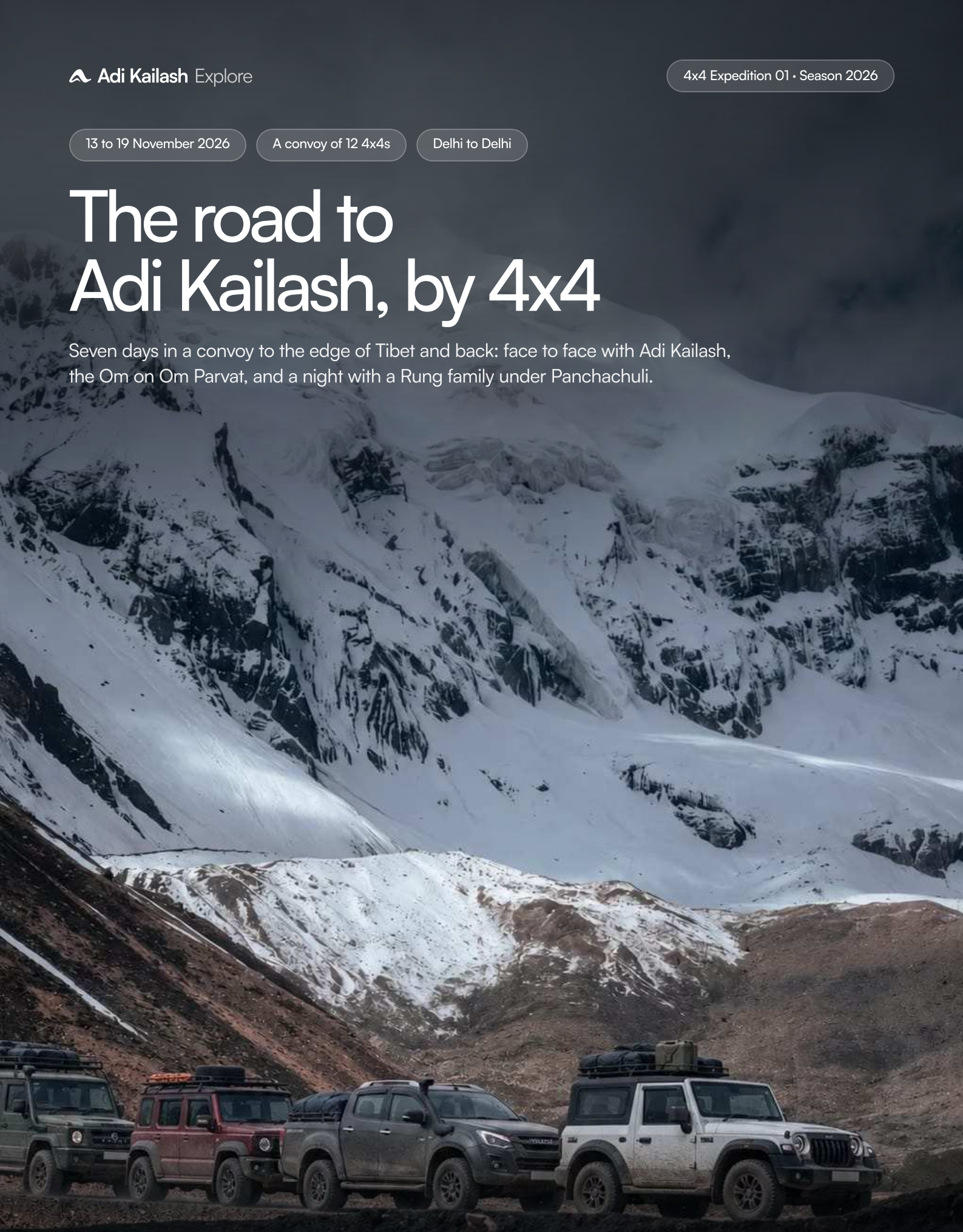
13 to 19 November 2026 | A convoy of 12 4x4s | Delhi to Delhi

The road to Adi Kailash, by 4x4

Seven days in a convoy to the edge of Tibet and back: face to face with Adi Kailash, the Om on Om Parvat, and a night with a Rung family under Panchachuli.



7 days
Delhi to Delhi

1,572 km
of Himalayan road

4,500 m
where the road ends

₹35,000
from, per person

Expedition 01 · 13 to 19 November 2026

The trip you will tell for years.

Some trips you take; this one stays with you. On Friday 13 November, twelve 4x4s leave Delhi together for the end of the road in the Himalaya, and seven days later they bring you home. You bring a warm jacket. We bring everything else, from the permits to Naval, our certified guide.

Dates
13 to 19 Nov 2026, 6 nights

Start and end
Delhi, the flag-off on Friday

Travel
A convoy of 12 4x4s

Stays
Hotels, guest houses, a Rung homestay

Highest night
Gunji, 3,200 m

Highest point
Lipulekh, 5,099 m, if open

Permits
Inner Line and Lipulekh, filed for you

Price
From ₹35,000 per person

This week, you will

Drive 1,572 km in a convoy
Twelve 4x4s, a local 4x4 in front and one behind.

Stand face to face with Adi Kailash
At Jolingkong, about 4,500 m, where the road ends.

Read the Om in the snow
On Om Parvat, seen from Nabhidhang.

Climb toward Tibet
The Lipulekh pass, 5,099 m, if the road opens.

Sleep in a Rung home
In the Darma valley, under Panchachuli.

Toast the week by the lake
The farewell night at Bhimtal.

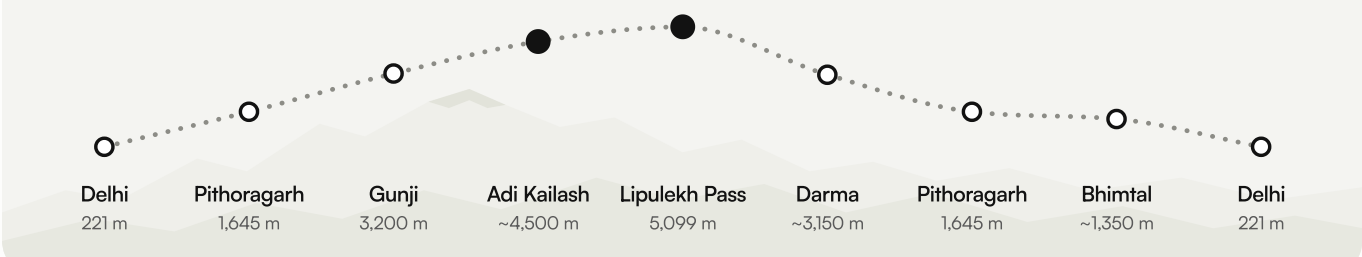
As the films say

“Main udna chahta hoon, daudna chahta hoon... bas rukna nahi chahta.”

I want to fly, I want to run... I just don't want to stop.

Bunny, Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (2013)

The route, stop by stop, with each height



The feel of it

Not a tour. An expedition.

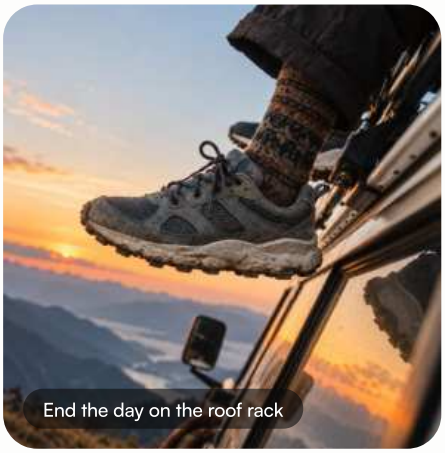
Gravel and hairpins, snow at the edge of the road, rivers far below and a convoy that moves as one. This is what the week feels like.


Drive it: seven days at the wheel, by 4x4


Stand before Adi Kailash


Stop for the view


Move as one convoy


End the day on the roof rack


Nose to tail

As the films say

“To see the world, things dangerous to come to... that is the purpose of life.”

