

PINDARI GLACIER TREK

INTERESTING FACTS/INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLACE

Bageshwar

The township of Bageshwar in Eastern Uttarakhand is revered as a holy land for its association with Lord Sadashiva, an avatar of Lord Shiva. In the puranas, the land is supposed to be capable of liberating one from the eternal bondage of death and rebirth. Bageshwar is flanked by the Bhilshwar and Nileshtar mountains on the east and west and the Suraj Kund and Agni Kund in the North and South.

Bajnath Temples

Not to be confused with the temple of the same name in Kangra, this is a group of beautiful temples along the Gomti river banks in Bagehwar district. They are not much frequented by travelers and are spectacular for offbeat photography. The temples are dedicated to Lord Shiva and were built in 1150 AD by the Kumaon Katyuri king. The complex is built on a raised stone platform and has a number of temples with idols of Shiva, Ganesh, Parvati, Chandika, Kubera, Surya and Brahma. The idol of Parvati in the main temple is quite unique, exquisitely chiseled out of black rock.

Bhagwati Mata Kot Bhramri Devi Temple

About 2 kms from the Bajjnath temple, lies the Bhagwati Mata Kot Bhramri Devi temple. The local legend believes that the face of the Goddess in the temple should not be shown to anyone except the priest else the entire valley will face bad luck and disaster. This makes it uniquely the only temple where the backside of the Goddess is worshipped. The only exception is during the 12 year event of Raj Jaat yatra when all avatars of Nanda Devi are worshipped and taken along on the pilgrimage upto Roopkund and beyond.

Binsar

Binsar is a small town that lies 33 kms from the capital of Kumaon, Almora and is famed for its wildlife sanctuary. It is sparsely inhabited and revels in thick pristine oak forests, making it a wonderful haunt to escape to! From the ridge called Zero Point, one can get an uninterrupted view of the Kumaon mountain peaks such as Kedarnath, Trishul, Nanda Devi and Shivling.

Kausani

Kausani is a hidden gem in the Bageshwar district of Uttarakhand and is famed for its unparalleled views of the Himalayas. Its height at 1890 metres amid thick pine forests makes it a truly charming hill station, reminiscent of the beautiful towns in the European Alps. The highest point here commands a clear panorama all across the entire horizon of the Himalayan peaks for nearly a 300 km visual range! Some of the easily identifiable peaks seen from here are Trishul, Panchchuli and Nanda Devi.

Ranikhet

Ranikhet is a beautiful hill station and cantonment town close to Almora and Bageshwar. Its names (Queen's Meadow) comes from a local legend that believes that the local King Raja Sudhardev won his queen Rani Padmini's heart in this very meadow and she chose to have a palace built here (there is however no sign of a palace now)

When in Ranikhet it is well worth visiting the Golf Course that is one of the highest in Asia. It is a nine hole course situated on a flat meadow atop a ridge with spectacular uninterrupted views of the snow capped Himalayan range from virtually every point on the course! The Golf course also offers memberships for outsiders that are highly sought, just to get a chance to play on the beautiful sylvan green surroundings amid extremely pleasant climate almost all round the year (except in winters!)

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