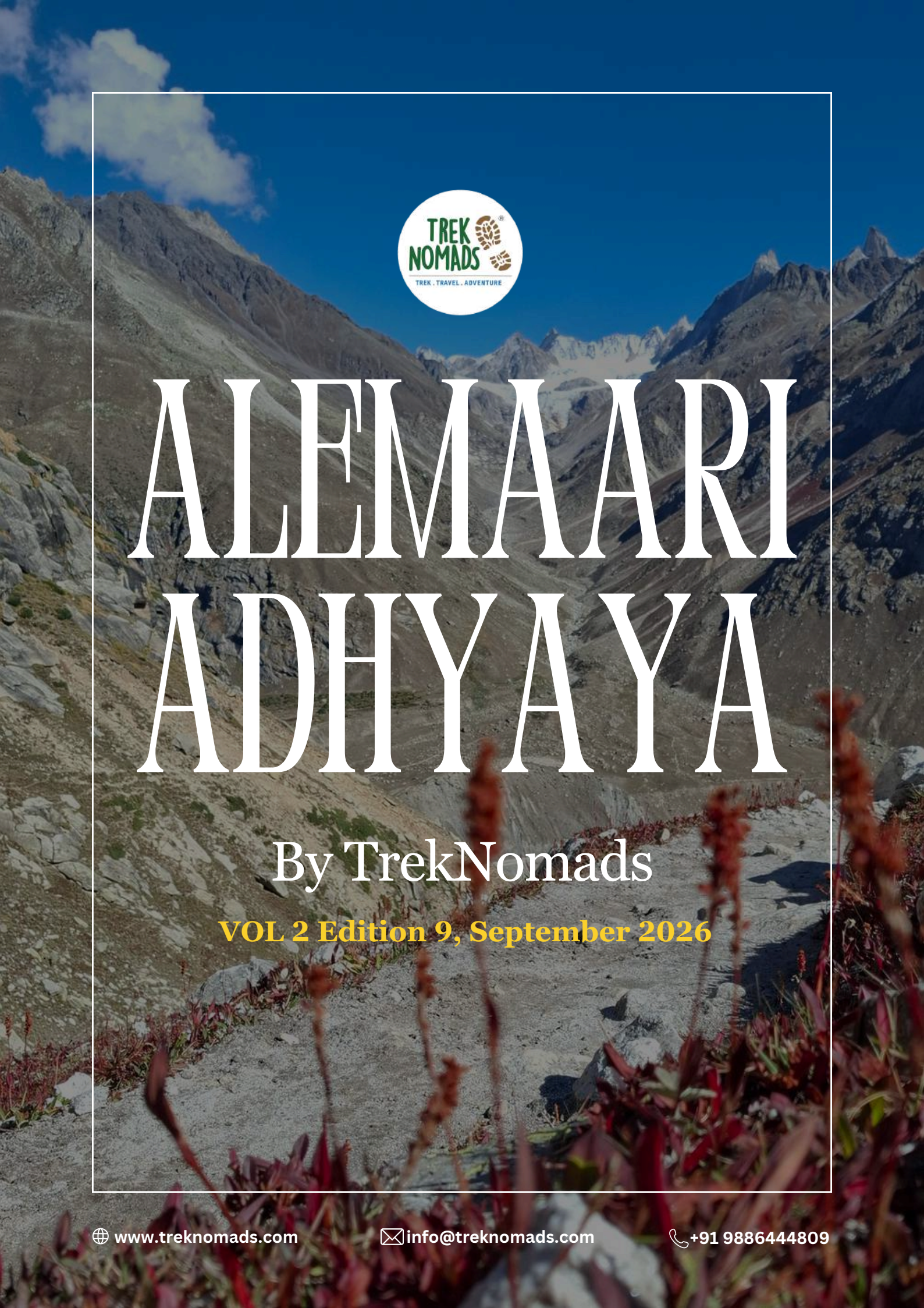


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TREK *Travel* ADVENTURE

Everyone takes the same route.

Not because it's the only one. Because it's the one they know. The one that shows up first in search results, the one a friend did, the one with the most reviews and the most photographs and the most certainty about what waits at the end of it. There's nothing wrong with that trail. Some of those trails are extraordinary. We run them ourselves and we believe in them completely.

But there's another trail. Usually quieter. Often harder to find. With fewer photographs and more questions around it. The one that makes you pause for a second before booking not because it's less worthy, but because it's less familiar. That pause is the most interesting moment in any trekker's journey.

What happens on the other side of it when someone chooses the trail that wasn't the obvious one is what September kept showing us.