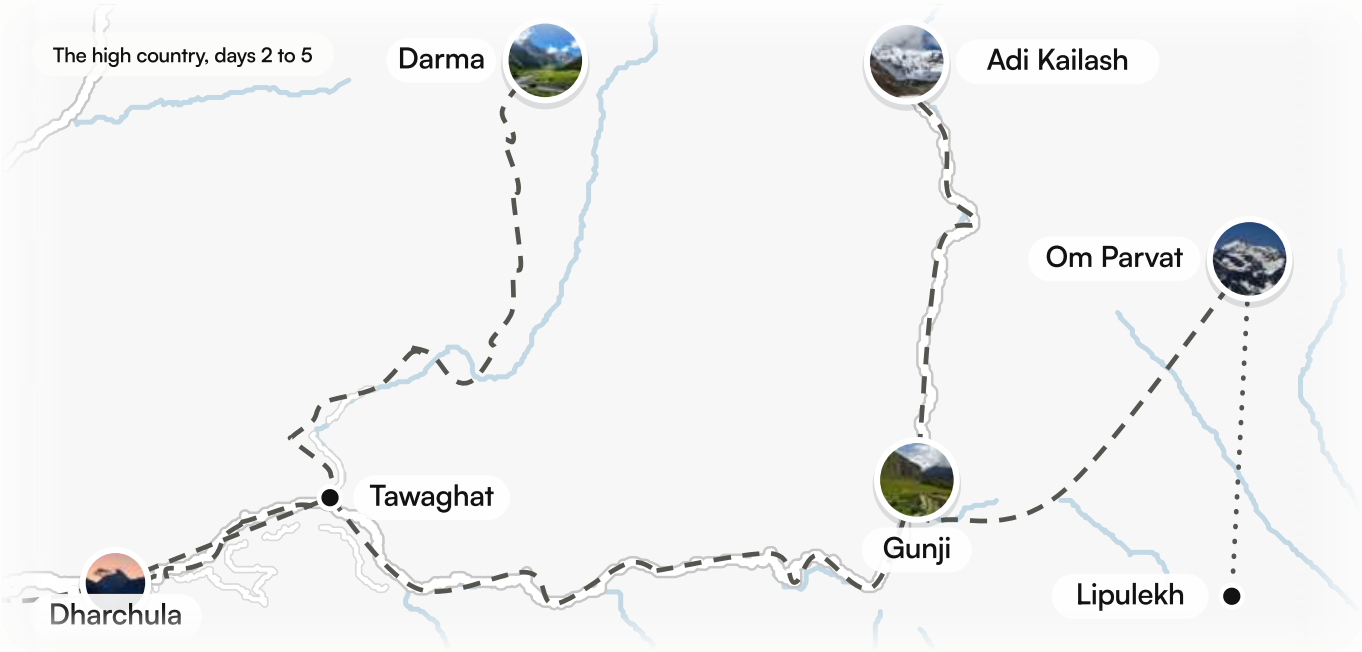
Seven days of it, in one convoy.

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013)

Why this road

The Kailash you can reach without leaving India.

Adi Kailash is a near-mirror of Mount Kailash in Tibet: the same pyramid, the same sacred lake at its foot. A day away stands Om Parvat. Between them run the last villages before Tibet and a road cut into the cliffs above the Kali.



5,099 m

Lipulekh, if open

The pass on the Tibet border, and the view of Mount Kailash

4,500 m

Jolingkong

Where the road ends, face to face with Adi Kailash

1,572 km

Delhi to Delhi

Seven days on the road, over two Himalayan valleys

12

4x4s, one convoy

With local lead and sweep 4x4s on the high roads

3

Nights above 3,000 m

Gunji twice, and the Darma valley

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Visas needed

Adi Kailash stands inside India: no visa, no China permit

The edge of the season

The last convoy of the year.

Mid-November is the last of the season: the same week, Darma's families begin moving down for the winter. Twelve cars, and every room held by name.

Sightseeing

Every stop on the road, in order.



Day 3

Adi Kailash

The second of the Panch Kailash, seen from Jolingkong, ~4,500 m.



Day 3

Parvati Sarovar

The lake at the foot of the mountain, and its temple.



Day 3

Gauri Kund

Below Adi Kailash, on the way to Jolingkong.



Day 3

Kuti village & Pandav Fort

The last village of the Kuti valley, ~3,820 m.



Day 4

Om Parvat

Snow gathered in the rock in the shape of ॐ, seen from Nabhidhang.



Day 4

Kalapani & Vyas Gufa

The Kali Mandir at ~3,600 m, Vyas Gufa on the cliff opposite.



Days 4 and 5

Darma & Panchachuli

Rung villages under five peaks, and a homestay for the night.



Days 2 and 5

Dharchula, on the Kali

The border town, 908 m, Nepal across the river.



Day 6

Bhimtal

The lake and its island: the farewell night.

Also on the road

Lipulekh Pass — 5,099 m: the view of Mount Kailash, when the authorities permit it. — Day 4

Pandav Parvat — On the way to Jolingkong. — Day 3

Manokamna Temple, Nabi — On the way back, ~3,290 m. — Day 3

Jauljibi — Where the Gori river meets the Kali. — Days 2 and 5

Nag Parvat — On the drive up to Nabhidhang. — Day 4

Bheem ki Kheti — On the way to Jolingkong. — Day 3

Hanuman Parvat — On the road below Kalapani. — Day 4

Almora — Kumaon's old capital, on its ridge. — Day 6

The week, mapped

Seven days, on one page.

Each day's road, the moment it is built around, what you see, what you eat and where you sleep.

01
Fri 13 Nov
520 km



Delhi → Pithoragarh
The flag drops in Delhi and twelve 4x4s climb into Kumaon.

The flag-off, Delhi • Across the Terai • The climb at Tanakpur • Champawat and Lohaghat • Pithoragarh

B L D
Pithoragarh
1,645 m

02
Sat 14 Nov
174 km



Pithoragarh → Gunji
Up the Kali gorge, Nepal across the river, to the high villages.

Jauljibi • Dharchula • Tawaghat • Chialekh and Garbyang • Gunji

B L D
Nabi or Gunji
3,200 m

03
Sun 15 Nov
69 km



Gunji → Adi Kailash → Gunji
Face to face with Adi Kailash, where the road ends.

Kuti village • Jolingkong • Parvati Sarovar • Gauri Kund • Pandav Parvat, Pandav Fort, Bheem ki Kheti • Nabi

B L D
Nabi or Gunji
3,200 m

04
Mon 16 Nov
174 km



Gunji → Lipulekh → Darma
Om Parvat, Lipulekh if it opens, and a night in Darma.

Kalapani • Om Parvat, from Nabhidhang • Lipulekh Pass, if open • Sobla and Baling • The Darma villages

B L D
Darma valley
~3,150 m

05
Tue 17 Nov
159 km



Darma → Pithoragarh
First light on Panchachuli, then the long road down.

Panchachuli • Down the Dhauli • Dharchula and Jauljibi • Pithoragarh

B L D
Pithoragarh
1,645 m

06
Wed 18 Nov
175 km



Pithoragarh → Bhimtal
The ridge road west, and the farewell night by the lake.

The ridge road • Almora • Bhowali • Bhimtal

B L D
Bhimtal
~1,350 m

07
Thu 19 Nov
301 km



Bhimtal → Delhi
Down to the plains, and the flag comes home.

Haldwani • Across the plains • Delhi

B L D
Home
The flag comes home

B D Breakfast and dinner, included

L Lunch on the road, at the dhabas: yours

The road

1,572 km, Delhi to Delhi, to scale.

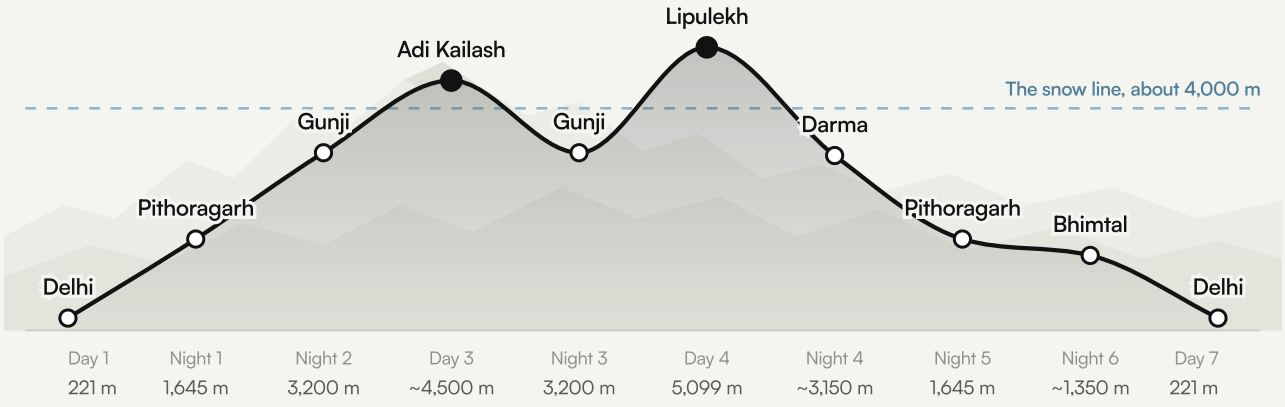


The convoy's road · Lipulekh, when the road opens · Where the convoy sleeps or stops to see

On the website's own map of the Kumaon roads (OpenStreetMap). Delhi lies far to the west of the frame; the road in runs by Tanakpur and Champawat, the road home by Almora and Bhimtal.

