



## **ADVENTURE IN THE HIMALAYAN FOOTHILLS | RISHIKESH, UTTARAKHAND**

(February 9 – 13, 2025 (Sunday to Thursday) | 5 Days / 4 nights)

Our school trips are designed to immerse students in the vibrant natural and cultural heritage of India. These exciting programs feature a wide range of soft adventure activities, including hiking, trekking, zip lining, nature walks, easy rafting, and bird watching. Additionally, students engage in environmental education and interact with local children, fostering a deeper connection to the region.

Safety is our top priority, supported by meticulous planning, an emphasis on eco-consciousness, and a commitment to fun. With a dedicated staff, state-of-the-art equipment, and excellent camp cuisine, every Snow Leopard Adventures Eco tour promises an unforgettable experience.

Our camps are situated in the picturesque Himalayan foothills of Uttarakhand. This hilly state shares international borders with China (Tibet) to the north and Nepal to the east. Uttarakhand is abundant in natural resources, boasting glaciers, rivers, dense forests, and snow-capped mountain peaks.

One of our premier locations, Panther Adventure Resort, spans 4 acres of terraced fields in Shivpuri village, near Rishikesh at the foothills of the Himalayas. The resort is surrounded by ridges blanketed in lush Sal forests. Guests enjoy comfortable safari tents with attached utilities and power. The resort offers an array of activities throughout the day, while evenings are perfect for relaxing under thatched gazebos or by the swimming pool.

### **About Rishikesh**

Rishikesh, located in the northern state of Uttarakhand, India, is a city known for its spiritual significance and natural beauty. Nestled at the foothills of the Himalayas and along the banks of the sacred Ganges River, Rishikesh is often referred to as the "Yoga Capital of the World." Apart from its spiritual allure, Rishikesh offers a range of adventure activities, including white-water rafting, trekking, and camping. The iconic Laxman Jhula and Ram Jhula suspension bridges offer stunning views of the Ganges and the surrounding hills. The city is also a gateway to the Garhwal Himalayas, making it a popular starting point for treks and pilgrimages to sacred sites like Kedarnath and Badrinath. Rishikesh's blend of spiritual ambiance, scenic landscapes, and adventure opportunities makes it a unique and enchanting destination.

### **About Shivpuri (location of our camp)**

Shivpuri is a quaint village located in the northern state of Uttarakhand, India, just a short distance from the popular city of Rishikesh. Nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas and along the banks of the Ganges River, Shivpuri is renowned for its natural beauty and adventure activities. The village is surrounded by lush forests and terraced fields, providing a serene and picturesque setting.

Shivpuri is a hub for outdoor enthusiasts, offering activities such as white-water rafting, camping, trekking, and zip-lining. The Ganges River, with its thrilling rapids, attracts rafting enthusiasts from all over the world. The village also serves as a peaceful retreat for those looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life and connect with nature. The combination of exhilarating outdoor activities and serene natural surroundings makes Shivpuri a unique and captivating destination for travelers.



DATE		SKETCH PLAN
SUN	09-Feb-25	DUBAI - DELHI (Flight AI 996 timing 00:05 AM / 04:45 AM) DELHI – DEHRADUN (Flight 6E 2018 timing 08:30 AM/ Arr. 09:20 AM) DEHRADUN – SHIVPURI (Drive 35 Km/ 1 hr) Activities Zip lining, Rishikesh visit & Aarti
MON	10-Feb-25	Yoga, Local school visit, Beach Games & Cooking session
TUE	11-Feb-25	School visit, Rafting and Outdoor Education
WED	12-Feb-25	Yoga, School visit and Sirrasu Village Hike
THU	13-Feb-25	SHIVPURI – DEHRADUN (Transfer 34 Km/ 1 ½ hr) DEHRADUN – DELHI (By Flight 6E 2253, Dep. 09:50 hrs/ Arr. 10:35 hrs) DELHI - DUBAI (By Flight AI 915, Dep. 16:35 hrs/ Arr. 19:00 hrs)



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**FEB 9, 2025/ SUNDAY**

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>DUBAI - DELHI</b>	(By Flight AI 996 Dep. 00:05 AM/ Arr. 04:45)
	<b>DELHI – DEHRADUN</b>	(By Flight 6E 2018 Dep. 08:30 AM/ Arr. 09:20 AM)
	<b>DEHRADUN – SHIVPURI</b>	(Drive 35 Km/ 1 hr + Zip lining, Rishikesh visit & Aarti)

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- Arrive in Delhi early morning. Meet and greet by Snow Leopard Adventures team members at the arrival lounge of Terminal 3 and transfer to Terminal 2 for the onward connecting flight to Dehradun.
- On arrival at Dehradun Jolly Grant airport, meet and greet by Snow Leopard Adventures camp team members and drive for an hour to Snow Leopard Adventures Camp at Shivpuri.

Upon arrival at the camp, welcome and orientation by camp manager. Settle down in the tents followed by breakfast.

- Post breakfast, we enjoy the exciting zip lining activity followed by some team-building activities. The exciting Zip lining activity start within the resort premises in Shivpuri and entails the person zipping 400 meters across the Ganges River and 65 meters above the river from the resort to Leopard Heights, our campsite picturesquely located in the hill opposite Shivpuri village.
- Lunch at camp. Post lunch, we drive to Rishikesh and explore this interesting town followed by the “aarti” ceremony on the banks of Ganga.

