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# Vasuki Tal Trek

9 days · 8 nights · Difficult · summit at 4,880 m

**₹28,500**

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

DURATION

**9** days

GRADE

**Difficult**

HIGHEST POINT

**4,880 m** 16,010 ft

TREK DISTANCE

**71 km**

## ABOUT THE TREK

# Vasuki Tal at a glance

Trek fee per person

**₹28,500**

+ 5% GST ₹1,425

**₹29,925 all-in**

EMI available at checkout

**Book at**

**[trekkaro.com/trek/vasuki-tal-trek](https://trekkaro.com/trek/vasuki-tal-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

The Ganga begins in ice. At Gaumukh, the snout of the Gangotri Glacier, blocks of it break away and crash into the river below. On the Vasuki Tal trek, that is where the real climb begins: up steep moraine to a meadow at the foot of Shivling, across the boulders and ice of the glacier itself, and on to a still lake at 4,880 metres where the summits of the Gangotri group look down at their own reflection. Nine days, one river, and a slow walk from a temple town to the edge of the ice.

The Vasuki Tal trek follows the Bhagirathi upstream from Gangotri, through the pine forest of Chirbasa and the riverside camp at Bhojbasa, to Gaumukh, the mythological and geographical source of the Ganga. Above the snout it leaves the pilgrim path and climbs to Tapovan, the high meadow where Shivling (6,543 m / 21,467 ft) rises like a needle over your tent,...

### TEMPERATURE IN THE SEASONS THIS TREK RUNS

#### Summer (May-Jun)

Day 5°C to 12°C, Night -3°C to 3°C

#### Autumn (Sep-Oct)

Day 2°C to 7°C, Night -15°C to -5°C

## The itinerary

### 1 DAY 1

#### Arrival at Gangotri (3,065 m / 10,050 ft)

241 km drive from Dehradun, 10-11 hrs

The Vasuki Tal journey starts on the road.

### 2 DAY 2

#### Acclimatisation day at Gangotri (3,065 m / 10,050 ft)

optional hikes to Surya Kund and Pandava Gufa, 4-6 km, 3-4 hrs

Day 2 is an acclimatisation day, and on a trek that climbs to 4,880 m it is one of the most important days of the itinerary.

### 3 DAY 3

#### Gangotri (3,065 m / 10,050 ft) to Bhojwasa (3,775 m / 12,385 ft) via Chirbasa

14 km, 5-6 hrs

Day 3 is the first trekking day, and at 14 km it is a long one.

### 4 DAY 4

#### Bhojwasa (3,775 m / 12,385 ft) to Tapovan (4,463 m / 14,640 ft) via Gaumukh (3,892 m / 12,770 ft)

9 km, 6-7 hrs

Day 4 is long and challenging, and we recommend starting by 6:00 AM.

### 5 DAY 5

#### Tapovan (4,463 m / 14,640 ft) to Nandanvan (4,340 m / 14,240 ft) across the Gangotri Glacier

7 km, 5-6 hrs

Day 5 takes you across the Gangotri Glacier, one of the most adventurous sections of the trek.

### 6 DAY 6

#### Nandanvan (4,340 m / 14,240 ft) to Vasuki Tal (4,880 m / 16,010 ft) and back

12 km, 7-8 hrs

Day 6 is the day the trek is named for.

### 7 DAY 7

#### Nandanvan (4,340 m / 14,240 ft) to Bhojwasa (3,775 m / 12,385 ft)

15 km, 6-7 hrs

Day 7 is a long descent, 15 km over 6-7 hours, losing about 575 m.

### 8 DAY 8

#### Bhojwasa (3,775 m / 12,385 ft) to Gangotri (3,065 m / 10,050 ft)

14 km, 6-7 hrs

Day 8 is your last morning in the high-altitude silence of the Gangotri National Park.

**9****DAY 9****Gangotri (3,065 m / 10,050 ft) to Dehradun**

241 km drive, 10-11 hrs

The final day is the drive back to Dehradun. Leave Gangotri early, around 6:30 AM, so you reach the city by evening without delays.