How high it goes

You do not climb the mountain: the road does. Two nights at Gunji, 3,200 m, come before Jolingkong at ~4,500 m; Lipulekh, 5,099 m, is the highest point when the road opens, all by vehicle.



Heights from Wikidata, or the 90 m elevation model where nothing is published (marked ~). Lipulekh opens at the authorities' word on the day.



01 Delhi to Pithoragarh

Delhi → Haldwani → Khatima → Champawat → Pithoragarh

Flag-off in Delhi, out across the Terai and up through Champawat into the Kumaon hills.

The road, in order

Delhi	The day starts	221 m
Haldwani	277 km via Rampur and Rudrapur	424 m
Khatima	73 km via Sitarganj	299 m
Champawat	96 km via Tanakpur. The climb out of the plains	1,610 m
Pithoragarh	74 km via Lohaghat and Ghat. Our home town	1,645 m

Sightseeing today

- **The flag-off, Delhi**
  Twelve 4x4s line up and leave as one convoy.
- **The climb at Tanakpur**
  Where the plains end and the hills begin.
- **Pithoragarh**
  Our home town, a hill town in the Saur valley ringed by peaks.
- **Across the Terai**
  The plains by Rampur and Rudrapur to Haldwani.
- **Champawat and Lohaghat**
  The ridge road north into Kumaon.

The moment

The flag drops in Delhi and twelve 4x4s climb into Kumaon.

Tonight
Hotel, Pithoragarh, 1,645 m

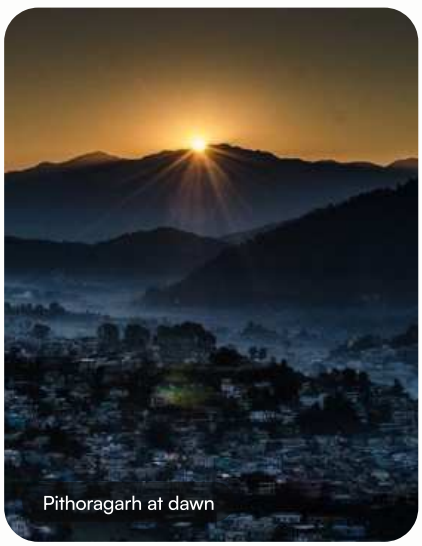
Meals
Dinner, included

The road
520 km · odometer 520 km

The day's heights






Pithoragarh at dawn


Pithoragarh and the snow peaks

02 Pithoragarh to Nabi and Gunji

Pithoragarh → Dharchula → Nabi / Gunji

Down to the Kali at Jauljibi, then up its gorge past Dharchula and Tawaghat to the high villages.

The road, in order

- **Pithoragarh** — The day starts 1,645 m
- **Dharchula** — 91 km via Jauljibi. The Inner Line checks begin 908 m
- **Nabi / Gunji** — 83 km via Tawaghat. Two nights here, to acclimatise 3,200 m

Sightseeing today

- **Jauljibi**
  Where the Gori river meets the Kali.
- **Tawaghat**
  Where the Dhauli meets the Kali and the gorge road begins.
- **Gunji**
  At 3,200 m, where two valleys meet. Two nights here, to acclimatise.
- **Dharchula**
  The border town on the Kali, Nepal across the water. The Inner Line checks begin.
- **Chialekh and Garbyang**
  High in the Vyas valley, past waterfalls and snow ridges.

The moment

Up the Kali gorge, Nepal across the river, to the high villages.

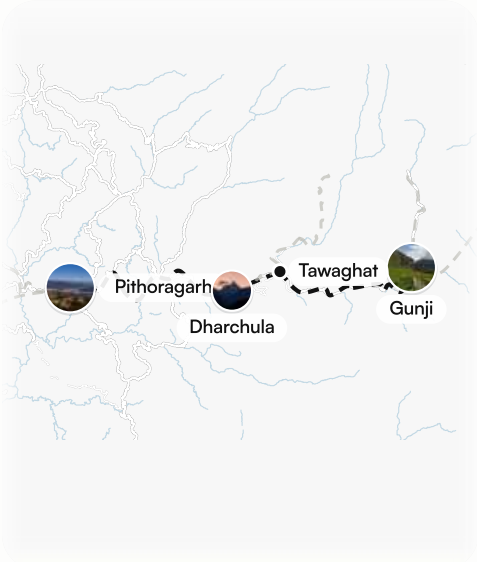
Tonight
Guest house or homestay, Nabi or Gunji, 3,200 m

Meals
Breakfast and Dinner, included

The road
174 km · odometer 694 km

The day's heights






Dharchula, on the Kali river


The road up to Gunji



03 Up to Adi Kailash and back

Nabi / Gunji → Jolingkong → Nabi / Gunji

Through Kuti to the end of the road at Jolingkong, face to face with Adi Kailash, and back down for the night.

The road, in order

- **Nabi / Gunji** — The day starts · 3,200 m
- **Jolingkong** — 33 km via Kuti. The road ends facing Adi Kailash · ~4,500 m
- **Nabi / Gunji** — 36 km via Kuti · 3,200 m

Sightseeing today

- **Kuti village** — The last village of the Kuti valley, under the peaks.
- **Parvati Sarovar** — The lake at the peak's foot, with its temple: prayers, and a dip for those who wish.
- **Pandav Parvat, Pandav Fort, Bheem ki Kheti** — On the road up, each with its story.
- **Jolingkong** — The end of the road, face to face with Adi Kailash.
- **Gauri Kund** — A high lake below Adi Kailash.
- **Nabi** — The Manokamna temple, on the way back.

✧ The walks at the top are short. Take them at your own pace, and tell Naval early about a headache.

✧ The moment

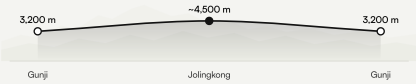
Face to face with Adi Kailash, where the road ends.