This edition is about that.

EDITOR'S DESK - ALEMAARI ADHYAYA



Have you ever wondered how many great trails you might be missing simply because everyone talks about the same few?

September got me thinking about this. Our Hampta Pass season came to an end just as Nepal's autumn trekking season began. The first EBC batch set off, followed by Manaslu Circuit and the Annapurna treks. While one season was winding down, another was picking up pace. Looking at our treks booked during this time, I noticed a familiar pattern. Treks like EBC, Kedarkantha and Sandakphu tend to fill up quickly. Meanwhile, routes like Manaslu Circuit and Dyalishera Bugyal, just as beautiful and worth exploring, often have more dates available.

I get why we choose familiar trails. We've seen the photographs, heard our friends talk about them, and know what to expect. When you're planning a trek, it's easier to go with something you've heard about than take a chance on a trail you know little about. But it got me thinking: are we choosing these treks because they're right for us, or because they're the ones everyone knows?

There's nothing wrong with choosing a popular trail. But sometimes, looking beyond the usual favourites can lead you to an experience you might not have considered otherwise. And you don't always know what you're missing until you give something new a chance.

That's what stayed with me this September, and that's what this edition is about: the trails we overlook, the choices we make, and the possibilities that open up when we look beyond the familiar.

Stories from September



Gudibande Trek (Private Customised)



Makalidurga Trek [Corporate Trek]



Hampta Pass & Chandratal Lake [Premium]



Everest Base Camp Trek [Premium]



Everest Base Camp Trek [Premium]



Manalsu Circuit Trek [Premium]

STRANGERS TODAY. TREK BUDDIES TOMORROW!

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Step out, say hello, and make your Sunday memorable. **Your next adventure buddy might be here!**

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YOUR NEXT TREK IS CALLING

Last edition, we spoke about three kinds of trekkers: the Wanderer, the Trekker and the Mountaineer. Not as labels, but as different ways we find our place in the mountains.
Now, let's take that a step further.

With the upcoming trekking season bringing new trails, familiar favourites and a few routes you might not have considered yet, there's plenty to explore, no matter where you are in your trekking journey.

Here's what's coming up for each kind of trekker this season.



- **Wanderer (Start Here)**

Your next introduction to the Himalayas.

- **Trekker (Go Further)**

More trails to explore. More ground to cover.

- **Mountaineer (Go Higher)**

For those with bigger climbs on their minds.

Found something that caught your eye? Check out the dates, gather your trekking buddies or plan that solo adventure. The mountains are on the calendar. It's your move.

WANDERER – START HERE

Your next introduction to the Himalayas.



Brahmatal Trek



Kuari Pass Trek [Premium]



Sandakphu-Phalut Trek [Premium]



Kedarkantha Peak Trek [Premium]



Mangankot Majhach Lake Trek [Premium]



Dyalishera Bugyal Trek [Premium]

TREKKER – GO FURTHER

More trails to explore. More ground to cover.



Annapurna Base Camp [Premium]



Mardi Himal Base Camp [Premium]



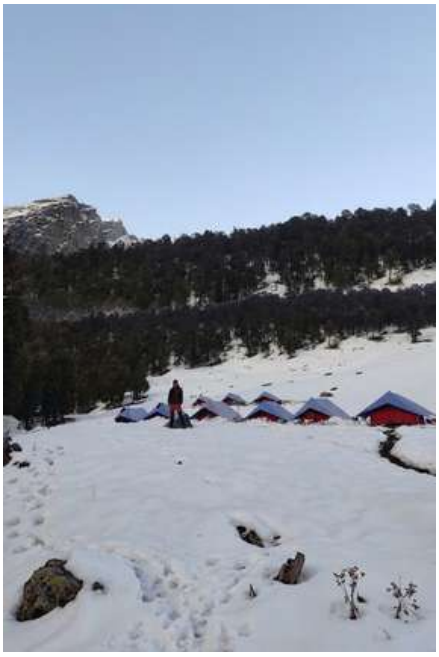
Everest Base Camp [Premium]



Har Ki Dun Trek [Premium]



Ladakh Zanskar Valley Exploration [Premium]



Patalsu Peak Trek [Premium]

MOUNTAINEER - GO HIGHER

For those with bigger climbs on their minds.



Everest Base Camp with Lobuche Peak Expedition



Mera peak Expedition



Friendship Peak Expedition



Mount Koscisuzko



Mount Kilimanjaro Expedition



Everest Base Camp with Island Peak Expedition

THE TRAIL NOBODY TOOK AND WHAT YOU MIGHT BE MISSING

Over the last nine editions of this newsletter, we've noticed a pattern. Treks like Everest Base Camp, Kedarkantha, Brahmatal and Valley of Flowers rarely need an introduction. Most people know their names even before they start planning a trek.