PICK YOUR DATES

## Upcoming departures

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OCT 2026</b><br><b>17 – 25</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days<br>Dussehra | <b>OCT 2026</b><br><b>24 – 1 Nov</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days | <b>MAY 2027</b><br><b>15 – 23</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days<br>Buddha Purnima | <b>MAY 2027</b><br><b>22 – 30</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days |
| <b>MAY 2027</b><br><b>29 – 6 Jun</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days          | <b>JUN 2027</b><br><b>5 – 13</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days     | <b>JUN 2027</b><br><b>12 – 20</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days                   | <b>JUN 2027</b><br><b>19 – 27</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days |
| <b>JUN 2027</b><br><b>26 – 4 Jul</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days          | <b>SEP 2027</b><br><b>18 – 26</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days    | <b>SEP 2027</b><br><b>25 – 3 Oct</b><br>Sat to Sun · 9 days                |                                                          |

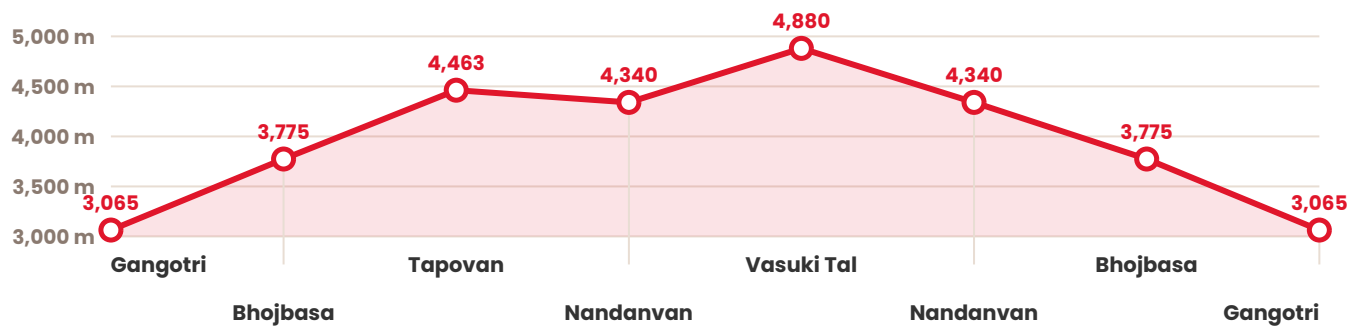
live seats and booking: [trekkaro.com/trek/vasuki-tal-trek](https://trekkaro.com/trek/vasuki-tal-trek) · booking closes at 5 PM the day before departure · groups capped at 20 with one leader or guide for every 8 trekkers.