Tonight
Guest house or homestay, Nabi or Gunji, 3,200 m

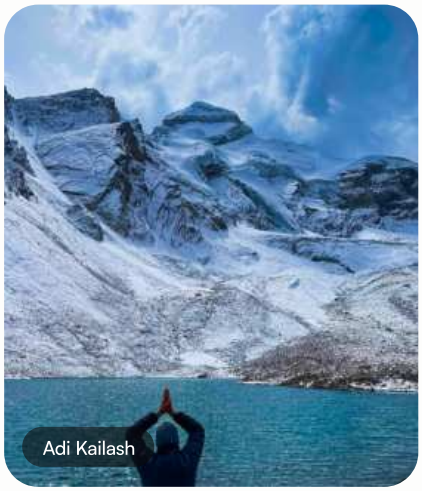
Meals
Breakfast and Dinner, included

The road
69 km · odometer 763 km

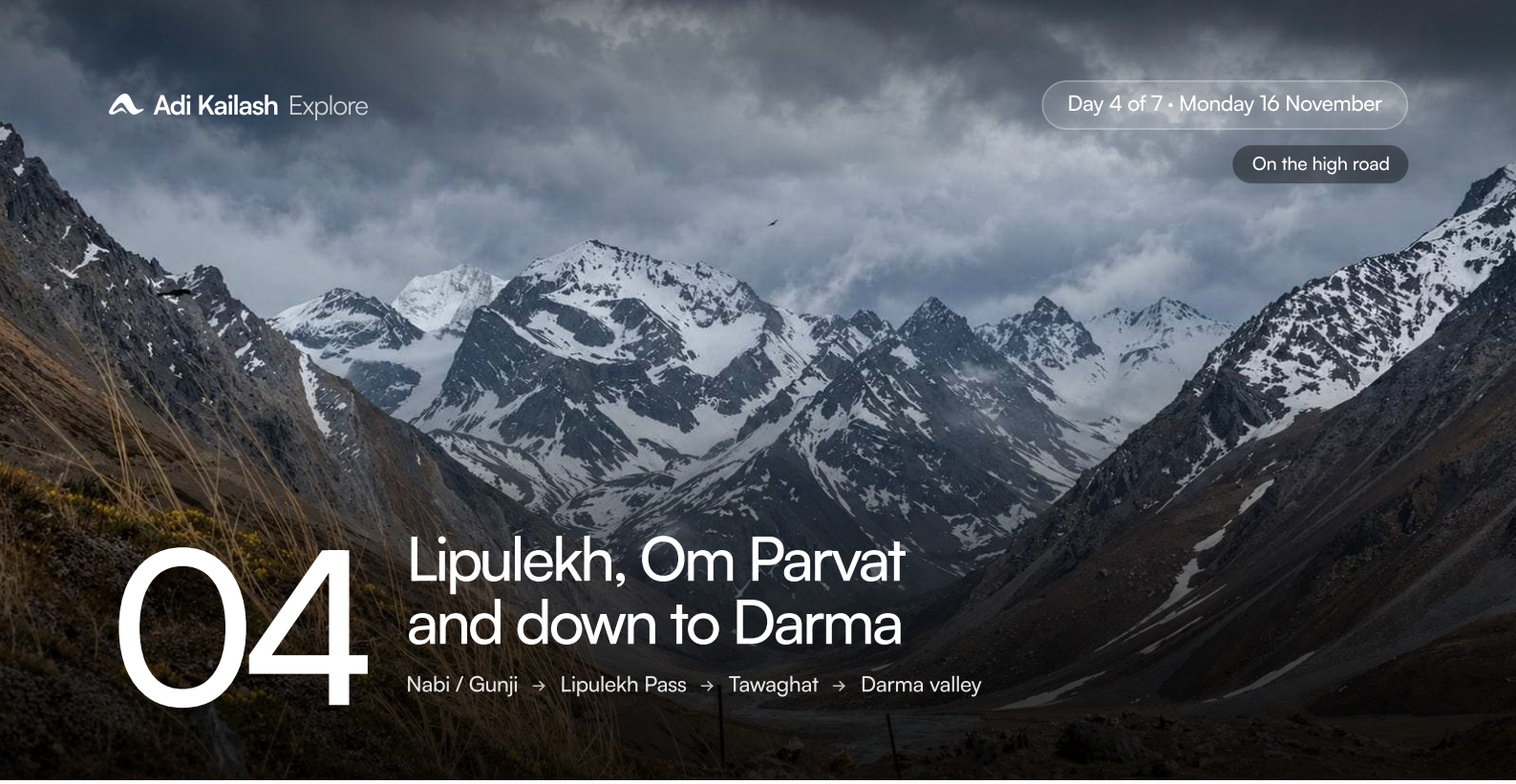
The day's heights











04 Lipulekh, Om Parvat and down to Darma

Nabi / Gunji → Lipulekh Pass → Tawaghat → Darma valley

The longest day: Om Parvat on the way up to Lipulekh, the whole valley back down, and across into the Darma valley.

The road, in order

Nabi / Gunji	The day starts 3,200 m
Lipulekh Pass	32 km via Kalapani and Nabhidhang. Om Parvat on the way up, if the road opens 5,099 m
Tawaghat	93 km via Gunji and Budhi ~1,160 m
Darma valley	49 km via Sobla and Baling. Up the Dhauli to the Darma villages ~3,150 m

Sightseeing today

- **Kalapani**
  The Kali Mandir, with Vyas Gufa on the cliff opposite.
- **Lipulekh Pass, if open**
  5,099 m on the Tibet border, for the view of Mount Kailash when the authorities permit it.
- **The Darma villages**
  The Rung villages under Panchachuli, and a homestay for the night.
- **Om Parvat, from Nabhidhang**
  Snow in the rock in the shape of ॐ, with Nag Parvat on the drive up.
- **Sobla and Baling**
  Down the Vyas valley and up the Dhauli into Darma.

✧ An early start: the SDM advises no driving after 4 pm on the Gunji and Darma roads, and this is the long day.

✧ The moment

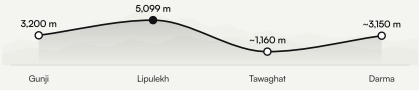
Om Parvat, Lipulekh if it opens, and a night in Darma.

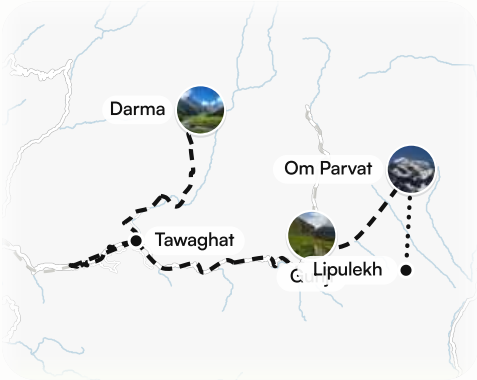
Tonight
Homestay with a Rung family, Darma valley, ~3,150 m

Meals
Breakfast and Dinner, included

The road
174 km · odometer 937 km

The day's heights






Om Parvat


The ridge below Om Parvat



05 Darma to Pithoragarh

Darma valley → Dharchula → Pithoragarh

Down the Dhauli to the Kali and back along it to Pithoragarh.

The road, in order

Darma valley	The day starts	~3,150 m
Dharchula	68 km via Tawaghat	908 m
Pithoragarh	91 km via Jauljibi	1,645 m

Sightseeing today

- **Panchachuli**
  Five peaks above Dantu, named for the hearths on which the Pandavas cooked their final meal.
- **Dharchula and Jauljibi**
  Along the Kali, Nepal across the river.
- **Down the Dhauli**
  The valley road back to the Kali at Tawaghat.
- **Pithoragarh**
  Back to our home town for the night.

The moment

First light on Panchachuli, then the long road down.

Tonight
Hotel, Pithoragarh, 1,645 m

Meals
Breakfast and Dinner, included

The road
159 km · odometer 1,096 km

The day's heights











06 Pithoragarh to Bhimtal

Pithoragarh → Almora → Bhimtal

West along the ridges to Almora, and down through Bhowali to the lake at Bhimtal.

The road, in order

○	**Pithoragarh**	The day starts · 1,645 m
○	**Almora**	113 km via Ghat · 1,642 m
●	**Bhimtal**	62 km via Bhowali. The last night, by the lake · ~1,350 m

Sightseeing today

- **The ridge road**
  West along the Kumaon ridges to Almora.
- **Bhowali**
  Down through the pines towards the lakes.
- **Almora**
  Kumaon's old capital, on its ridge.
- **Bhimtal**
  The lake, and the convoy's farewell night together.

The moment

The ridge road west, and the farewell night by the lake.

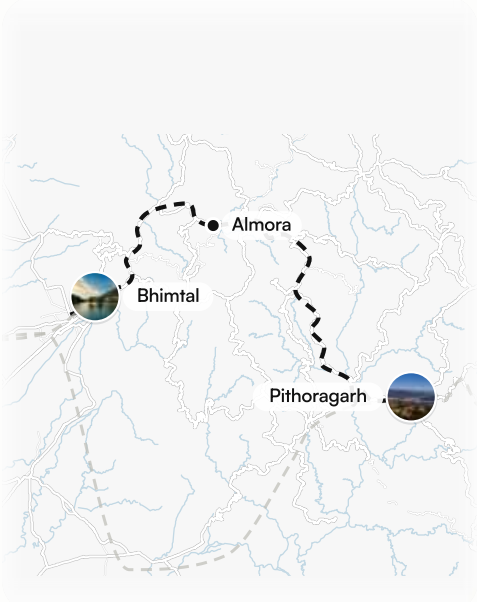
Tonight
Hotel, Bhimtal, by the lake, ~1,350 m

