

# Mountain Trail \*

## MOUNTAIN TRAIL RESORT – MUKTESHWAR



Mountain Trail - The only fruit orchard resort at Mukteshwar, situated at 2300 m (8000 ft.) ASL, is an idyllic, perfect spot for your relaxing holidays as well as adventures activities in the lap of nature. Set on a gentle hill slope, facing towards the Himalayas, deep valleys and the sunrise, spread out amidst a 2.5 acres of a lush green fresh fruit orchard with over a 100 fruit trees, wild and ornamental flower beds with over 70 variety of flowers. Mountain Trail is truly a round the year resort with all the Nature around. In summer it has the ideal climate for a perfect getaway, with pleasant days & cool nights. During monsoon months it is lush green, as far as your eyes can see. Autumn brings splashes of rust and vermilion hues to the trees while winter covers the sleepy little hamlet in a blanket of snow. Though Mountain Trail is the ONLY classified resort in Mukteshwar ( by Dept. of Tourism, Govt. of India), it does not boast of Luxury. It however assures of all basic amenities, comfort, cleanliness, hygiene, delicious homelike food & courteous services.

### **ADDITIONAL USP**

Mountain Trail is the only resort with its own Chocolate Kitchen making Hand Made Centre Filled European Chocolates by using imported equipment, accessories and 100% imported raw materials. Something you must carry back home for your loved ones.

[Click www.choco-house.com](http://www.choco-house.com)

## FACILITIES at Mountain Trail Resort

The resort has a cozy multi-cuisine restaurant serving North Indian Cuisine, local Kumaoni cuisine & select Chinese & Continental dishes, a sports room with a Table Tennis Table, Carom Board, Foose Ball Table, Dart Board and some Board Games. The resort also houses a small library with an exhaustive collection of books and a party hall for evening rendezvous. You can pick up some memorabilia from our gift shop selling handicrafts, local products and the best of all savour Mountain Trail's Centre Filled European Chocolates made at the Resort's Chocolate Kitchen. The resort has a Doctor on call + a well equipped clinic which is run by an N.G.O, very close to the resort. Travel helpdesk, Hot/Cold running water minimum 6 hours a days, stand by generators / inverter, stand by central water heating boiler apart from the regular electric geysers, separate Driver Accommodation at reasonable charges. To maintain serenity and ambience we have no Televisions in rooms.

**Pet Policy:** All dogs are charged **Rs.500/- night** + damages caused by the pet, if any. We do understand how important your four legged friend is for you. Having said that pets are expected to be non-aggressive and should not disturb other guests. If other guests do complain and the pet is found to be causing problems to other guests for any reason we would have no choice but to request you to vacate the room and leave the resort. All unused rooms / nights will be forfeited under such unfortunate circumstances.

### **PAYMENT TERMS**

- ☐ All bookings shall be confirmed on receipt of 100% advance only.
- ☐ All rooms on hold shall be auto-released if payments not received within 24hrs.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY for PEAK SEASON-**

- ☐ All booking for peak season will be Non-Refundable.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY for MIDSEASON-**

- ☐ 100% refund if bookings cancelled 30+ days prior to check-in
- ☐ 50% refund if bookings cancelled 15-30 days prior to check-in
- ☐ No refunds if Bookings cancelled within last 15 days prior to check-in

### **CANCELLATION POLICY for LOW SEASON-**

- ☐ 100% refund if bookings cancelled 15+ days prior to check-in
- ☐ 50% refund if bookings cancelled 07-15 days prior to check-in
- ☐ No refunds if Bookings cancelled within last 07 days prior to check-in

### **BANK DETAILS**

All cheques /drafts to be drawn in favour of "**Nainital Hill Resorts.**" payable at Delhi

**Bank Name:** Vijaya Bank  
**Branch:** Patparganj, Delhi -110092  
**Current Account No.:** 603400300000153 in the name of "Nainital Hill Resort."  
**IFSC/RTGS Code:** VIJB0006034

## HOW TO ENJOY AN OFFBEAT DESTINATION

Start early , keep minimum two hours margin and plan to reach before dark. Going up for the first time you could face difficulties finding your way. Take proper guidance from the resort's city office before departing. Do not be misguided by locals, stick to the path suggested by the resort unless a road block is reported due to some reason.

