.

2 DAY 2

Sankri (1,950 m / 6,400 ft) to Juda Ka Talab (2,773 m / 9,100 ft)

4 km, 4–5 hrs

The moment your boots hit the Kedarkantha trail, the world goes quiet in the most absolute way. From Sankri, the path climbs steadily through a cathedral of towering pine trees whose branches bow under the weight of winter snow.

3 DAY 3

Juda Ka Talab (2,773 m / 9,100 ft) to Kedarkantha Base Camp (3,429 m / 11,250 ft)

3 km, 2–3 hrs

Day 3 is where the Kedarkantha trek undergoes its most dramatic visual transformation. As you leave the treeline behind, the dense pine forest gives way to sweeping open meadows draped in unbroken white.

4 DAY 4

Kedarkantha Base Camp (3,429 m / 11,250 ft) to Kedarkantha Summit (3,810 m / 12,500 ft) and back to Juda Ka Talab (2,773 m / 9,100 ft)

9 km, 8–9 hrs

At 2:00 AM, your guide calls the tent. The temperature outside is well below freezing. The stars, improbably bright and impossibly close, form a hard canopy overhead.

5 DAY 5

Juda Ka Talab (2,773 m / 9,100 ft) to Sankri (1,950 m / 6,400 ft), drive to Dehradun

4 km trek, 3–4 hrs; 7–8 hrs drive

The last morning at Juda Ka Talab arrives quietly. You wake to sunlight already moving across the frozen lake, turning the ice from grey to pale gold. There is no summit to chase today, no agenda beyond descent.

PICK YOUR DATES

Upcoming departures

OCT 2026 17 – 21 Sat to Wed · 5 days Dussehra	OCT 2026 18 – 22 Sun to Thu · 5 days Dussehra	OCT 2026 24 – 28 Sat to Wed · 5 days	OCT 2026 25 – 29 Sun to Thu · 5 days
OCT 2026 31 – 4 Nov Sat to Wed · 5 days	NOV 2026 1 – 5 Sun to Thu · 5 days	NOV 2026 7 – 11 Sat to Wed · 5 days Diwali	NOV 2026 8 – 12 Sun to Thu · 5 days Diwali
NOV 2026 14 – 18 Sat to Wed · 5 days	NOV 2026 15 – 19 Sun to Thu · 5 days	NOV 2026 21 – 25 Sat to Wed · 5 days Guru Nanak Jayanti	NOV 2026 22 – 26 Sun to Thu · 5 days Guru Nanak Jayanti
NOV 2026 28 – 2 Dec Sat to Wed · 5 days	NOV 2026 29 – 3 Dec Sun to Thu · 5 days	DEC 2026 1 – 5 Tue to Sat · 5 days	DEC 2026 2 – 6 Wed to Sun · 5 days
DEC 2026 3 – 7 Thu to Mon · 5 days	DEC 2026 4 – 8 Fri to Tue · 5 days	DEC 2026 5 – 9 Sat to Wed · 5 days	DEC 2026 6 – 10 Sun to Thu · 5 days
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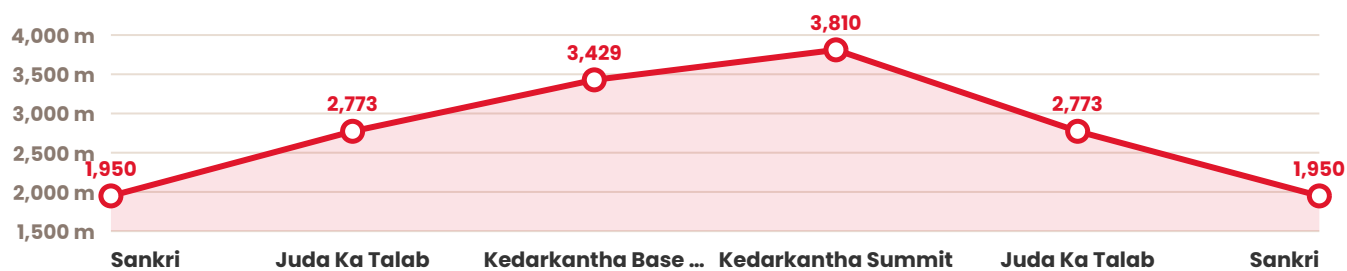
80 more dates, live seats and booking: trekkaro.com/trek/kedarkantha-trek · booking closes at 5 PM the day before departure · groups capped at 20 with one leader or guide for every 8 trekkers.

The route



Satellite view with the camps and the summit marked; the trek page has the same map with the trail walked day by day.