Meals
Breakfast and Dinner, included

The road
175 km · odometer 1,271 km

The day's heights



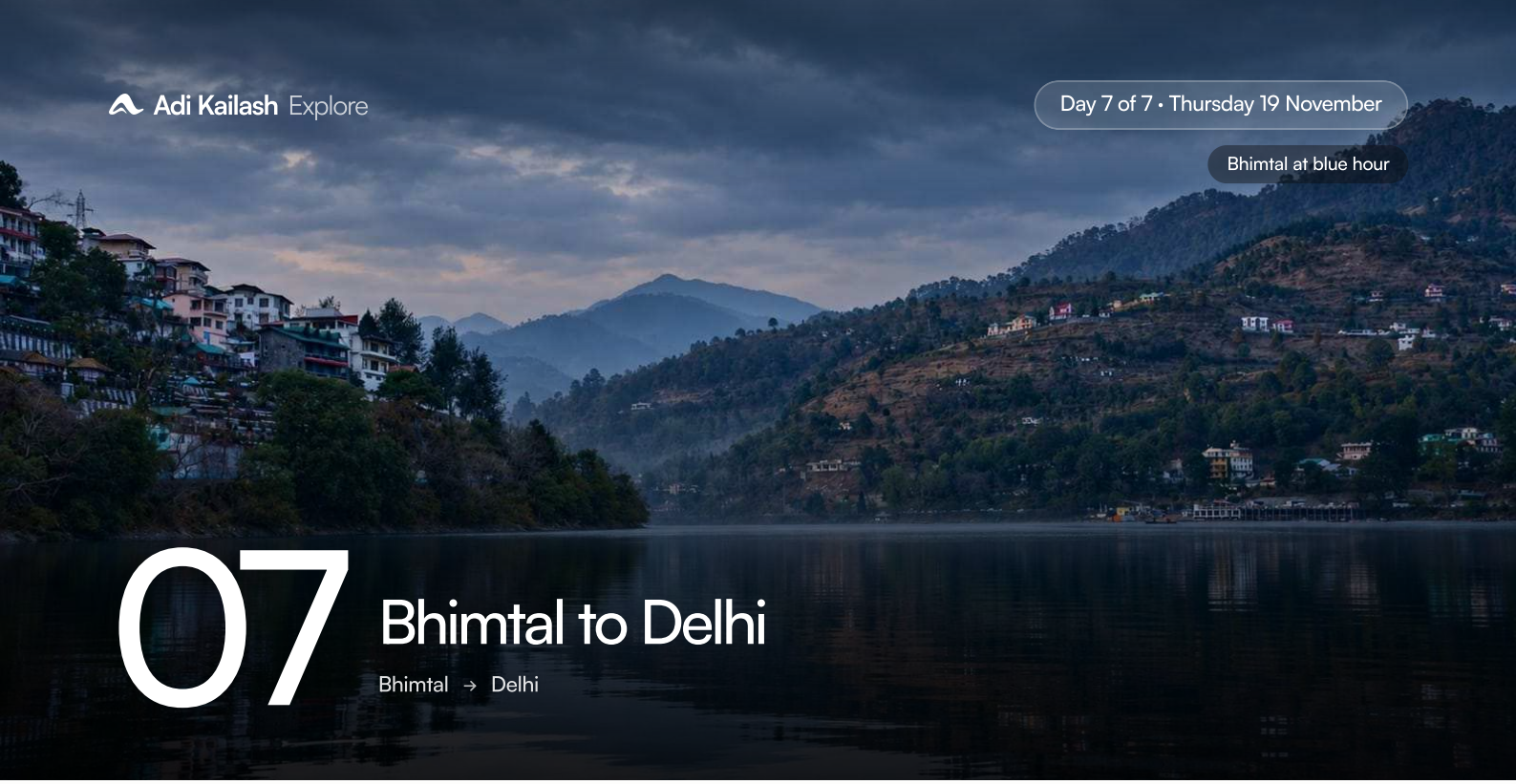




Bhimtal lake and its island



The last night together



07 Bhimtal to Delhi

Bhimtal → Delhi

Down to Haldwani and across the plains, home to Delhi.

The road, in order

- **Bhimtal** — The day starts ~1,350 m
- **Delhi** — 301 km via Haldwani and Rampur. The flag comes home 221 m

Sightseeing today

- **Haldwani**
  Down out of the hills to the plains.
- **Delhi**
  The flag comes home, and so do you.
- **Across the plains**
  By Rampur, the long straight road south.

The moment

Down to the plains, and the flag comes home.

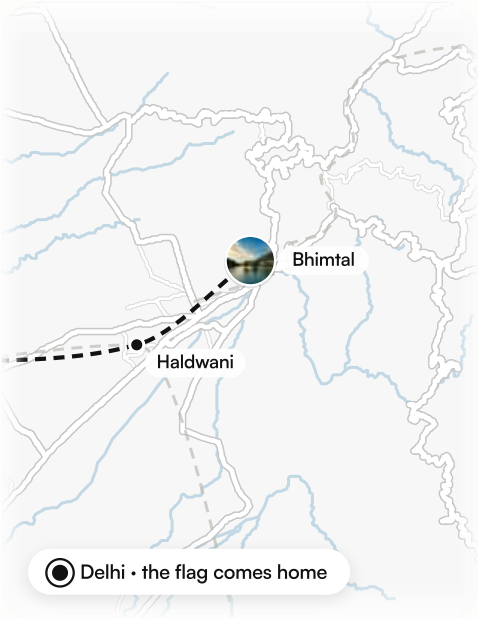
Tonight
Home

Meals
Breakfast, included

The road
301 km • odometer 1,572 km

The day's heights









Stays and food

From a hill-town hotel to a home under Panchachuli.


Darma: first light from the balcony


Nabi: an A-frame room


Pithoragarh: a hotel room


Darma: a shared wooden room


Gunji: a homestay room

A room held in your name

Included

Classic rooms, shared, booked in your name before the flag drops.

Breakfast and dinner, every day

Included

Where you stay, from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 7.

A Rung family's hearth

Included

In Darma you stay in a home, and eat at the family's fire.

Lunch at the dhabas

Yours

Hot food and chai wherever the convoy stops at noon.

As the films say

“Happiness only real when shared.”

Every meal of the week is eaten together, from the first dhaba to the farewell.

Into the Wild (2007)

Six nights, from the plains to 3,200 m

Gunji twice, so the body settles before Adi Kailash.

Night 1	Night 2	Night 3	Night 4	Night 5	Night 6
1,645 m	3,200 m	3,200 m	~3,150 m	1,645 m	~1,350 m
Pithoragarh	Gunji	Gunji	Darma valley	Pithoragarh	Bhimtal
Hotel	Guest house or homestay	Guest house or homestay	Homestay with a Rung family	Hotel	Hotel

The send-off and the farewell

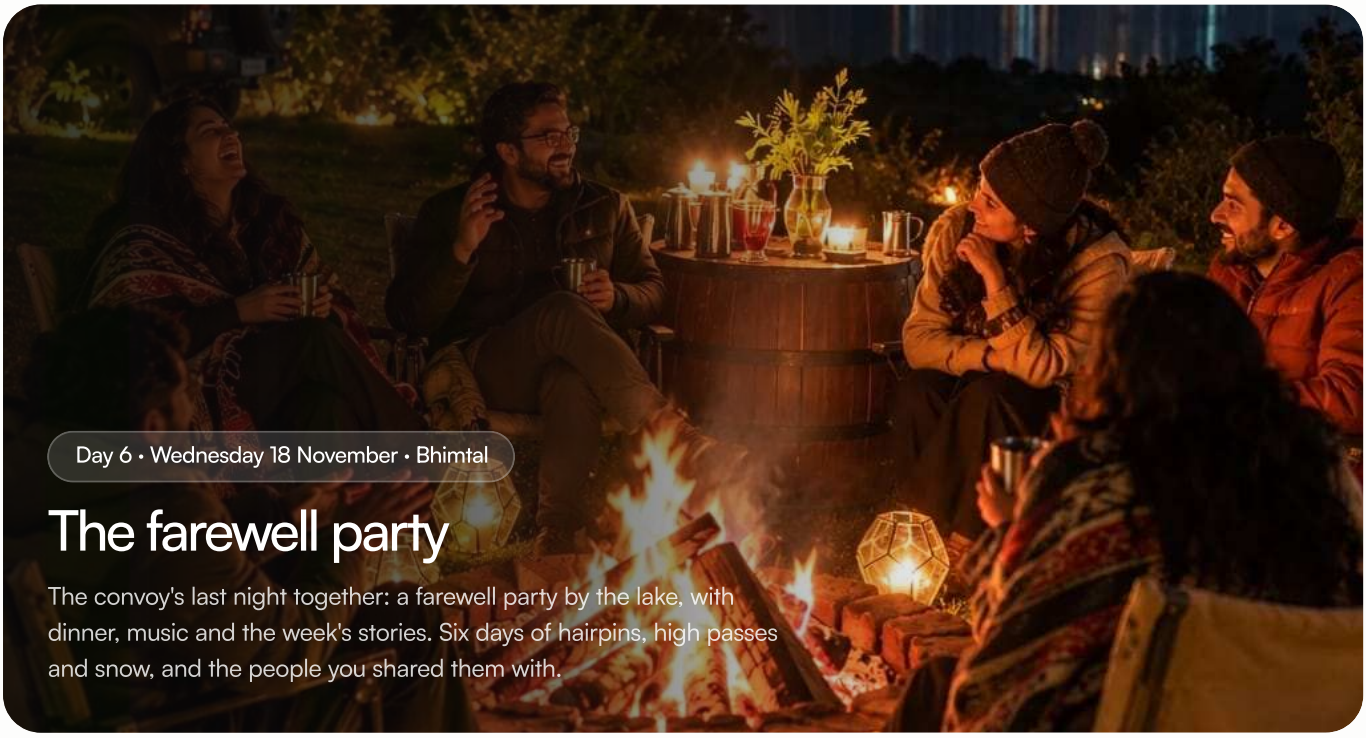
The first flag, and the last night.



Day 1 · Friday 13 November · Delhi

The flag-off

Twelve 4x4s line up, engines running. The flag drops and the convoy leaves as one: a local 4x4 in front, the sweep behind, everyone in between. From here to the flag's return, nobody drives alone.



