# BARA BHANGAL

MANALI TO

12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

# WHO WE ARE

Founded in **1993**, Banjara has a deep-rooted presence in the Indian Himalayas when it comes to hospitality and adventure. Through our experiences we hope to share the same spirit of adventure & exploration with everyone and also bring the best of adventure and hospitality together in doing so.

BANJARA EXPERIENCES

# ITINERARY

1. ARRIVE MANALI AND STAY
2. DRIVE TO MANALI. WALK TO LAMADUGH
3. LAMADUGH TO RIYALI THATCH
4. RIYALI THATCH TO KALIHANI BASE CAMP
5. KALIHANI BASECAMP TO DEVI KI MARHI
6. DEVI KI MARHI TO DAL KI MARHI
7. DAL KI MARHI TO BARA BHANGAL
8. BARA BHANGAL TO MARDH
9. MARDH TO PANIHATRU VIA THAMSAR PASS
10. PANIHARTU TO RAJGUNDHA
11. BUFFER DAY
12. RAJGUNDHA TO BILLING. DRIVE TO BIR, STAY

# ARRIVE MANALI. REST & PREPARE

Arrive at our boutique property Roots Café and Stay, Bandrol, just 600 metres off the Kullu-Manali highway. Enjoy the delectable food at the in-house café, take a walk in the surrounding apple and pear orchards or simply rest and prepare for the days ahead.

0 km

1400 m

# DRIVE TO MANALI.WALK TO LAMADUGH

30 km 5 hours 2900 m

After breakfast we drive to Hadimba Temple, from where we start the trek. We climb through the Deodar forests to a rocky vantage point with a view of Manali. From here we continue to a small meadow before a steep ascent of 400m through small pastures and conifer and oak forest. Gradually the climb opens into a meadow - Lamadugh (2900m), ringed by Maple, spruce and Oak trees. We stay the night here in a mobile camp.

# LAMADUGH TO RIYALI THATCH

4 hours

3300 m

Today the ascent is long, gradual and exhilarating, offering views of the Solang and Hamta Valleys and Deo Tibba. The trail ascends through a ridge and as we reach the highest point, the trail goes south across a series of verdant ridges. Next is a long descent that takes us to an intermediate valley and a prominent side of trail. A 2-3 km gradual traverse from here leads us to the meadow known locally as Riyali, our campsite for tonight.

# RIYALI THATCH TO KALIHANI BASE CAMP

5 hours

3850 m

As we start today the trail gradually descends to the valley floor. After walking for about 2 hrs, we cross a small stream and climb a series of grassy ridges, passing some shepherd encampments along the way. The trails reward us with views of the Chanderkhani Pass, peaks of Indrasan and Deo Tibba. We spent the night at Kalihani pass base camp.

# TO DEVI KI MARHI OVER KALIHANI PASS

10 hours

3850 m

It is the longest day of the trek today as we cross our first pass. The landscape begins to change as forests and meadows give way to rocky terrain with patches of snow. The stretch to reach the top of Kalihani pass (4610 m) is steep and long. After celebrating atop the pass and taking in the views, we make our way down a broad glacier and the moraine. The descent is as long as the ascent as we are surrounded by alpine lakes and green meadows. Our camp for today is by a stream over a meadow at Devi ki Marhi.

# DEVI KI MARHI TO DAL KI MARHI

5 hours

3900 m

It's another challenging day today. We follow the trail down into the valley, following the main stream. We continue downstream, crossing the stream to the left bank and then crossing back again to the right bank over a makeshift bridge. From here the trail goes up gradually as we traverse steep slopes. As we ascend, we find 2 broken trees from where the trail becomes steeper and we give a final push to reach a small valley. But the effort is worth the breath-taking views that await us. We camp by the side of a small stream.

# DAL KI MARHI TO BARA BHANGAL

8hours 2900 m

A day that's similar to the previous day but one that involves arriving at Bara Bhangal after 5 days of walking. The trail meanders through forests of silver birch, rhododendron and blue pines. We camp in the village tonight.

Leaving Bara Bhangal behind we'll slowly start making our way to the next pass on this long journey. We ascend to a series of meadows referred to as Mardh, our campsite for tonight. We savour the views of Mani Mahesh Kailash and the impressive Pir Panjal Range from our camp.

# BARA BHANGAL TO MARDH

7 hours

3800 m

# MARDH TO PANIHARTU VIA THAMSAR PASS

7 hours 2700 m

Today we cross the second pass of the trek, Thamsar Pass (4875 m). The trail gradually ascends, passing a valley, a glacier to the east and steep boulder fields to reach a glacial lake. After crossing the snowfield we reach Thamsar Pass. The initial descent from the pass is steep followed by a descent to the meadow at Panhartu, our camp here for the night.

# PANIHARTU TO RAJGUNDHA

7 hours

2400 m

We descend, crossing a series of permanent snow bridges to reach a well-defined trail. The trail takes to Palachak where we cross a metal bridge and continue through the forest to reach the fields of corn, bean and potatoes. We arrive at Raigundha and move slightly ahead to the crest of a hill with views of the Thamsar Pass and the Dhauladhar range above. This is one of the most beautiful campsites of the trek.

# BUFFER / CONTINGENCY DAY

Day 11

The nature of this journey makes it prudent to keep a contingency day. If not used earlier, we'll use it in a way to make the trip more memorable.

# TREK TO BILLING. DRIVE TO BIR, STAY

2 hours 5 hours 1400 m

It's the last day of the trek and an easy walk on an old road among the rhododendron and oaks, leading us to Billing. Billing is world renowned site for Paragliding and Hang Gliding. From here we board the vehicle waiting for us and drive to Bir.

## INCLUSIONS

- Qualified Team lead / guide.
- Accommodation, 11 nights.
- Transportation.
- All meals. lunch  on day 1 to breakfast on day 12.
- Porterage of personal luggage.
- Permits and fee.
- First Aid back up.
- Camping gear and safety equipmment.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Taxes.
- Insurance.
- Gratuity and tips.
- Extra drinks & alcoholic beverages.
- Single room supplement.
- Additional excursions outside the itinerary.
- Costs of unforeseen natural causes.
- Anything not in the inclusions.

**INR 1,12,000/-  Per Person**
**+**
**5% GST**

**Group size: 6 to 10 People**

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