## 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

#### 1 Gangotri 3,065 m

Day 1 · Base

#### 2 Bhojbasa 3,775 m

Day 3 · Camp · Ashram camp

#### 3 Tapovan 4,463 m

Day 4 · Camp · Meadow under Shivling

#### 4 Nandanvan 4,340 m

Day 5 · Camp

#### 5 Vasuki Tal 4,880 m

Day 6 · Lake · Lake under Vasuki Parbat

#### 6 Nandanvan (return) 4,340 m

Day 6 · Camp · Back across the moraine

#### 7 Bhojbasa (return) 3,775 m

Day 7 · Camp · Descent camp

#### 8 Gangotri (trek end) 3,065 m

Day 8 · Base · Descent

## FEE COVERS

### What is included

|                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓ <b>Free Trekking Gear (FTG)</b>       | Decathlon trekking shoes. Decathlon jacket rated to -10°C. Trekking poles, gaiters and microspikes.<br>No rental fee: ₹3,000 refundable deposit + ₹200 washing charge.                                                                                                          |
| ✓ <b>Accommodation</b>                  | Day 1, Day 2 and Day 8: guesthouse or homestay in Gangotri, on a triple/quad sharing basis. Day 3 to Day 7: camping in 3-person tents at Bhojwasa, Tapovan and Nandanvan.                                                                                                       |
| ✓ <b>Meals</b>                          | All meals from Day 1 dinner to Day 8 dinner. Freshly prepared, simple vegetarian food. Tea, coffee, soups and snacks during the trek.                                                                                                                                           |
| ✓ <b>Permits &amp; Camping Fees</b>     | All necessary trekking permits and forest camping fees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| ✓ <b>Camping &amp; Safety Equipment</b> | Tents and sleeping bags. Large mess tents with tables. All technical equipment needed on the trek, including ice axes, microspikes, gaiters and ropes. First-aid kit, medical support and oxygen cylinders at every camp. Stretchers at each campsite for emergency evacuation. |
| ✓ <b>Trek Team</b>                      | Experienced trek leaders, supported by local certified mountain guides.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Backpack Offloading</b>    | ₹4,300 + 5% GST for the whole trek (max 9 kg)      |
| <b>Single Tent Occupancy</b>  | ₹2,000 + 5% GST for the whole trek                 |
| <b>FTG (100% Refundable*)</b> | ₹3,000 refundable deposit, returned after the trek |

### What is not included

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| ✗ <b>Transport</b>                               | Transport (Dehradun to Gangotri and back) is not included in the trek fee: we help the group book shared cabs (about ₹8,000 one way per 6-seater vehicle), paid directly to the driver and split among trekkers. |
| ✗ <b>Food During Transit</b>                     | Meals on the drive between Dehradun and Gangotri.                                                                                                                                                                |
| ✗ <b>Backpack Offloading (optional)</b>          | ₹4,300 + 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 Gangotri.                                               |
| ✗ <b>Single Tent Occupancy (optional)</b>        | ₹2,000 + 5% GST per tent for the entire trek.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| ✗ <b>Personal Equipment</b>                      | Your backpack, clothing and other personal gear (trekking shoes, jacket, poles, gaiters and microspikes come with Free Trekking Gear).                                                                           |
| ✗ <b>Trek Insurance</b>                          | Travel insurance is mandatory and not included. It must cover high-altitude trekking and emergency evacuation.                                                                                                   |
| ✗ <b>Anything Not Mentioned Under Inclusions</b> | If an item is not listed under inclusions, it is not part of the package; ask in advance if you are unsure.                                                                                                      |

## Things to carry

### Basic Gears

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Vasuki Tal is a 9-day, Difficult trek over moraine and glacier ground via Gaumukh and Tapovan to 4,880 m, and the shoes, poles and snow gear come with Trekkaro's Free Trekking Gear.

- **Backpack** – 50–60 L with a rain cover and padded hip belt
- **Day pack** – 20–30 L; needed if you offload your main backpack (₹4,300 + 5% GST for the full trek, max 9 kg, no suitcases, trolleys or duffel bags)
- **Trekking shoes** – Provided free with Trekkaro's Free Trekking Gear (one refundable deposit of ₹3,000 + ₹200 washing charge covers the whole kit)
- **Trekking poles** – Provided free with the Free Trekking Gear; they give balance on moraine and steep ascents
- **Gaiters and microspikes** – Provided free, for snow patches near Gaumukh and Vasuki Tal, especially in May
- **Headlamp** – with spare batteries, for early starts and evenings at camp
- **Water bottles** – 2 bottles of 1 L each; make one insulated for the high camps
- **Lunch box** – reusable, for packed lunches on the trail

### Clothes

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The trek crosses 4,500 m and camps at Tapovan and Nandanvan are high and cold, so pack 4 warm layers even in May–June and September–October.

- **-10°C padded jacket** – Provided free with Trekkaro's Free Trekking Gear
- **Thermal innerwear** – 1 set, top and bottom, essential for cold nights
- **Fleece or woollen layers** – 2, to wear under the padded jacket at the high camps
- **Rain jacket or poncho** – essential for unexpected showers
- **Trek pants** – 2 pairs, one to wear and one to carry; no jeans
- **T-shirts** – 3 quick-dry collared T-shirts
- **Socks** – 3–4 pairs of cotton or sports socks for walking, plus 2 pairs of woollen socks for the night
- **Caps** – a sun cap (wide-brimmed or neck-covering) and a woollen cap
- **Balaclava or buff** – for cold wind at Tapovan and Vasuki Tal
- **Gloves** – a fleece or woollen pair, plus waterproof gloves for snow

### Accessories

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Sun reflecting off the Gangotri glacier and snow near the lake is harsh, so protect your eyes and skin every day.