Day 6 · Wednesday 18 November · Bhimtal

The farewell party

The convoy's last night together: a farewell party by the lake, with dinner, music and the week's stories. Six days of hairpins, high passes and snow, and the people you shared them with.

As the films say

“Picture abhi baaki hai, mere dost.”

The picture isn't over yet, my friend: the film of the week is still rolling.

Om, Om Shanti Om (2007)



The film

Your week, on film.













Yuvraj Singh Sethi (@justcapture__it), our lead cinematographer, rides with the convoy from the flag-off to the flag's return and films the whole expedition as a documentary: the road, the peaks, the valleys and the people who live in them.

What he films

Seven days, start to finish

The convoy on the high road, Adi Kailash, Om Parvat and Lipulekh, the Vyas and Darma valleys, the flag-off and the last night.

Where it goes

Uttarakhand Tourism

To carry these valleys further: every traveller it brings pays a guide, a driver, a cook and a homestay up there.

You, in it

Only with your consent

Say no, and you are never in a frame. Say yes, and your week is part of the story.

The stories it can tell

- **The villages emptying.** Families leaving the border villages for the plains, and the few who stay.
- **The shepherds' summer.** Flocks and horsemen on the high meadows, from the thaw to the first snow.
- **The valleys' own lives.** Wool, looms and the devta's festivals in the Vyas and Darma valleys.
- **A road being built now.** The Kailash road the state is building up, and what it changes.

Your trip leaders

Three leaders. One convoy.

They lead the convoy from the front, from the flag-off in Delhi to the flag's return.



Yash Parshwal

Spiti, Leh and Manali this year, with Mussoorie and Udaipur in between. On camera, the life of the big SUV, from a new car's first garland to the long mountain drive, with one reel past five million views.

@yashh_parshwal 26K+ followers

youtube.com/@yashparshwal9516



Neerja Rao

Films the drive from behind the wheel: a black Thar, an open road and a playlist turned up loud. From Gurugram, her reels turn everyday drives into small films about cars, travel and the songs that carry a journey.

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Stuti Rawat

Finds the mountain places most people drive past: Niti and Lahaul, Ladakh in winter, the Kuari pass on foot, and the Darma valley, where the convoy spends a night. Her itineraries and guides help travellers find the hidden corners of the hills.

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Drive the week with Yash, Neerja and Stuti. 12 cars at most, 13 to 19 November 2026.

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The convoy

Never alone on the road.

A 4x4 in front and one behind, a guide and a mechanic, on a road our team has driven for more than ten seasons.



Sweep
A local 4x4, last on the road
No car is left behind.

Your cars · 12 at most
12 cars in the convoy, no more
Bring your own 4x4, drive ours, or take a seat.

Lead
A local 4x4, first on the road
Hill-licensed driver, setting the pace.

Six nights, held by name
Classic rooms, booked in your name before the flag drops.

Breakfast and dinner
Every day where you stay; lunch on the road is yours.

Permits, filed for you
The Inner Line and Lipulekh permits, with the fees paid.

Lead and sweep 4x4s
Two local 4x4s with hill-licensed drivers, front and back.

A certified guide
Naval, from our Kumaon team, in Hindi, English or Kumaoni.

A mechanic on the road
Travels with the convoy, for anything a car needs.

As the films say

“Kitne aadmi the?”

Twelve 4x4s, Sardar. And not one left behind.

Gabbar Singh, Sholay (1975)

Guide
Naval
Certified: Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council, Tour Manager Operations.

Founder
Vinay Verma
Rides with the convoy: the company is his, and so is every promise here.

Lens
Yuvraj Singh Sethi
Our lead cinematographer, filming the week.

Trip leaders
Yash, Neerja and Stuti
Lead the convoy from the front.

Prices

Pick your seat in the convoy.

Per person, GST included: the same week, the same road and the same care whichever way you come.

Way A • Bring your machine

Your own 4x4

₹35,000

per person, GST included

Drive your own machine in the convoy, with our lead and sweep vehicles, guide and mechanic around you.

What you get

- Your place in the convoy, in your own car
- Your car's papers checked by our team a week before the flag drops in Delhi

Good to know

- Above Dharchula a private car needs the SDM's ruling in writing: we apply with your papers, and you have the answer before you pay the balance.
- Fuel, tolls and parking for your own car are yours, from Delhi and back to Delhi.

Way B • Take a seat

Our 4x4 and driver

₹45,000

per person, GST included

Take a seat and let the mountain drivers drive: nothing to steer, everything to see.

What you get

- A seat from Delhi to Pithoragarh and back
- A seat in a local 4x4 with a hill-licensed driver, for Adi Kailash, Om Parvat and Darma

Good to know

- Above Dharchula you ride as the district asks: in a local 4x4 with a hill-licensed driver, the rule every paying passenger rides by.
- No car papers to send, no SDM ruling to wait for, and nothing to drive.

In every seat, whichever way

- Six nights in Classic rooms, shared
- Breakfast and dinner, every day on the road
- Inner Line and Lipulekh permits, fees paid
- Two local 4x4s, one leading, one sweeping
- A certified guide and a mechanic with you
- A first-aid kit with the convoy

Not in the price

- Lunch on the road
- The Darma valley registration fee
- An extra night if weather closes a road
- Personal expenses

Rather drive ours? Way C, our 4x4, you drive: four travellers to a car, priced on the 4x4 you pick and its availability.

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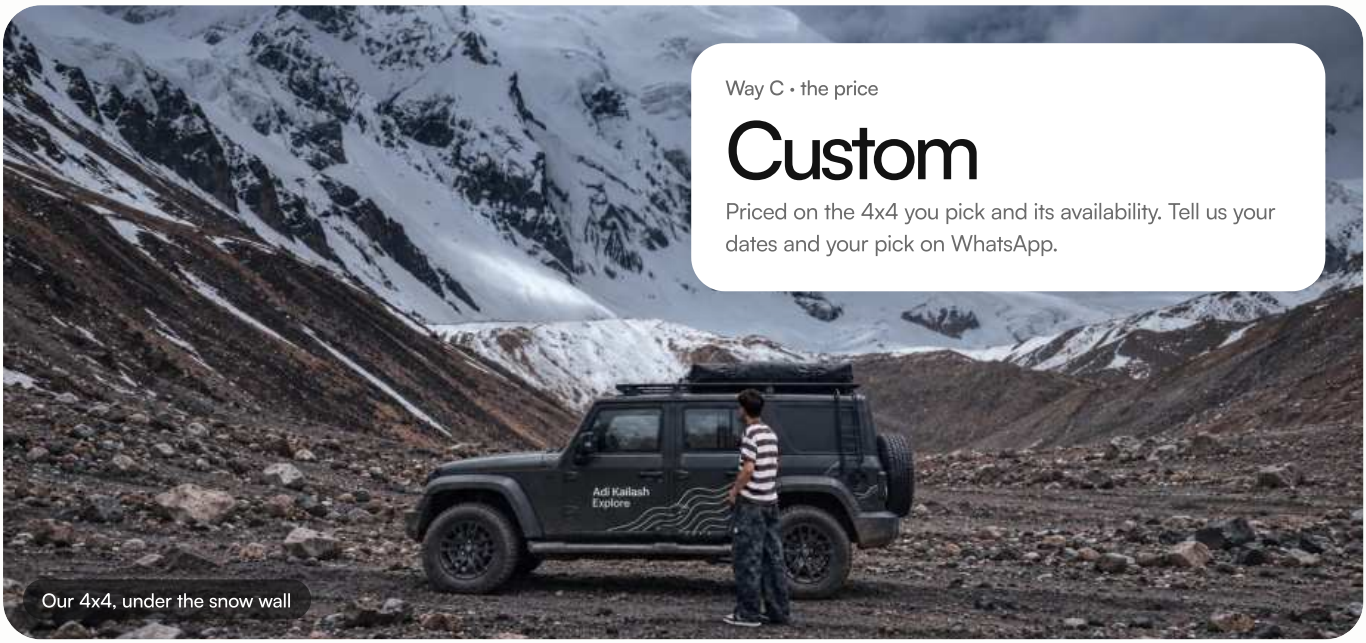
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Scan to book

Way C • Take the wheel

Rent our 4x4. Drive the high road yourself.

A 4x4 from us with the wheel in your hands: drive it in the convoy, four travellers to a car. The hairpins, the gorge, the last villages before Tibet: from the driver's seat.



Our 4x4, under the snow wall

Way C • the price

Custom

Priced on the 4x4 you pick and its availability. Tell us your dates and your pick on WhatsApp.

The 4x4s you can take the wheel of

Every one four-wheel drive. Tell us your pick when you book; the car on the day is the one the fleet holds.

