



Walking in the hills © Kalmatia Sangam



Village farmer tending the fields © Kalmatia Sangam

VILLAGE WALK

7 days/6 nights

Hotels/Lodges

Departs daily ex Delhi

Tour cost per person Twin Single
01 Oct 2010-30 Sep 2011^ \$1327 \$1868

Prices based on use of superior transport.

^Surcharge for Xmas/New Year period applies and will not be known until hotel is booked. Details on request.

Price per person includes: Transfers by air conditioned private vehicle with English speaking driver to/from train stations, train fare in first class A/C sleeper Delhi/Kathgodam/Delhi, accommodation inclusive of taxes, meals as per the itinerary. Services of local guides throughout. 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel.

Price excludes: Camera fees.

Experience traditional villages, ancient temples and spectacular scenery as you travel by rail, road and on foot through the Himalayan foothills. The tour includes 2 days hiking at a gentle pace through rhododendron forests to picturesque villages where you will stay in simple but comfortable village houses.

Day 1 Overnight train

Late evening transfer to railway station from your hotel in Delhi for train to Kathgodam. Overnight on board.

Day 2 Kumaon

Arrive Kathgodam and transfer by road to Kalmatia Sangam Resort (2.5 hrs) located 7km north of Almora town. Remainder of day at leisure to enjoy a walk through the resort's picturesque surrounds. BLD

Days 3/4 Village walks

Over the next 2 days we walk to picturesque villages and follow winding streams through terraced fields and pine, cedar, oak and rhododendron forests. (The rhododendrons bloom mid-Feb to Apr). Walks vary from gentle to slightly steep between 1,450m and 2,250m.

Our walks take us past ancient Kali, Vishnu and Shakti temples, old flour mills and farmland where the locals' chatter may be heard as they busily tend to their crops. Accommodation is in a simple, yet comfortable village house where you can enjoy traditional Kumaoni food, mingle with the locals and enjoy traditional Kumaoni folk dances. BLD

Day 5 Kumaon

Walk to picturesque Jageshwar, home to the 8th-12th century temple complex built by the Chand and Katyuri rulers. Return to the resort for dinner. Overnight at Kalmatia Sangam. BLD

Day 6 Overnight train

Transfer from Kalmatia Sangam to Kathgodam for the return train journey to Delhi. B

Day 7 Tour ends Delhi

Arrive Delhi and transfer to hotel or airport. Tour ends.



Local village life



View from Kalmatia Sangam cottages



Walking through beautiful forested hills



Traditional Kumaoni folk dance

KALMATIA SANGAM

With its magical setting facing some of India's highest mountains the historic Kalmatia Sangam Resort will cast its spell over you. So extend your Village Walk and spend extra nights in this boutique family owned resort which has 10 comfortable cottages in colonial/ Kumaoni style with private bathrooms and verandah. Enjoy freshly prepared meals blending the best of local produce in a variety dishes on the sunny terrace or by the cosy fire in the dining room.