ALTITUDE PROFILE



ROUTE, STOP BY STOP

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| <p>1 Sankri 1,950 m</p> <p>Day 1 · Base</p> | <p>4 Kedarkantha Summit 3,810 m</p> <p>Day 4 · Summit</p> |
| <p>2 Juda Ka Talab 2,773 m</p> <p>Day 2 · Lake · Forest camp by the pond</p> | <p>5 Juda Ka Talab (return) 2,773 m</p> <p>Day 4 · Camp</p> |
| <p>3 Kedarkantha Base Camp 3,429 m</p> <p>Day 3 · Camp</p> | <p>6 Sankri (trek end) 1,950 m</p> <p>Day 5 · Base</p> |

FEE COVERS

What is included

✓ Free Trekking Gear (FTG)	Decathlon trekking shoes. Decathlon jacket rated to -10°C. Trekking poles, gaiters and microspikes. No rental fee: ₹3,000 refundable deposit + ₹200 washing charge.
✓ Accommodation	Day 1: guesthouse in Sankri, on a triple-sharing basis. Day 2 to Day 4: camping at the designated campsites, on a triple-sharing basis.
✓ Meals	All meals from Day 1 dinner to Day 5 breakfast: breakfast, lunch, evening snacks and dinner.
✓ Permits & Camping Fees	Govind Pashu Vihar National Park entry permits and forest checkpost fees, arranged by Trekkaro.
✓ Camping & Safety Equipment	Double-wall, rain-rated tents and -20°C sleeping bags at every campsite. Trekking mattresses or sleeping pads at every campsite. SpO2, pulse and blood-pressure checks twice a day at every campsite. Portable oxygen cylinder and emergency stretcher on every batch. HF radio communication across the trek team.
✓ Trek Team	Certified trek leader and guide for all 5 days. Mountain kitchen staff, camp helpers, and mules or porters for the group equipment. Trek completion certificate when you reach Kedarkantha Summit and return to Sankri.

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Backpack Offloading	₹1,500 + 5% GST for the whole trek (max 9 kg)
Single Tent Occupancy	₹2,000 + 5% GST for the whole trek
FTG (100% Refundable*)	₹3,000 refundable deposit, returned after the trek

What is not included

✗ Transport	Not included: Dehradun to Sankri and back. We help the group book shared cabs at ₹1,000 per person each way (₹2,000 return), paid directly to the driver. Travel to and from Dehradun (flights, trains or buses), arranged by you.
✗ Food During Transit	Meals on the drive between Dehradun and Sankri.
✗ Backpack Offloading (optional)	₹1,500 + 5% GST for the entire trek. Maximum weight: 9 kg; no suitcases, trolleys or duffel bags. Charges may be higher for last-minute requests made at Sankri.
✗ Single Tent Occupancy (optional)	₹2,000 + 5% GST per tent for the entire trek.
✗ Personal Equipment	Your clothing, backpack, sunglasses and other personal gear (shoes, jacket, poles, gaiters and microspikes come with Free Trekking Gear).
✗ Trek Insurance	Travel insurance is mandatory and not included. It must cover high-altitude trekking and helicopter evacuation.
✗ Anything Not Mentioned Under Inclusions	Accommodation in Dehradun before or after the trek. Personal expenses such as tips, calls, laundry and extra snacks. Costs from an early exit, evacuation, or an itinerary change due to weather or medical reasons.

Things to carry

Basic Gears

Kedarkantha is a winter and snow trek with a 2:00 AM summit start, so grip, warmth and light matter most.

- **Trekking shoes** – Provided free with Trekkaro's Free Trekking Gear (one refundable deposit of ₹3,000 + ₹200 washing charge covers the whole kit), handed over on the first day; your own broken-in, waterproof pair with ankle support is welcome too.
- **Trekking poles** – Provided free with Trekkaro's Free Trekking Gear; a real help on the snowy descent.
- **Microspikes and gaiters** – Provided free with Trekkaro's Free Trekking Gear, for snow and ice.
- **Backpack (50–60 L)** – with a rain cover, big enough for winter layers.
- **Day pack (20–30 L)** – needed if you offload your main backpack; also carries water, snacks and a spare layer on summit day.
- **Two water bottles (1 L each)** – one insulated, so your water does not freeze.
- **Headlamp** – with spare batteries; essential for the pre-dawn summit climb.
- **Lunch box** – reusable, for packed lunch on the trail.

Clothes

Nights at the upper camps drop below freezing and the summit climb starts in the dark, so carry 5 warm layers: thermal top and bottom, 2 fleece or woollen layers and a padded jacket.