Toyota Hilux	Isuzu V-Cross	Mahindra Thar Roxx	Force Gurkha	Mahindra Thar	Maruti Jimny	Mahindra Scorpio N
Pickup • 4x4	Pickup • 4x4	SUV • 4x4	SUV • 4x4	3-door • 4x4	Compact • 4x4	SUV • 4x4

What you get

- A 4x4 for the week, four travellers to a car
- Your place in the convoy, behind the wheel, with the lead and sweep 4x4s around you
- Everything in every seat: six nights, breakfast and dinner, the permits, the guide

Good to know

- Above Dharchula a self-driven car needs the SDM's ruling in writing: we apply for it, and you have the answer before you pay the balance.
- Whoever takes the wheel brings a driving licence; the papers list comes when you book.

₹5,000 **holds your seat.** Paid into the company account, with a receipt the same day. The balance is due before the flag drops.

Scan to book

Before you go

Before the flag drops.

The mountain sets the terms: weather, permits and the road decide the day, and we say so. Four rules, three papers and one honest look at the cold.

Local 4x4s above Dharchula

1

On the high roads, paying passengers ride in Dharchula's own 4x4s with hill-licensed drivers, and a private car goes up only with the SDM's ruling in writing.

Off the high road by four

2

The SDM advises no driving after 4 pm on the Gunji and Darma roads, which is why day 4, the long one, starts early.

Lipulekh, when the road is open

3

The pass opens at the authorities' word, on the day. If it is shut, Om Parvat still stands across the valley on the way, and the day runs on to Darma.

The edge of the season

4

Mid-November is the last of the season: the 2026 permit closing date is not announced yet, and Darma's families begin moving down that week. Every room is held by name.

Papers, for the permits

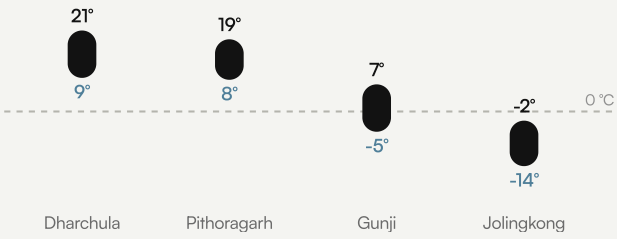
Aadhaar card
Every traveller, for the permits

Passport-size photographs
Every traveller, for the permits

Driving licence
Whoever drives, ways A and C

Registration and insurance
Your own 4x4, a week before

November, night to day



Day high and night low, °C: November normals, 1991 to 2020, modelled, not a forecast. Below the dashed line is below freezing.

A road, not a trek
The highest you go is by vehicle.

Two nights at Gunji
3,200 m, before Adi Kailash.

Say it early
Tell Naval about a headache.

Tell us first
Heart, lung or blood pressure.

As the films say

“All is well.”

Permits filed, rooms held, a mechanic in the convoy: it is.

Rancho, 3 Idiots (2009)

Things to carry

Pack for the cold. Pack light.

One bag each rides in the car the whole way. November nights at Gunji fall below freezing, so the cold list comes first.

For the cold, above all

- [ ] **A down jacket** • Nights at Gunji fall near −5 °C
- [ ] **Thermals** • Under everything on the high days
- [ ] **Gloves and a woollen cap** • Jolingkong nights near −14 °C
- [ ] **Sunglasses** • Snow glare above 4,000 m
- [ ] **Your own medicines** • Enough for the whole week

Clothes

- [ ] **T-shirts** • 3 to 4, quick-dry rather than cotton
- [ ] **Fleece or sweater** • 1 to 2
- [ ] **Padded or down jacket** • 1: the one thing nobody regrets carrying
- [ ] **Thermal inner** • 1 set, upper and lower
- [ ] **Trousers** • 2 pairs, comfortable enough to sit in for hours
- [ ] **Windproof or rain shell** • 1
- [ ] **Poncho or umbrella** • 1: the valley catches rain from June
- [ ] **Gloves** • 1 pair, warm

Basics

- [ ] **Duffel or suitcase** • One per person: it stays in the vehicle
- [ ] **Day pack** • 15 to 20 ltr, for the short walks and the darshan days
- [ ] **Water bottle or flask** • 1 to 2 ltr; refills at every stop
- [ ] **Head torch or small torch** • 1: power at the higher stays is limited
- [ ] **Power bank** • 1, charged; there are long stretches with no socket
- [ ] **Walking stick** • Advisable: useful on the short walks at the top

Utilities

- [ ] **Personal medication** • Your full course, plus a few days spare
- [ ] **Sunscreen** • SPF 50, and use it on cloudy days too
- [ ] **Lip balm & moisturiser** • 1 each: the air is very dry
- [ ] **Toiletries** • Travel sizes; hot water is not guaranteed everywhere
- [ ] **Quick-dry towel** • 1
- [ ] **Hand sanitiser** • 1
- [ ] **Dry snacks** • Whatever you like: the drives are long
- [ ] **A bag for your waste** • 1: carry it back down with you

Head & foot

- [ ] **Sturdy walking shoes** • 1 pair, closed and with grip
- [ ] **Sandals or slip-ons** • 1 pair, for the stays and the drives
- [ ] **Socks** • 5 to 6 pairs, plus 1 woollen pair for the nights
- [ ] **Sun cap or hat** • 1
- [ ] **Woollen cap** • 1, for early mornings and the high stops
- [ ] **Sunglasses** • UV-protected: snow glare at altitude is fierce
- [ ] **Muffler or neck gaiter** • 1

Documents

- [ ] **Government photo ID** • Original + 2 photocopies (Aadhaar, passport or voter ID)
- [ ] **Passport-size photographs** • 4, for the permit paperwork
- [ ] **Prescriptions** • A copy, if you carry regular medication
- [ ] **Booking confirmation** • Printed or on your phone

Leave at home

- [ ] **A second big bag** • One bag each rides in the car the whole way
- [ ] **Jewellery and valuables** • Nothing you would hate to lose
- [ ] **Cotton for the cold** • Wool and quick-dry layers instead
- [ ] **Single-use plastic** • No waste pickup up there: carry yours back down

Questions

Asked, and answered.

We are two. What do we pay?

The first of you pays the way in you choose. The second pays ₹35,000, the price of the stays, the meals and the permits, whichever way you come. Tell us on WhatsApp how many of you, and we write it out.

Is November a good time to go to Adi Kailash?

It is the edge of the season: cold, and one of the driest months up there, about 3 wet days in 30 at Gunji. The 2026 permit closing date is not announced yet, and Darma's families begin moving down that week, which is why the dates are fixed and every room is held by name.

Can I come on my own?

Yes. Every price is per person, and you ride in the convoy with the rest: a seat in our 4x4, your own car, or ours to drive. Rooms are shared; tell us if you would like to share with someone you know.

What happens if Lipulekh is closed on the day?

Lipulekh is a bonus, not a promise: the pass opens at the authorities' word on the day. Om Parvat is on the way up, so you see it either way, and the day runs on down the valley to the Darma villages as planned.

Can I drive my own car all the way to Adi Kailash?

To Dharchula, yes. Above it the district decides: paying passengers ride in local 4x4s with hill-licensed drivers, and a private car needs the SDM's ruling in writing. We apply for yours with your car's papers a week before the flag drops, and you have the answer in writing before you pay the balance.

How cold is it in the middle of November?

Cold. The 1991 to 2020 normals for November give Gunji a high of about 7 °C and a low of about minus 5 °C, and Jolingkong a low near minus 14 °C. November is one of the driest months up there, about 3 wet days in 30. Pack down, thermals, gloves and a cap.

How far is Adi Kailash from Delhi by road?

About 727 km on this route: 520 km from Delhi to Pithoragarh on day one, 174 km on to Gunji on day two, and the last 33 km to Jolingkong, where the road ends facing Adi Kailash, on day three. The whole loop, home by Om Parvat, the Darma valley and Bhimtal, is 1,572 km.

Do I need to be fit for this?

It is a road expedition, not a trek: the highest you go is Jolingkong at about 4,500 m and Lipulekh at 5,099 m if it opens, both by vehicle: Jolingkong after a night at Gunji, Lipulekh after two. Tell us first about any heart, lung or blood-pressure condition.

How much does the Adi Kailash 4x4 expedition cost?

₹35,000 a person with your own 4x4, ₹45,000 in our 4x4 with a hill-licensed driver, and a custom price, based on availability, if you drive ours, GST included. Every way holds six nights' rooms, breakfast and dinner, the permits with their fees paid, the lead and sweep 4x4s, a guide and a mechanic. ₹5,000 holds a seat.

How do I book a seat?

Message us on WhatsApp with the way in you want. A seat is held with a ₹5,000 advance, paid into the company account with a receipt the same day, and we send the papers list. The balance follows before the flag drops.