Do not expect very professional services. Most of these places employ local staff, trained on the job. Employing locals is a commitment to help the community.

Food at such places is simple, homelike, and choice could be limited. City chefs are not very willing to work at such offbeat resorts. They have to avail the services of regional cooks.

Since business is very seasonal, they cannot afford two shift employees and as such service hours are limited and have to be abided by strictly.

At most of the resorts water could be sufficient only for your basic needs, not for washing clothes and cars.

Electrical/Telecommunication services could be momentarily disrupted. Bear till alternate arrangements are made. Most of the better ones have good backups.

Restaurant/Room service might seem slow, as compared to town hotels. Do not push after all you are there to unwind and relax.

Furniture/Fixture in rooms should be sufficient to meet all your basic requirements. Do not expect contemporary craftsmanship and frills.

Offbeat / Hill Resorts seem to be over priced. Consider such places generally have a meager 25-30 % annual occupancy and have to provide for recurring expenses for the entire year. Do not look for a direct Value-For-Money deal. It is the experience you are paying for and not the hardware.

Staff being local, are not used to rude and harsh city attitudes. Put in some extra effort to be kind and polite to them. You will find them all out to serve you.

Probe the property's brochures, websites, thoroughly and satisfy all possible queries before booking. Do not depend entirely on your agent. It is quite possible he might not have visited the resort at all.

Be ready for a quieter/cooler place than expected.

Taking along children/youngsters, prepare them well. Tell them what is available and what is not. They too should have the same inclination as yours

Convey special needs for infants and aged before hand and get a confirmation.

Many offer optional soft adventure activities. If interested, check price and availability specifically during the period of your stay.

## THINGS TO DO

Picnics, day outs to unexplored beautiful spots, tucked away into the wild with cascading hill streams and waterfalls. Try some bird watching, star gazing, soft trekking, evening bonfires which can also be complimented by a guitarist. Explore the neighbourhood by some forest and village walks with guides. Experience the Kumani folk dance and song performances. Drive out for day excursions to the neighbouring lake towns of Nainital, Bhimtal, Sattal and Naukuchiatal. Experience Adrenal rush while rock climbing / rappelling at the Mukteshwar Cliff. If you want more try your hands on river crossing, zip line, ladder climbing and archery. Groups can also arrange Yoga and Meditation programs at the resort. Please note that most of these services / activities need advance booking.

## What all you can enjoy while at Mukteshwar Activities

- Nature Walks, Soft Trekking, Jungle walks with guides, Village walks.
- Picnics / Day-outs to unspoilt, beautiful spots, cascading hill streams, small natural pools, waterfalls.
- Bird watching. With over 250 species of migrant and resident birds the forests around the resort become a haven for bird watchers.
- Star Gazing into a starlit sky, closer by 8000 Ft.
- Photography. Thanks to its flora, fauna and scenic beauty, Mukteshwar is a photographers delight with its panoramic views of the Himalayas, deep wooded valleys, sunsets and sunrise vistas.
- Sightseeing tours to neighbouring Lakes, Temples and towns.
- Forest and Village Camping are organized for the adventurous kinds who like to experience the outdoors
- Evening Bonfires with a guitarist.
- Folk Dance and song performances.
- Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Zipline, Archery, Ladder climbing
- Village Home stays.
- Yoga and Meditation programs for groups.
- Please note that most services / activities are chargeable and need advance notice.
- Short Adventure Tour Activities in Mukteshwar, Nainital, Corbett, Nature Walks, Soft Trekking, Bird watching tours, Wildlife Photography, Camping, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Yoga and Meditation

At the Mountain Trail Resort Mukteshwar you can enjoy a quiet holiday in the lap of nature with some great adventure activities like rock climbing, river crossing, para gliding, flying fox, forest hiking, stream picnics, star gazing etc.

## Some Interesting places at Mukteshwar

### MukteshwarDham:

Mukteshwar gets its name from an 350-year-old temple of Shiva, known as MukteshwarDham, situated atop 8000 Ft ASL, the highest point of the quaint little hamlet, within the veterinary institute's campus.

