



## **NATURE GETAWAY - WALTERRE - DOON VALLEY**

### **ITINERARY**

Walterre Situated just below the British hill station of Mussoorie, the elegant house, with four rooms, is located on a three-acre estate, verdant with fruit orchards, many species of exotic and rare plants and trees. The landscaped gardens, spread across several levels, are a visual delight with their watercourses, lily pools and picturesque pathways.

Doon Valley

Dehradun, the capital of Uttarakhand is visited by a large number of tourist every year, many of them en route to Mussoorie. The climate of the city is temperate. Even during summer, it is not so warm at Dehradun as in the districts south of it. The Forest Research Institute which is world famous for its research work in forestry and is the only institution of its kind in Asia is situated here. Besides, headquarters of the important establishment like the Oil and Natural Commission; Survey of India etc., the Indian Military Academy are also located here. The Gurudwara built by Guru Ram Raj during the reign of Aurangzeb in the Dhamanwala locality of the town is a religious place of eminence. The other places of importance are the Robber's cave, situated at a distance of about 8 km from Dehradun. The cave is a natural picnic spot surrounded by hills where water suddenly disappears from sight and goes underground only to reappear after a few yards in the form of a stream. For many years, it has been one of the best known educational centers in northern India.

Dehradun is well linked by rail and road with Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Lucknow and Varanasi.

How to Reach To get to Walterre, one can take any of the following options. Also see the map.

Walterre Resort is 20 minutes from Dehradun town, located on a hilly ridge on the town's outskirts. Walterre Resort is 36 km approximately from Jolly Grand Airport, 13 km from railway stations, 10 km from Clock Tower. The hill station of Mussoorie is 45 minutes away.

By Road: A 6-hour car ride from Delhi via Roorkee or a 7-hour drive by the scenic Poanta Sahib route from Delhi.

Dehradun is also connected by daily flights from the Capital.

#### Activities

The activities here are numerous and most of them can be availed at a cost as specified at the lodge. We suggest you book them in advance with us.

**Bird Watching:** More than 250 species of birds have been recorded in the area. One can have excellent birding opportunities in the lodge itself. Besides, there are numerous walks through the terrace fields into thickly wooded oak forest which are extremely rewarding. Opt for short or long holidays, write to us. We arrange for the services of a bird guide. Please speak with our manager to book this service which is chargeable.

**Shopping:** Dehradun market along the edge of the lake is very popular for curios and confectionary.

**Picnic:** The brook next to the lodge is a nice and quiet place for a picnic. You may go with packed lunch and enjoy the flora and fauna here.

**Cooking Class:** We are happy for you to interact with our chef. We can arrange a free cooking lesson and you can share your favourite recipe with us too.

**Asan Barrage Water Sports Resort:** A water sports resort has been developed at the Asan Barrage by Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam in the year 1994. Asan Barrage was created in 1967 and it is popularly known as Dhalipur Lake. Situated 43 kms from Dehradun on Chandigarh-Shimla highway, the resort offers facilities like water skiing, boating, rowing, kayaking, canoeing etc. Wildlife lovers have an added bonus during the winter season as migratory birds can be seen in the vicinity.

Lachhiwala: 3 Kms from Doiwala and 22 Kms from Dehradun, on the Hardwar/Rishikesh road is Lachhiwala. The serene and blissful spot is famous for its picnic spots.

Malsi Deer Park: 10 km From Dehradun, en-route to Mussoorie is situated a beautifully developed tourist spot lying at the foot hills of the Shivalik range. Malsi Deer Park is a mini-zoological park comprising of a children's park enveloped by beautiful, natural surroundings. Alongwith the attractive environs the availability of refreshments makes the place an ideal sight-seeing cum picnic spot.

Chandrabani: Situated 7 Km from Dehradun on the Dehradun-Delhi road is the famous temple of Chandrabani (Gautam Kund).

According to the mythological beliefs, this spot was inhabited by Maharishi Gautam, his wife and daughter Anjani who are widely worshipped by the people. It is believed that the daughter of heaven-Ganga had manifested herself on this spot which is now popularly known as the Gautam Kund. Every year devotees, in large numbers, take a dip in the holy Kund. 2 Kms away from the main road, located in the midst of Shivalik hills, the place is a beautiful tourist spot.

Rajaji National Park: Rajaji National Park was founded in 1966 and spreads over an area of 820 sq.kms, the park with it's magnificent ecosystem, is nestled in the lush valley of Shivalik ranges. It represents the flora of several zones of the forest, reverine, broad leaf mixed forest, chirpine forest, scrub land and grassy pasture lands. There are 23 species of mammals and 315 of avi-fauna here. The Rajaji National Park is named after Late Shri C.Rajgoplalachari, popularly known as Rajaji. Best Tourist season is between November to mid June.

Rishikesh and Haridwar, on the banks of the Ganga, are religious sites for Hindus. The Beatles came here in search of succour in the 1970s, Hindus come here in search of salvation and to immerse the ashes of their dead, tourists from the West flock here even today on a spiritual journey, to practice yoga and meditate at the many ashrams in these holy towns. Both places are no more than an hour and a half's drive from Dehradun.

Sahastradhara: Sahasratra Dhara, laterally meaning, the 'thousand fold spring' is situated at a distance of 11 kms. from Dehradun. The place makes an ideal picnic spot and is of immense attraction to visitors. The Baldi river and the caves provide a breathtaking view. The water here has a fall of about 9 metres and leaves an incrustation of lime of all its touches. Particles thus accumulating over the centuries have formed a projecting ledge, and a sort of cave, from the roof of which falls a perpetual shower. There is also a sulphur spring in which visitors often take bath. Its water is said to cure skin infections and possess other medicinal properties.

Tapkeshwar Temple: Tapkeshwar Shiv Temple is an ancient place of worship and is situated on the banks of a rivulet, in the Garhi Cantt. Area, 5.5 Kms from the city bus stand, the temple is well connected by road. It is named Tapkeshwar as water droplets, originating from a rock, fall on the Shivling placed in the shrine. People in large numbers participate in the fair organized on the occasion of Shivratri and pay their obeisance to the deity.