- **-10°C padded jacket** – Provided free with Trekkaro's Free Trekking Gear; your main warm layer at camp and on the summit.
- **Thermal inners (top and bottom)** – 2 sets, merino or synthetic; keep one set dry for sleeping.
- **Fleece jackets or woollen sweaters x2** – 200–300 gsm fleece, for camp and rest stops.
- **Waterproof, windproof jacket or poncho** – the outer shell for snowfall, wet snow and wind on summit day.
- **Trek pants x2** – quick-dry, no jeans; waterproof or snow pants help on the summit and snowfields.
- **Warm trousers** – fleece or woollen, for camp.
- **Quick-dry collared T-shirts x3** – full sleeves, worn under your layers.
- **Socks** – 3–4 pairs: cotton or sports socks for walking and woollen socks for camp and night.
- **Spare warm set in a dry bag** – kept dry inside your backpack for emergencies.

Accessories

Snow glare, cold wind and strong sun above 9,000 ft make these essential on Kedarkantha.

- **Woollen cap** – covering the ears.

- **Balaclava** – for the pre-dawn summit climb, when the wind chill is intense.
- **Sun cap** – for bright afternoons on the snow.
- **Gloves** – a fleece or woollen pair plus a waterproof outer pair for snow.
- **Buff or neck gaiter** – face and neck protection.
- **UV sunglasses** – category 3 or 4; snow glare can cause snow blindness.
- **Sunscreen SPF 50+ and lip balm** – UV is much stronger at altitude, even on cold days.
- **Quick-dry towel and toiletries** – biodegradable soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and hand sanitiser; no wet wipes, as they are not biodegradable.
- **Ziploc or dry bags** – for electronics, documents, wet clothes and waste.

Others

Charging and mobile signal are limited on the trail and cards do not work in the mountains, so carry these from Dehradun.

- **Personal medical kit** – your regular medicines, blister plasters, pain relief and ORS; consult your doctor before the trek, including about Diamox.
- **Snacks and ORS** – trail mix, dates, energy bars, dark chocolate and electrolyte sachets.
- **Power bank** – there is no charging on the trail, and cold drains batteries fast, so keep spares close to your body.
- **Cash** – in small notes; ATMs are few in the hills and cards are not accepted in the mountains, so withdraw in Dehradun, including the cab fare (₹1,000 per person each way).
- **Camp slippers or sandals** – light, for camp and inside the tent.
- **Offline map** – downloaded on your phone before you leave.
- **Waste bag** – Trekkaro follows a zero-waste policy; carry all your packaging back out in the Swachh Bharat bag.
- **Earplugs** – optional, useful in shared stays.

Mandatory Documents

- **Government photo ID** – original and a photocopy (Aadhaar card, passport, voter ID or driving licence).
- **Passport** – for international trekkers, needed for forest entry permits and any medical evacuation.
- **Medical fitness certificate** – signed by a doctor.
- **Travel insurance** – policy document with emergency evacuation cover (mandatory).
- **Disclaimer form** – signed, with your emergency contact details filled in.
- **Trekkaro booking confirmation** – e-ticket / tax invoice.

How to reach

BY AIR

Nearest airport: Jolly Grant Airport (DED), about 25 km / 45–60 min from Dehradun city, with direct flights from Delhi and other metros. The cab leaves Dehradun Railway Station at 06:30 AM, so fly in the day before and stay near the station.

From Dehradun to Sankri: 200 km, 7–8 hrs by road. A shared cab leaves Dehradun Railway Station at 06:30 AM for Sankri Village. It is not included in the trek fee and costs ₹1,000 per person each way, paid directly to the driver.

Return: On the last day you walk down from Juda Ka Talab to Sankri and drive back; the shared cab (₹1,000 per person, paid directly to the driver) is expected at Dehradun Railway Station by 06:00 PM. Book your flight home for the next day.

BY TRAIN

Nearest railway station: Dehradun (DDN), which is also the pickup point, with direct trains from Delhi. Take the overnight train to arrive on the morning of departure, or come a day early.

Nanda Devi Express – overnight from Delhi, the easiest way to make the 06:30 AM cab.

Dehradun Shatabdi, Jan Shatabdi and Vande Bharat – day trains; take them the day before the trek.

Check current timings and book early, especially for weekend and holiday batches.

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BY BUS OR ROAD

By bus: Buses run through the night from Delhi ISBT Kashmere Gate to Dehradun ISBT, about 6–7 hrs. Prefer Uttarakhand Roadways (government) Volvo or ordinary buses from inside the ISBT, and from Dehradun ISBT take an auto or cab to the railway station for the 06:30 AM pickup.

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PLANS CHANGE — WE GET IT

Cancellation and **rescheduling**

UP TO 8 DAYS BEFORE

Free reschedule

Move to another batch once, transfer the booking, or take a 100% TrekCash voucher valid for one year.

CANCELLING

70% · 50%

70% refund 30 or more days before departure; 50% refund 15–29 days before.

8 TO 14 DAYS BEFORE

TrekCash

No cash refund, but a voucher for the full amount. Within 7 days: no refund. Full policy at trekkaro.com/terms#cancellation

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