### ChaulikiJaali:

Just below the temple are an outcrop of rocks, an overhang with a sheer drop of approx. 2000Ft., great for rock climbing, rappelling and paragliding, providing an enchanting view of the deep wooded valley and sunset vistas. Locally known as the Chauli-ki-Jali, This is a great place to observe raptors like the The Himalayan Eagle and other feathered scavengers as they fly around majestically at eye level and below as you stand atop 8000Ft.

### **PWD Guest House or The Jim Corbett's Bungalow:**

Walking distance from the Mukteshwar Temple is this beautiful colonial Bungalow which retains the old world charm and both from the inside out seems to be frozen in time. The only spot in Kumaon from where you can enjoy a 180 Degree panoramic view of the Himalayas range. This Guest house has housed Jim Corbett for long stretches whilst his hunting sprees for the man eaters, the details have been written by Jim Corbett himself in his book 'Man Eater of Mukteswar' when he shot one of the most infamous man eaters in those days.

### **IVRI:**

The Imperial Bacteriological Laboratory or as now known as The Indian Veterinary Research Institute had its genesis on December 9, 1889 at Pune and relocated to Mukteshwar in 1893. Initially the laboratory at Mukteshwar was completed in 1898 but got destroyed by fire in 1899. It was resurrected in 1901. IVRI is responsible for preservation and maintenance of one of the densest forests of Kumaon rich in flora and fauna, home to Leopards, Black Bear, Wild Boar, Deer and over 250 species of birds.

### **Bhulmaria Forest:**

Located inside the dense IVRI controlled forest a small trek leads you to this 1905 constructed colonial structure. Apparently, Jim Corbett shot the infamous Man eater at this spot.

### **BhaluGarh Waterfalls:**

A small trek leads you to this secluded and pristine water fall, about 60 feet high. It's an ideal day picnic spot for nature lovers.

### **Vishnu Temple/Dol Ashram:**

In the vicinity of Mukteshwar, Vishnu Temple is an important religious complex surrounded with beautiful deodar forest.

### **Managher Trek:**

If you are interested in a nature trek through a dense coniferous forest then this is a great trek to go on with rare Rehsel Pine trees populating most part of the thick green. In the right season you will also be pleasantly surprised with a small waterfall inside the forest.

### **Kapileshwar Temple:**

An ancient Shiva temple, constructed by Katyuri kings around 8th-10th century. This secluded temple is situated on the confluence of Kumiya and Sakuni rivers. A nice drive in the forest and a small trek will lead you to Kapileshwar Temple.

### **Devasthal:**

Located at an altitude of 2450 meters. Devasthal peak is an emerging optical astronomical site for Indian telescopes. Currently, a 130-cm optical telescope is working at the site. The sites are managed by the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital.

Mukteshwar is located very close to the lake towns of Nainital, Bhimtal, Naukuchiatal and Sattal which are just 1.5 Hrs driving distance. The Almora Town and Jageshwar Temples can be done in a day tour. The Jim Corbett National Park however would need at least a night's stay to enjoy the wildlife safaris, Jim Corbett's Museum and The Corbett's waterfall. Thanks to its height of 8000 Ft above sea level it has the best sunset, sunrise and Himalayan views. The widest angle can be seen from the guest house which is the dead end of the road. The Cliff at Mukteshwar is a great for spotting raptors especially the Himalayan Eagle.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Mukteshwar is just 350 Kms from delhi. You can travel to Mukteshwar by road which takes about 8-9 Hrs with comfortable stops en-route. You can also consider travel by train which saves a great deal of driving. There are three trains to Kathgodam from where Mukteshwar is just 2 Hrs drive / 68Kms. You also have multiple routes to Mukteshwar and we request you to check with our reservation office for the preferred option around your dates of travel. You can follow an itinerary where Jim Corbett National Park and Nainital can fall en-route. We can book hotels at both these destinations. While you're traveling to Mukteshwar by road you could also drive through the Bhimtal lake. Mukteshwar has neighbouring hill stations of Almora, Binsar, Kausani, Jageshwar, Naukuchiatal etc..

### BY ROAD - 350 KMs from Akshardham Temple (Delhi)

#### **Route1**

Delhi - Ghaziabad Bye Pass - Hapur bye Pass - Gajraula (breakfast point) - Moradabad Bye Pass - Rampur (take left towards Bilaspur) - Bilaspur - Rudrapur - take Tanda road for Haldwani / Kathgodam - right turn from HMT factory towards Bhimtal - Bowali - right turn before entering the market towards Ramgarh - Bhatelia - take the left turn up - 500 Mtrs resort's on your left side.

