

(4337m)

GOCHARSAR EXPEDITION



ALTIMATE PATHFINDER

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WHAT IS PATHFINDER ?

PATHFINDER'S DNA

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PATHFINDER'S OUTLINE

An adventure program designed for those in search of challenging their own limits, a state where it no longer remains an adventure but a transformative experience way beyond. Each day ahead is a different challenge, each night a tribute to its existence and while those experiencing it, become different persons at the end of it.

Pathfinder is an adventure with meaning and serious goals to achieve. The program may range from 7 days to 15 days depending on the destination and program objectives. For participants, this programs indulges them into situations where they must capitalize on their mental and physical capabilities, formulate problem solving strategies and overcome barriers as a team. In essence, this is a transformative program, where nature, divine lessons and companionship together give participants an experience that they will carry for life.



GOCHARSAR PASS (4377M)

Gocharsar Pass lies amidst the two beautiful valleys of Chitral, the Madaglasht valley and Golain Valley. Gocharsar is amongst the three beautiful passes in this region. It is considered as a non-technical pass however, we at Altimate Outdoors never underestimate a mountain's attitude. Hence we pay gratitude and respect to every valley, pass and mountain that we aim to scale. This approach is rewarding in two ways 1) We add directly to the local economy by engaging local resources as Pathfinder's support team 2) It is through local community that we add an indigenous perspective to our knowledge of mountains and wilderness.

However, our Pathfinders' learning start the moment they share the compact space of local jeeps that will take them to the starting point of their expedition. The trek starts from the lush green valley of Madaglasht meaning Flat ground. Onwards is a journey of embracing a different world. You come across indigenous communities, learn about flora & fauna, experience gushing waterfalls and sparse forests of Pine, Cedar and Larch. All while pushing your self to achieve the task of ascend.

Across the Gocharsar Pass, Pathfinders shall descend into the mesmerizing Golain Valley through Lohigal Valley. The marshy pastures of Golain valley shall reward the Pathfinders with a serene visual experience along with a source of abundant spring water. The trek formally ends at the first village of Istoor. Pathfinders will have some time to interact with local residents before calling it a day.

This program will conclude in 8 days with 4-5 days of trekking. A contingency day is kept in the trekking days for circumstance unforeseen. A reason why its called adventure.



Trek Level: Moderate

Trek Altitude: 4377 m

Trek Start: Madaglasht Valley

Trek End: Golain Valley

Trek Dates: July 28 - Aug04

Trek Cost: 68,000 | Chitral to Chitral

PROGRAM ITINERARY

Day 01:

Arrival at River View Resort Chitral. Enjoy the Kunar River at hotel, explore Chitral town and surroundings. Overnight stay at hotel with a briefing session on the trek after dinner

Day 02:

Chitral to Madaglasht Valley – Early morning breakfast at hotel, wrap up and head towards the beautiful Madaglasht Valley. Drop off in the valley and remaining day spent in Exploring the valley. Short warm up hikes would add to your reflexes for the next day. Overnight camping and bonfire.

Day 03:

Madaglasht to Gocharsar Base – Early morning breakfast and wrap up. Start trekking towards Gocharsar Base, for about 4-5 hours. Witness local community pursuing their daily tasks. It would be a steep, hot climb up the campsite but once there, it would be the most beautiful night camping. Establish campsite and overnight stay

Day 04:

Gocharsar Base to Gocharsar Pass and down into Lohigal Valley – 6-9 hours mostly on snow patches to the pass and then across the pass down to Lohigal valley. This day would be the toughest of all days. Reach Kui Utz (Red Spring) to camp.

Day 05:

Krui Utz to Chatur Gunj (Jungal) – 5-7 hours trek down to a beautiful campsite with a spectacular view of the whole valey. Establish campsite and overnight stay

Day 06:

Chatur Gunj to Istoor – 4-5 hours. Overnight stay in Istoor

Day 07:

Istoor to Chitral – Hire a local jeep in Istoor and head back to Chitral.

Day 08:

Leave back for hometown(s)



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Chitral airport pick and drop
- Two nights of hotel stay with breakfast and dinner
- All meals during the trek
- All permits/ NOCs/ Park Fee etc
- Local Jeeps to/from trek start and trek end
- Satellite Phone and GPS for connectivity
- Basic First Aid
- Assistance in Physical and Mental preparation for the program
- Assistance in procuring outdoor gear with discounted access to Altimate's branded gear
- Certificate of Achievement for becoming Altimate's official Pathfinder
- One hard copy of individual Pathfinder's photograph

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Travel to and from Chitral
- Personal Equipment, Gear and Medicine
- Insurance/ Emergency Rescue
- Any tips to Porters/ Guides/ Cooks or any other local resources
- Additional stay due to unforeseen circumstances, e.g. road block, land slides etc.
- Personal Shopping and additional food other than part of the program
- Additional hotel nights in Chitral





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