But some trails in our catalogue don't get the same attention. Maybe the name is unfamiliar, there are fewer reviews, or booking a trek everyone knows simply feels like the safer choice.
We get it. Popular treks deserve their popularity, and we love running them too. But there are a few others worth looking at.

Take **Dyalishera Bugyal**, for instance. Declared Uttarakhand's Trek of the Year for 2026–27, this alpine meadow in Chamoli sits at around 13,200 feet, with views of Nanda Devi, Dronagiri, Chaukhamba and Trishul. It offers a very different winter experience from the more familiar trails, even running during the same weeks as Dayara Bugyal. Yet, many trekkers are only just discovering its name.

Then there's **Mangankot–Majhach Lake**, near Manali. Over five days, the trail takes you through a traditional Himachali village, up to a high-altitude lake and towards views of both the Pir Panjal and Dhauladhar ranges. It's the kind of trek that makes you wonder how a place so close to a familiar tourist destination can remain relatively unknown.

And then there's **Sandakphu**, which deserves a mention of its own. At 3,636 metres, it's the highest point in West Bengal and offers views of four of the world's five highest peaks: Everest, Kangchenjunga, Lhotse and Makalu. On a clear day, all four line up across the same horizon. It's a view that's hard to forget, and an experience that often gets overlooked in favour of better-known Himalayan treks.

We're not asking you to skip the popular trails. If Kedarkantha or EBC has been on your list for years, go for it.

But the next time you're browsing treks, take a minute to look beyond the names you already recognise. You might find something that suits you just as well, if not better.
Sometimes, your next favourite trek is simply one you haven't heard of yet.










19 September 2026
Everest Base Camp [Premium]
Photograph by Bharath Kumar Shanmugam

HAR KI DUN: YOUR NOVEMBER ESCAPE TO THE HIMALAYAS

Departure: 7 November 2026 | Limited Slots Available





If you've been planning a Himalayan trek this season, **Har Ki Dun [Premium]** deserves a place on your list.

Located in Uttarakhand's Govind Pashu Vihar National Park, Har Ki Dun is known for its beautiful mountain valleys, dense forests, traditional Himalayan villages and views of the Swargarohini peaks. The trail takes you through the scenic Supin Valley, with a chance to experience the local mountain culture along the way.

At around 11,600 ft, this trek offers a rewarding mountain experience without needing to aim for a high-altitude summit. From walking through villages like Osla to reaching the expansive Har Ki Dun valley, every stage brings a different side of the Himalayas into view.

Our next departure is on 7 November 2026, and slots are limited. If Har Ki Dun has been on your list, now is a good time to plan your trip.

Explore Har Ki Dun and Book Your Slot Here





NEXT STOP: THE HIGHEST PEAK IN AUSTRALIA

MOUNT KOSCIUSZKO | 26 NOVEMBER 2026 | Last Slots Available





Want to explore an international trekking destination without taking on a challenging climb?

Mount Kosciuszko is one of the easiest of the Seven Summits, making it a great choice for those looking to experience a summit adventure at a more accessible level.

At 2,228 metres, Australia's highest peak offers beautiful alpine landscapes, scenic walking trails and a rewarding summit experience.

Our 26 November batch is confirmed, with only the last few slots left!

If exploring Australia on foot has been on your list, this is your chance to make it happen.
Book your slot before the batch fills up!

Explore Mount Kosciuszko





WINTER IS COMING AND WE'RE READY

Five ways to spend your winter in the mountains. All of them open for bookings right now.

Ladakh Zanskar Valley Exploration [Premium] — 8 Nights 9 Days | December onwards



Most people see Ladakh from a road. Zanskar is the part you reach when the road ends.

Ancient monasteries built into cliffsides. Remote villages where families have lived in near-complete self-sufficiency for generations. Phugtal Monastery, Mune Monastery, Drang Drung Glacier, Gonbo Rangjon at 4,100m. Temperatures dropping to -25°C at night. 60+ kilometres of genuine high-altitude winter terrain. This is not a comfortable winter trip. It's the real thing.
Explore More: Here

Kuari Pass Trek [Premium] — 8 Nights 9 Days | November - March 2027



The trail a British Viceroy discovered in the early 1900s and liked so much he put his name on it for decades.

