



Information sheet for the Kali Sada

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Location

India

Date

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Description

A wilderness white water adventure and an enthralling cultural experience...

In its upper reaches the Kali river forms the international border between India and Western Nepal. A self-contained journey down this river is a truly memorable experience. The river flows within a steep densely-wooded valley that contains a profusion of flora and fauna. Leopards and bears roam freely; monkeys look inquisitively at us from the trees. There is a rich variety of bird life and the river is full of fish, especially the famous mahseer. With the lack of road access this river trip is a complete wilderness journey. The few bridges spanning the river are used only by porters, carrying their loads between India and Nepal. We float past the isolated terraced farms of Kumaoni and Nepali villagers. Our total immersion in the life of the river



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makes this trip a great antidote to the stresses of modern life.

The Ganges

Before we head for the hills and the Kali-Sada, we spend a few days at a static camp on the banks of the Holy River Ganges. Being based here gives us the chance to paddle a different section of this river each day. Rapids like 'The Wall', 'Golf Course' and 'Return to Sender' are great to acclimatize on. Over a couple of days your fitness, boat skill and water appreciation will improve immensely. We also meet the other guides who are going to be with us on our journey.

The Ganga beach camp is very comfortable, there are hot showers and the tents have twin beds. The meals, which are delicious, are served in a communal dining area.

Kali Sada

We enjoyed the river Kali-Sada in 2006 so much that we just have to go back. The section of the Kali we run is pool/drop class 3 with one class 4 rapid. It is perfect for the paddler in either kayak or raft, who wants to enjoy a Himalayan expedition, but with all the comforts and safety a team of river professionals can provide. It's very suitable for the class 3 boater who wants to experience big-water paddling and for first-time white water rafters. For the more competent paddler the river provides a fantastic playground. Most of the white-water we negotiate is class 3; rapids have clean lines, play holes and surfing waves. The daytime temperature is a comfortable 25°C and the evenings are warm.

The pace down the river is leisurely. We set up our camp early in the afternoon and this gives people the opportunity to relax, read, fish and swim. The tents are pitched on white sandy beaches, surrounded by thick tropical jungle, interspersed with the occasional plantation. Delicious meals are prepared for us fresh each day by our river team.

After the confluence with the Saryu at Pancheshwar (a famous fishing spot) and the occasional big rapid, the Kali starts to make its final descent to the plains. Just before our last camp we come to the mighty Chooka rapid, a solid class 4. This rapid can be inspected and run, or portaged. The river passes through a beautiful final gorge and then bursts out of the mountains and onto the Indian plains. This trip is a wilderness experience in a league of its own.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in New Delhi from London Heathrow. Met by coach and driven to Camp Silver Sands, on the Ganges river.

Day 02: Camp briefing and chance to recover from journey. After lunch, paddle short 9 km introductory section from Camp to Shivpuri. Back to Camp for tea / coffee and snacks. Campfire, dinner and bed!

Day 03: After breakfast, we drive 90 min's to Devprayag and paddle a 30 km section till Kaudiyala, easy Class 1-3 paddling. Overnight at Silver Sands.

Day 04: Drive to Kaudiyala and run two big rapids, "Daniels Dip" and the "Wall", and a short 12 km section to Camp Silver Sands. Afternoon hike to local village. Overnight at Camp Silver Sands.

Day 05: Breakfast is served from 7:00 onwards. After breakfast, there will be a safety briefing in



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preparation for rafting the high-volume grade 3 rapids of the Ganges. We end the trip near Laxman Jhula. Drive 30 minutes back to camp for hot lunch. Afternoon spent fishing, relaxing, playing volleyball or hiking to a nearby village. Campfire/barbecue dinner and overnight camp.

Day 06: Relaxed day at Camp. Board overnight train to Kathgodam leaving at 2245 hrs.

Day 07: Arrive at Kathgodam at 0615 hrs. Drive Kathgodam to Pithoragarh (07 hrs). Overnight at rest house. Views of the Himalaya more than compensate for the drive.

Day 08: Drive from Pithoragarh to put-in at Jhulaghat (02 hrs). Raft pleasant 15 kms (90 mins) stretch of Class 2-3 rapids passing many stalactite and stalagmite formations. Camp by late afternoon and hike to nearby village.

Day 09: We pass Pancheshwar where the Kali meets the Saryu, and is now called the Sarada. We camp 30 min's below the confluence near Nidil village for a relaxed afternoon (river time 3-4 hrs).

Day 10: Rest day at Nidil campsite to hike, relax and explore the surroundings,

Day 11: The pace of the river picks up as we negotiate a series of Class III rapids (4-5 hrs). The river flows through thick jungle. Camp overnight.