**Rishikesh**, located in the lap of lower Himalaya is surrounded by scenic beauty of the hills on three sides and the Holy Ganges flowing through it. The town is sacred to Hindu pilgrims and is often referred to as the ‘Yoga Capital of the World’. Back in the 1960s, Rishikesh gained instant fame as the place where the Beatles came to stay with their guru, the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

In Hindu homes and temples, “Aarti” ceremony performed at twilight, is one of the most important parts of the day. The lighting of lamp as the sun is setting, is supposed to ensure the presence of God of light and fire in the house. Amid singing and chanting of devotional songs and hymns, the devotees line up along the bank of the river and float lit “diyas” in the Holy Ganga. The sight of the flickering flames of thousands of “diyas” on the river is incredible.

- After the aarti, we board the waiting vehicle and drive back to camp.
- Dinner and overnight stay at Camp.

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**FEB 10, 2025/ MONDAY**

<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>AT CAMP PANTHER</b>	(Yoga, Local school visit, Beach Games & Cooking session)
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- Yoga on the beach.
- Post breakfast, drive to the village school to start with the first day of interaction.

DIA students can bring a wealth of activities and learning opportunities to local village school students, fostering cross-cultural exchange and enriching the educational experience for both groups.





Here are some activities and learning opportunities that DIA students can impart:

### Academic and Skill-Based Learning

1. **Language Skills:** Teaching English or other foreign languages to improve communication skills.
2. **STEM Workshops:** Jointly conducting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workshops with hands-on experiments and demonstrations.
3. **Art and Music Classes:** Introducing new art techniques, musical instruments, and cultural performances.
4. **Computer Literacy:** Providing basic computer training and introducing digital literacy.

### Cultural Exchange

1. **Cultural Presentations:** Sharing their own cultural traditions, festivals, and history through presentations and storytelling.
2. **Global Awareness:** Discussing global issues, different cultures, and international affairs to broaden the perspectives of local students.

### Sports and Physical Activities

1. **Sports Clinics:** Playing friendly matches and tournaments.
2. **Fitness Programs:** Conducting fitness and wellness sessions, including aerobics, and other physical activities.

### Creative and Performing Arts

1. **Drama and Theatre Workshops:** Organizing drama clubs, theatre workshops, and performances.
2. **Crafts and DIY Projects:** Introducing various crafts, DIY projects, and creative skills.

By engaging in these activities, DIA students can create a positive impact on local village schools, helping to enhance the educational experience and foster a spirit of global understanding and cooperation.

- Drive back to camp in time for lunch.
- Later half of the day is spent on the beach by the river Ganga playing exciting games.
- Return back to camp for snacks and followed by session of Indian Cooking.
- Campfire & dinner and overnight stay at Camp Panther.

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**FEB 11, 2025/ TUESDAY**

**DAY 3 AT CAMP PANTHER**

(Yoga, School visit, Rafting and Outdoor Education)

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- Morning yoga session.
- Post breakfast, transfer to the local village school.
- Post lunch, we drive for a short distance to the put-in point for an exciting rafting session and raft through a series of exhilarating Grade II & III rapids. This stretch of the river also has a body surfing rapid, where you can jump into the river and float along the rafts, which is an awesome experience.

After a thorough safety briefing, we gear up (with helmets, life jackets and paddles) and start the rafting session. It's a fairly calm day on the river. You raft past villages, temples and ashrams. This is a







good stretch to practice river skills/ swimming/ body surfing. The students will be introduced to river guiding and each student will get a chance to steer the boat.

- We conclude rafting at Leopard Beach and walk back the camp for high tea followed by Outdoor education session at camp (Wilderness survival, rope knots, pitching your own tent etc.)

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**FEB 12, 2025/ WEDNESDAY**

**DAY 4 AT CAMP PANTHER**

(Yoga, School visit and Village Hike, Bollywood dance session)

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- Morning yoga session.
- Post breakfast, transfer to the local village school. This will be final day of interaction. Fare goodbye to your new friends.
- Post lunch, we go for a short hike to a nearby Garhwali village. The village hike is a captivating trek located in the picturesque region of Uttarakhand, India. This hike offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, cultural immersion, and adventure. The trail leads through lush forests, terraced fields, and charming rural landscapes, providing an authentic experience of the Himalayan foothills.

The village, with its traditional homes and simple way of life, provides a unique opportunity to experience the local culture and traditions. Interacting with the villagers, sharing stories can be a highlight of the journey. The village hike is not only a journey through breathtaking landscapes but also a cultural adventure that leaves hikers with lasting memories of the natural beauty and rich heritage of the region.

- Celebration dinner & Bollywood dance session.
- Overnight stay at Camp Panther.

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**FEB 13, 2025 / THURSDAY**

**DAY 5**

**SHIVPURI – DEHRADUN**

(Transfer 34 Km/ 1 ½ hr)

**DEHRADUN – DELHI**

(By Flight 6E 2253, Dep. 09:50 hrs/ Arr. 10:35 hrs)

**DELHI - DUBAI**

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- Early morning at 6 AM transfer to Dehradun Jolly Grant airport in time to board the flight back to Delhi.
- On arrival at New Delhi airport proceed to international airport for flight back to Dubai.

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