40 kilometres through the Nanda Devi Sanctuary at 4,264 metres. Close-up views of Nanda Devi, Chaukhamba, Dronagiri and Trishul — not distant silhouettes, genuinely close. In winter the forests go white and the views get sharper. The best Garhwal trail for someone who's done the beginner routes and wants the next level.
Explore More: Here

Kedarkantha Peak Trek [Premium] Summit — 7 Nights 8 Days | January onwards



The winter classic that fills every year. For a reason.
25 kilometres through snow-covered pine forest to a summit at 12,500 feet.
Swargarohini, Bandarpunch and Kedarnath peak on the horizon at sunrise. The trail that introduces most people to what a Himalayan winter actually feels like and sends them back wanting more.
Lord Shiva is said to have meditated here. The frozen lake along the trail, Juda Ka Talab, is believed to have formed from droplets falling from his hair. Whether you believe the legend or not standing beside a frozen lake in a snow forest before sunrise is its own kind of quiet revelation.
Explore More: Here

WINTER IS COMING AND WE'RE READY

Seven ways to spend your winter in the mountains. All of them open for bookings right now.

Mangankot–Majhach Lake Trek [Premium]— 5 Nights 6 Days | October onwards



Not every winter trek needs a famous summit. Sometimes, the best part is finding a trail that takes you away from the usual routes.
Starting from Manali, the Mangankot–Majhach Lake trek takes you through forest trails, snow-covered slopes and open mountain landscapes. The route leads to Majhach Lake, with views that make the climb worth the effort.
If you're looking to explore somewhere new this winter, this one deserves a spot on your list.
Explore More: Here

Patalsu Peak Trek [Premium] — 5 Nights 6 Days | October through November



Every time someone visits Solang Valley, they look up.
Patalsu Peak at 4,220 metres is what's up there.
Five days from Manali. Summit day is 8-10 hours through deep snow crampons on, the valley you started in somewhere far below, Hanuman Tibba and Friendship Peak appearing as you climb. All technical gear provided.

You bring the willingness to find out what it looks like from up there.
Explore More: Here

Five trails. One winter. All open for bookings right now.
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First time on *skis?*
Let's make it count this winter.

Basic Ski Training in Auli - 2027



Join our Basic Ski Training in Auli, a 9-*day program* with **5 days of hands-on coaching** to take you from complete beginner to parallel turns on the slopes.

Duration	Location	Season	Level
8N /9 D	**AULI, UTTARAKHAND**	**JAN - MAR 2027**	**BEGINNER-FRIENDLY**

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- ✔️ Movement on ice (top-rope, low-angled slopes)
- ✔️ Ropework, belaying & rappelling
- ✔️ Ice screw placement & anchor building
- ✔️ Safety protocols & self-rescue

Duration	Location	Season	Level
7N /8 D	**LEH, LADAKH**	**JAN - MAR 2027**	**BEGINNER–INTERMEDIATE**

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FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE SUMMIT: FRIENDSHIP PEAK WITH INDUS SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

What happens when you take a group of students out of their usual learning environment and put them on a mountain?

Meet **Mitesh Singh**, Leadership Trainer at Indus School of Leadership, an experienced trekker and group leader. For him, the Friendship Peak expedition was an opportunity to take students beyond the classroom and help them learn through real challenges, teamwork and experiences they would carry with them long after the climb.

The idea was to choose a peak that offered a genuine summit experience without making the expedition too technically demanding or too long for the students' schedules. Friendship Peak was a fitting choice, giving the six students an opportunity to experience mountaineering, navigate challenges and reflect on their own leadership along the way.

Most of the students had never done a technical mountain expedition before. A few had been on hikes or treks, but this was a different challenge. In the weeks leading up to the expedition, they continued with their regular sports activities and added three to four weeks of workouts to prepare for the climb.











One moment that stayed.

One moment that stayed with Mitesh was the midnight wake-up for the summit push. At midnight, when it was time to get ready for the summit push, all six students were up and prepared without anyone having to call them. For Mitesh, seeing them take that initiative was a proud moment. And they made it to the summit together.

The achievement meant even more when other groups on the mountain appreciated how well the students had carried themselves during the expedition. For a team experiencing this kind of climb for the first time, it was a moment to be proud of, not just for reaching the peak but for how they got there.

Our association with Mitesh goes back to an earlier expedition in Nepal, where he met our founder, Naveen Mallesh. When the idea for Friendship Peak came up, he remembered TrekNomads and reached out to us to help bring the expedition to life.

From the food and accommodation to transport and on-ground arrangements, everything went smoothly, allowing the group to focus on the climb and make the most of their time in the mountains.