More questions

And the ones you will ask next.

Can I come on my own?

Yes. Every price is per person, and you ride in the convoy with the rest: a seat in our 4x4, your own car, or ours to drive. Rooms are shared; tell us if you would like to share with someone you know.

Is there a party?

Yes: the last night, by the lake at Bhimtal. Dinner, music and the week's stories, with the whole convoy.

Which way in should I pick?

Your own 4x4 (₹35,000) if you want to drive your machine, a seat in ours (₹45,000) if you want nothing to steer, our 4x4 to drive (priced on availability) if you want the wheel without the wear on your own car.

Is it right for my parents?

For most, yes: the week is driven, not trekked, and the highest nights are at Gunji, 3,200 m. Tell us about any condition first, and we will say honestly if we have concerns.

What if weather closes a road?

The mountain sets the terms. We tell you the moment we know and reroute within the valley. An extra night forced by a closed road is not in the price.

What do I ride in if I take a seat?

A seat from Delhi to Pithoragarh and back, and above Dharchula a seat in a local 4x4 with a hill-licensed driver, the rule every paying passenger rides by.

What papers do I need?

An Aadhaar card and passport-size photographs for the permits. Whoever drives brings a licence; your own 4x4 needs its registration and insurance a week before.

Do I need to have driven in the mountains?

The high roads are gravel and hairpins. A self-driven car goes above Dharchula only with the SDM's ruling in writing, and the lead and sweep 4x4s set the pace. Rather not? Take a seat in ours.

How much luggage can I bring?

One bag each rides in the car the whole way, plus a day pack with you. Layers, not bulk: the list on the packing page is the one we pack by.

What does the ₹5,000 do?

It holds your seat: paid into the company account, with a receipt the same day. We send the papers list and file the permits; the balance is due before the flag drops.

Will I be in the documentary?

Only with your written consent. Yuvraj Singh Sethi films the week; say no and you are never in a frame.

Anything else? Ask us on WhatsApp at **+91 76688 58311.** The people who reply are the people who run the road.

A word from the founder

Most people who write to us have wanted to see Kailash for years.



Then they learn what Mount Kailash asks, a visa, a permit, a lottery, another country's consent, and the wanting stays a wanting. Adi Kailash asks less. It stands inside India, in our own district, at the end of a road we have driven for more than ten seasons. That is why this company exists: to close the distance between wanting to be there and being there.

So we do one route, and we do all of it. The permit filed before you arrive. A driver who has taken the gorge in every condition it offers. A certified guide. A room that matches its photograph. A price that is the price. On this road, certainty is the luxury; everything else is scenery.

The mountain sets the terms, weather, altitude and the road, and we do not sell past them. And it is everyone's mountain: the religious, the spiritual, the adventurous, from anywhere. You are welcome, and you will be looked after the same.

Vinay Verma

ADI KAILASH EXPLORE

Vinay Verma
Founder, Adi Kailash Explore • rides with Expedition 01


Our guides, at Adi Kailash

Your guide on the road: Naval

From our Kumaon team, with you every day of the week, in Hindi, English or Kumaoni.

Certified by
Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council: Tour Manager Operations
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MSME सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मध्यम उद्यम MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES — Certified
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In their words

Travellers, and the season on the road.



Below the snow line · 8 June 2026

> From start to finish, the experience was absolutely fantastic. Even with unexpected weather challenges, everything was handled seamlessly.

S — **Surabhi**
Google review



The convoy · 8 June 2026



Above the valley · 13 June 2026



The June batch · 6 June 2026

> As a solo female traveler, safety was my biggest concern, but they ensured a completely secure and comfortable environment throughout the trip.

LH — **Leena Hemant**
Google review

> A special thanks to Vinay for being supportive throughout the trip. The homestays were clean and comfortable. The food was delicious and everything was taken care nicely.

RT — **Reeta Tari**
Google review

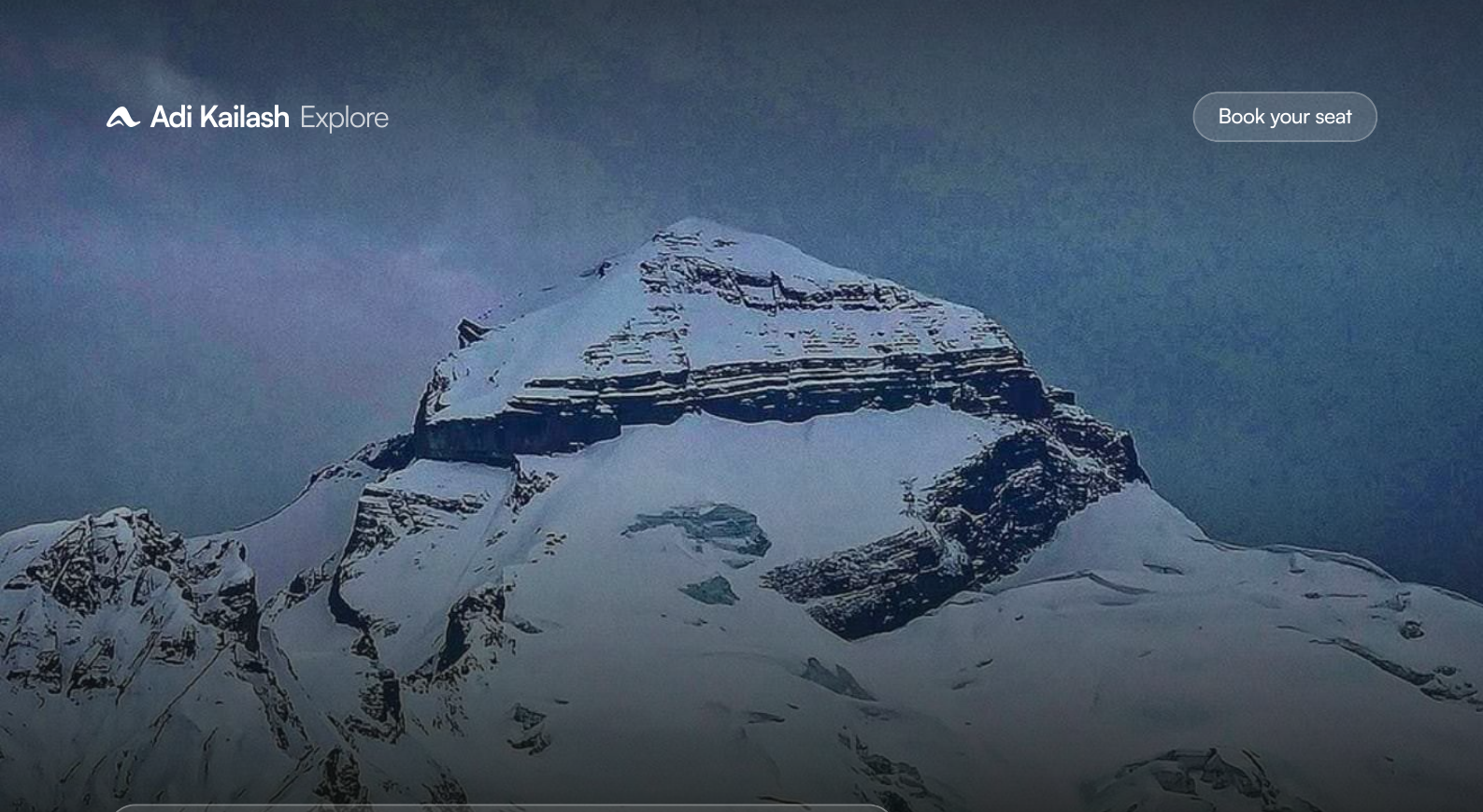


Above the town · 6 June 2026



On the road · 31 May 2026

The words are travellers' own. The photographs are real departures of the 2026 season, dated from the camera, and are not of the people quoted.



12 cars only • the last convoy of the season • flag-off Friday 13 November

As the films say

"I'm going on an adventure!"

Say it out loud. Then message us.

Bilbo Baggins, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012)

The trip of a lifetime starts with ₹5,000.

Way A • Your own 4x4	Way B • Our 4x4 and driver	Way C • Our 4x4, you drive
₹35,000	₹45,000	Custom
per person, GST included	per person, GST included	based on availability

Hold my seat for ₹5,000 →

1. **Message us on WhatsApp.** Tell us the way in you want and how many of you are coming.
2. **Hold your seat with ₹5,000.** Paid into the company account, with a receipt the same day.
3. **We do the paperwork.** We send the papers list and file the permits. The balance is due before the flag drops.

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Scan to book on WhatsApp

- ✓ Paid into the company account
- ✓ A receipt the same day
- ✓ Permits filed for you
- ✓ Every room held by name

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