Day 12: Today, we raft over an hour to the Class IV Chuka rapid. Scout and raft for another hour, then set up camp below Chuka.

Day 13: We begin to enter the lowlands of the terai with great white water and the chance of spotting a wild elephant. River time 4 hrs. Take out at Boom. Then drive to Kathgodam. We take afternoon tea and then catch the overnight Ranikhet Express to Delhi leaving at 2045hrs.

Day 14: Arrive Delhi at 0445 am.

Depending on your flight time, you may have time to take a tour of Delhi.

Cost

Cost includes airport transfers, meals and hotel fees whilst on trip.

Not included: flights, insurance, visas, personal expenses, meals and accommodation before and after trip, extra costs incurred due to unforeseen delays such as flight cancellations or natural disasters.

Current costs are on our dates and prices page.

Jungle and Temple Trip

Jungle Camp, Corbett National Park, Taj Mahal and Jaipur.

After the river trip why not take the opportunity to relax in a luxury jungle camp. This camp has en-suite tents with twin beds. Once again you will find the food and service excellent. You may want to just relax, but if you want more adventure we can go looking for tigers from the back of elephants in Corbett National Park. After a couple of days of jungle fun we will catch the night sleeper train to Delhi and be met at Old Delhi rail station by our bus and driver.

We take breakfast on the road to Agra then have lunch at our hotel. In the afternoon we visit the truly



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magnificent Taj Mahal with our own private guide. If you have taken the time to come to India you really should not miss this. Dinner can be taken in our hotel or at a city restaurant.

Next day after an early breakfast we will be on the road to Jaipur, visiting the famous ghost City of Fatehpur Sikri along the way. Late afternoon will find us in our hotel in Jaipur. After settling in we can take a leisurely stroll around the local market, then relax on the terrace with drinks before dinner. Next day our guide will take us out to old Jaipur where we can take an elephant ride into the City. Our guide will give us a fascinating journey through time as we discover the marvelous Maharajah Palaces. The next morning we will have plenty of time for retail therapy as we whisk around the city on rickshaws and tuk tuks. Lunch at our hotel, then drive back to Delhi. Arrive at our Delhi Hotel and then out on the town for one last meal. Next day it's off to the airport for flights home.

Itinerary – Jungle / Temple Trip

Day 1: Final take-out and lunch on the Kali, then drive to the town of Kathgodam. After afternoon tea, say farewells to our river friends and drive by Land Rover to our jungle camp. Settle in to our en-suite tents. Pre-dinner drinks before a fantastic meal in a thatched dining lodge. Followed by briefing.

Day 2: Early breakfast, then journey by 4x4 to Corbett national park. Packed lunch. Return to our jungle camp and enjoy an evening round the campfire.

Day 3: Off again to the Park to enjoy a jungle ride on an elephant. Lots of opportunity to take some fantastic pictures of the surrounding wilderness. The park has some 80 tigers roaming the forest. After a long day of hunting with your camera, enjoy the luxury of a hot wash-up before another dinner. The food served is exceptional traditional Indian food. Relax around the fire and listen to lots of stories of the jungle by Ritish the owner of the camp and his very experienced staff.

Day 4: A chance to relax, take it easy read or go for a forest walk. Sometime after lunch we will head off to catch the overnight train to Delhi.

Day 5: Our driver and dedicated car that will be with us for the next few days will meet us at the station exit. Drive out of Delhi on the road to Agra, on route we will stop for breakfast. Arrive at Agra for lunch wash and short rest, and then head for the Taj Mahal with our private guide. Dinner at hotel or local restaurant.

Day 6: Early start after breakfast will be on the way to Jaipur on route we will visit the Ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. We will take lunch en route. A highlight of the trip is a stay in one of Jaipur's colonial-era hotels.

Day 7: A full day of riding elephants around the old city of Jaipur. Our driver will be on hand to take us to wherever we want to go. At the end of the sight seeing you may be thankful to gain the relaxed atmosphere of the hotel. Take the opportunity to dine out in the city to sample more fantastic real Indian cooking.

Day 08: Chance for some shopping. Lunch at our hotel before the drive to Delhi. Eat out in Delhi and final night's stay.

Day 09: Our start time will depend on your flights home.



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Cost – Jungle / Temple Trip

Cost includes all meals at the jungle camp, all airport/train transfers, train fares, car & driver, entrance fees to the Taj Mahal, guide fees, B&B at the Hotels in Agra and Jaipur. Not included are return flights, travel insurance, visas, meals taken in restaurants and personal expenses.

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NB: The above Jungle and Temple trip is available as an extra to our river trip. It cannot be purchased as a separate item.