And the experience seems to have left the students wanting more. They're already excited about planning their next expedition.

For us, it's great to see a first mountain expedition turn into the beginning of many more adventures. Friendship Peak gave these students a chance to prepare, step into the unfamiliar, work together and experience the satisfaction of reaching a summit. Now, they have a new mountain memory behind them and another adventure to look forward to.

YOU DO TREKS, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHO KEEPS YOUR TREK LEADER GOING?

Ft. Bhejender Chauhan & Pankaj Rawat



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EVEREST BASE CAMP HONEST REVIEW

ft.Sumithra Dhandayuthapani



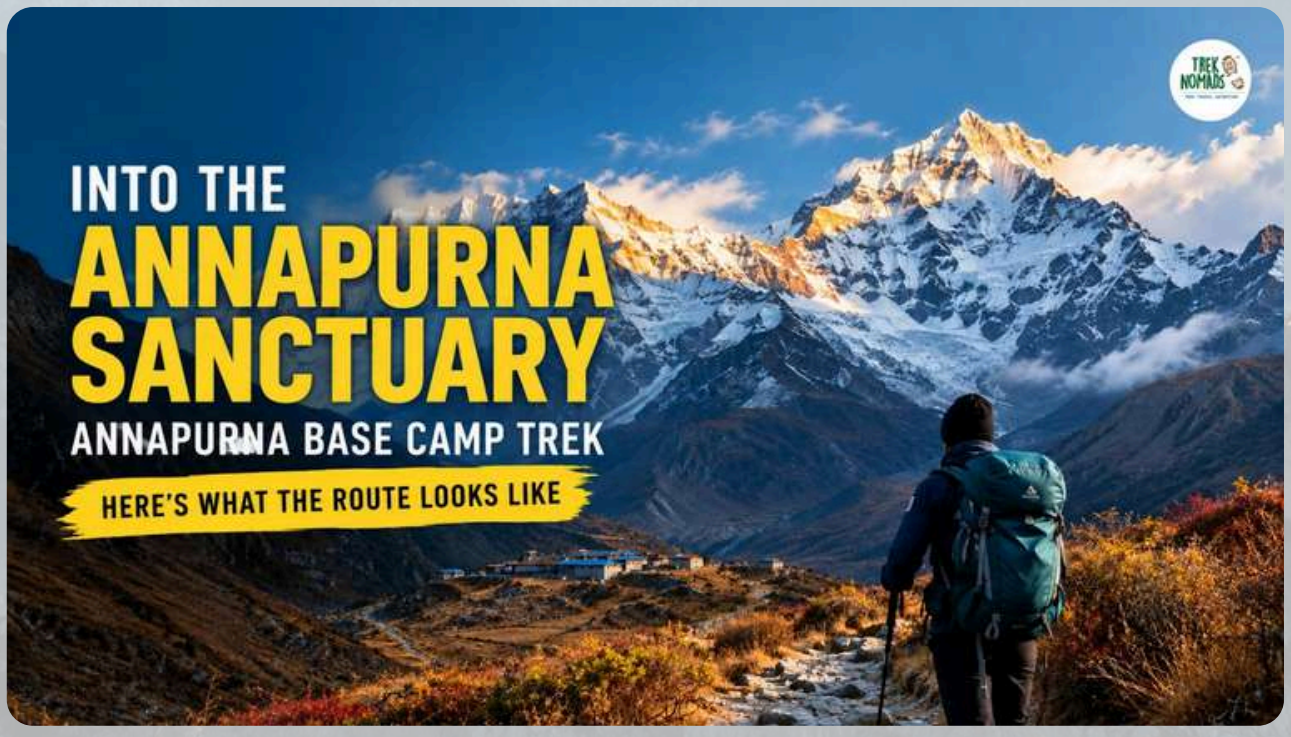
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until OCTOBER

September arrived the way the best months do quietly, and with more inside it than you expected.

The last Hampta batch came down from the pass and the trail went quiet behind them. Nepal opened its doors again the Khumbu, Manaslu, the Annapurna routes all waking up after monsoon, the skies clearing in that specific October-is-coming way that trekkers plan their whole year around.

And somewhere in the office, the winter calendar started taking shape. Batches forming. Trails being prepared. The mountains doing what they do every September shifting from one kind of beautiful to another without asking for anyone's attention.
We noticed. We always do.

The trails are changing now. The seasons are turning. And the people who said they'd go this winter are starting to mean it.
If that's you, the window is opening.
Until the next edition may the mountains stay somewhere in your thoughts.