- **Sunglasses** – UV-protected, to prevent snow blindness

- **Sunscreen** – SPF 50+, reapplied through the day
- **Lip balm** – SPF 30, to prevent chapped lips
- **Quick-dry towel** – small and light
- **Toiletries** – toothbrush, toothpaste and biodegradable soap; no wet wipes, as they are not biodegradable
- **Plastic or ziploc bags** – to separate wet or dirty clothes and to carry back your waste
- **Personal medical kit** – your regular and prescribed medicines plus basic first aid; consult your doctor before the trek

## Others

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Gangotri is the last place with a stable signal and you are completely off-grid after Bhojwasa, so finish calls and cash withdrawals on the drive up.

- **Snacks** – energy bars, dry fruits and chocolate for the long days
- **ORS or electrolyte sachets** – a few, to stay hydrated at altitude
- **Power bank** – fully charged before you leave Gangotri
- **Cash** – withdraw enough at Bhatwari, the last reliable ATM before Gangotri, for your share of the cab, offloading if needed and small expenses; keep extra in case the buffer day is used (₹3,000 per person per day)

## Mandatory Documents

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- **Government photo ID** – original and a photocopy (passport, Aadhaar, driving licence or voter ID)
- **Medical certificate** – signed by a registered doctor
- **Travel insurance** – a copy of your policy; it is mandatory and must cover high-altitude trekking and emergency evacuation

## How to reach

### BY AIR

Nearest airport: Jolly Grant Airport (DED), about 25 km and 45–60 minutes from Dehradun city, with direct flights from Delhi and other metros. The drive to Gangotri takes 10–11 hours, so fly in the day before and stay in Dehradun.

From Dehradun to Gangotri: about 241 km, a 10–11 hour drive. Transport is not included in the trek fee: we help the group book shared cabs (about ₹8,000 one way per 5–6 seat vehicle), paid directly to the driver and split among trekkers. The cab leaves Dehradun Railway Station for Gangotri at 06:30 AM.

Return: on the last day the cab leaves Gangotri at 06:30 AM and is expected to reach Dehradun Railway Station by 07:00 PM. Book onward travel for late night or the next day, and keep one buffer day free in case weather or glacier conditions delay the trek.

### BY TRAIN

Nearest railway station: Dehradun (DDN), with direct trains from Delhi. The overnight Nanda Devi Express reaches Dehradun early in the morning, but with a 10–11 hour drive ahead, arriving a day early is the safer plan; check current timings and book early in peak season.

Nanda Devi Express – overnight from New Delhi

Dehradun Shatabdi, Jan Shatabdi or Vande Bharat – day trains; take one the day before and stay in Dehradun

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### BY BUS OR ROAD

Bus route: Delhi ISBT Kashmere Gate to Dehradun ISBT takes about 6–7 hours, and Uttarakhand Roadways Volvo and ordinary buses run through the night. From Dehradun ISBT, an app cab, auto or shared three-wheeler gets you around the city, including to Dehradun Railway Station for the 06:30 AM pickup.

Choose government buses – board them inside ISBT Kashmere Gate for safety and reliability

Avoid private buses – those that leave from outside the ISBT premises are unreliable

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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](https://trekkaro.com/terms#cancellation)

**OMI**

### Still have questions? Ask OMI anything

OMI is Trekkaro's AI trek advisor — fitness, weather, what to pack, dates, how to reach — in English, Hindi or your own language, any time of day. Tap anywhere on this box, or open [trekkaro.com/trek/vasuki-tal-trek#omi](https://trekkaro.com/trek/vasuki-tal-trek#omi), and the chat opens on the trek page.

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