#### **Route2 (recommended)**

Delhi - Ghaziabad Bye Pass - Hapur bye Pass - Gajraula (breakfast point) - cross Moradabad Bye Pass - keep driving straight towards Rampur, Ask for Parag Dairy, immediately after which you have to take a left turn from Dalpatpur towards Tanda Village, turn right on the Tanda Village Road and head towards Bajpur Doraha (Cross section) - Drive straight via Bajpur town towards Kaladunghi - Haldwani / Kathgodam - right turn from HMT factory towards Bhimtal - Bowali - right turn before entering the market towards Ramgarh - Bhatelia -500 Mtrs resort's on your left.side.

#### **From Nainital**

Bhowali - Ramgarh - Satbunga - Bhatelia - take the left turn up - 500 Mtrs. resort's on your left side. (46km. approx).

**Note:** The above are the two main routes and there are other optional routes as well. Please do check with us for the best route before your dates of travel.

## DELHI TO KATHGODAM TRAIN OPTIONS

Train No.	Train name	Origin	Dep. Time	Arr. Time
15013	RANIKHET EXP	Delhi	22:05	05:05
15035	UTR SAMPRK K EX	Delhi	16:00	22:40
12040	NDLS KGM SHT	New Delhi	06:00	11:40

## KATHGODAM TO DELHI TRAIN OPTIONS

Train No.	Train name	Origin	Dep. Time	Arr. Time
15014	RANIKHET EXP	Kathgodam	20:35	03:55
15036	UTR SAMPRK K EX	Kathgodam	08:45	15:25
12039	KGM NDLS SHT	Kathgodam	15:35	21:10

### OTHER NOTES

**Mukteshwar is an off beat destination** and does not have a Mall Road, Market, Club. It is thus ideally suited to travelers who want to be in midst of nature and are looking for an unwinding holiday. Mountain Trail is a beautiful resort spread out in a fruit orchard facing the Himalayas but it does not boast of Luxury. It however assures of all basic amenities, comfort, cleanliness, hygiene, delicious home like food & courteous services. The architecture blends with the local environment & the 15'X13' rooms have a very decent size western toilet with a verandah or glazed sit out. The landscape has beautifully terraced flower beds and a fruit orchard in 2 ½ acres area and thus has no space for outdoor sports. Except the 2 Club rooms (4 Pax) all rooms face the valley/sunrise/Himalayas. The Club rooms, a few meters away have a quiet & private environment, their own USP

The restaurant runs on a **fixed menu** basis. However, dishes of your choice, as itemised on our menu, can be served where **advance notice** is given. **Package meals are preplanned by our chef (North Indian Cuisine).**

Although water scarcity in the hills is common, we provide **running hot and cold water six hours per day** throughout the year as we have our own natural spring water source and our own pumping system. Power supply position is good. Stand-by generators are also available.

#### NOTES :-

- Water in the hills is scarce and is provided at great expense and effort. Guests are earnestly requested not to wash clothes. Please ask for our laundry service.
- There is no provision for self-cooking in the resort/rooms. LPG and other cooking gadgets may be deposited with the Manager.
- Personal electric gadgets/equipments not permitted, as extra load may cause short circuit / fire.
- \*PETS are generally not permitted. Discretion of management is final.
- To maintain serenity & ambience we have no TV in rooms, we have a home theatre system in the club only.

- Services start at 0630 hrs & close at 2200 hrs.
- Help maintain serenity of the place. Mostly people come here to relax.
- Though we have all the moderns basic amenities, only those who agree with the concept of OFFBEAT, ECOFRIENDLY, GREEN should opt. for this holiday.
- Mountain Trail shall only provide services offered in its own published packages / Tariff and may not be able to honour extra services committed / offered by any media, unless reconfirmed specifically.

**Activities:** Best Place for Yoga tours, Picnics to unexplored, beautiful spots, birds watching, trekking, bonfires, local folk dances, jungle walks with guides, indoor sports (table tennis, carom, chess), activities at the club, including a home theatre, Yoga for groups & Angling on special requests.

