



SAMPLE ITINERARY

India – Himalayan Mahseer Trail

Day One

USA-NEW DELHI

Plan to arrive at the airport no later than 3 hours prior to departure.
(Please advise flight schedule)

Day Two

ARRIVE NEW DELHI

Upon arrival, after clearing immigration and customs, you will be met and transferred to your Indian home-stay. A clean, comfortable and elegant home with four guest rooms, each with en suite bathroom, AC and heating, satellite TV, mini-fridge and electronic safe. Each room opens to an outdoor sitting area. All meals are prepared by home stay staff. Dinner and overnight.

(Alternatively, choose to stay in a hotel. Dinner and overnight.)

Day Three

NEW DELHI-HIMALAYAN OUTBACK CAMP

Early breakfast served by house staff. After which, you will be met and transferred to the Himalayan Outback Camp (land transfer about seven hours). Accommodations are local style huts containing fine British Campaign furniture: bed, table, chairs, cupboard and luggage rack. Each hut has a private verandah and sitting area and an en-suite bathroom with running water. Once at the camp, you will be served a full lunch in the main dining room. After which you can enjoy a few hours of fishing. Dinner and overnight at camp.

Day Four through Day Nine

FISHING HIMALAYAN MAHSEER ON RAMGANGA RIVER

After an early breakfast, you'll head out with your guide, fishing for the great Mahseer. The Western Ramganga River averages fifty to ninety feet wide for a major part of the year. It is hard to imagine a river this size that can produce trophy fish in the fifty pound range. And just like any other classic Golden Himalayan Mahseer river, the Western Ramganga also offers terrific opportunities for using nymphs, swinging flies down and across for these monsters as well as fishing dry flies.

The Western Ramganga also lends itself to a fair number of sight-fishing opportunities for these majestic creatures. A sight fishing pursuit for the Golden Himalayan Mahseer is perhaps the ultimate pursuit in the world of freshwater fly-fishing. We call these fish "the freshwater equivalent of a Permit"!

Fly fishing for Golden Himalayan Mahseer is not for the faint of heart, and these fisheries are best appreciated by experienced, dedicated anglers. Good presentation skills are required, as is the quality of forbearance. Anglers are likely to take from an encounter with a Mahseer, a complete sense for the accomplishment that such a feat entails.

Return to the main camp for lunch or have a packed lunch along the river. Mid-afternoon you can continue fishing. A smaller, simpler camp is set up beside the river for those anglers who wish to stay at the river and enjoy longer days of fishing. Dinner and overnight.

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Day Ten

HIMALAYAN OUTBACK CAMP-NEW DELHI

After breakfast, fish for a few hours and then return to camp and depart for New Delhi (land transfer about seven hours). In New Delhi you will be transferred to your Indian home for dinner and overnight.

Day Eleven

NEW DELHI-USA

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your international departure.

(Please advise flight schedule)

Arrive home.

NOTE: VALID U.S. PASSPORT AND VISA ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO INDIA.

RECONFIRM FLIGHTS 72 HOURS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

CHECK IN AT LEAST 3 HOURS PRIOR TO INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS; 2 HOURS FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Optional Addition

Day Eleven

NEW DELHI-AGRA

Early this morning you will begin your drive to Agra with your private guide. En-route to Agra visit Fatehpur-Sikri perfectly preserved red sandstone "ghost town" which was the estranged capital of Mughal emperor Akbar, built in 1569 and deserted when its water supply failed. After the visit, you will continue your drive to Agra. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel, and then your guide will take you to Sikandra to visit of the tomb of the Mughal emperor, who reigned from 1556 to 1605, known as "Akbar the Great". Return to hotel for overnight.

Day Twelve

AGRA-NEW DELHI

At first light, visit the Taj Mahal one of the Seven Wonders of the World - surely the most extravagant expression of love ever created. Over 20,000 men labored for 17 years to build this memorial to the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan's beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal.

Enjoy a nice lunch in the Agra area. After lunch return to New Delhi with your guide and driver. Overnight at your Indian home-stay. Dinner prepared by home stay staff.

Day Thirteen

NEW DELHI-USA

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your international departure.

(Please advise flight schedule)

Arrive home.

Saryu River Tour

Day One

USA-NEW DELHI

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Day Two

ARRIVE NEW DELHI

Upon arrival, after clearing immigration and customs, you will be met and transferred to your Indian home-stay. A clean, comfortable and elegant home with four guest rooms, each with en suite bathroom, AC and heating, satellite TV, mini-fridge and electronic safe. Each room opens to an outdoor sitting area. All meals are prepared by home stay staff. Dinner and overnight.

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Day Three

NEW DELHI-KATHGODAM

Morning relax in your New Delhi home. At the appropriate time (late afternoon) you will be transferred to the train station where you will board your overnight sleeper train to Kathgodam along with your guide.

Day Four

KATHGODAM-FLOAT TRIP START POINT

Arrive in Kathgodam and transfer to a hotel to freshen up and enjoy breakfast. Then you will be driven to the starting point of your float trip (approx. seven hours). You will arrive at about 4:00 PM and float down to the first camp. Accommodations are tents containing fine British Campaign furniture including a cot to sleep on. Dinner and overnight at camp.

Day Five through Day Eleven

FISHING INDIA'S KUMAON REGION

After an early breakfast, you'll head out with your guide fishing for the great Mahseer. Your journey will take you to the borders of India and Nepal, while floating down the migratory gateway of north India's Mahseer fishery. The large and undammed Mahakali River that demarcates the borders of the two counties is the main contributor to the Saryu's productive Mahseer fishery. The Saryu hosts some of the greatest concentrations of migrating Mahseer. These golden torpedoes make their way up from the mighty Mahakali River.

The fishing is based on a fifteen-mile section of river - floating, walking, and wet wading your way down to the confluence of the Saryu and the Mahakali rivers. During the course of the river journey, you will be hosted in three comfortable migratory-camps that are carefully positioned to compliment the fishing.

Some river sections, as on the Saryu, are extensively terraced, and the bells of plough oxen will echo from the hillsides as residents prepare for planting. At other spots, temples that have stood by the river for hundreds, or even thousands of years will host a *puja* (a prayer service) as we pursue an evening session. As the light gets low, a symphony of sounds from bells, drums, and singing mix with the churning and gurgling of the water. More than once, an angler has hooked a fish at this very auspicious moment! For many of our guests, the opportunity to see this unique part of India is one of the most lasting impressions they take from our trips.

Day Twelve

CAMP-KATHGODAM

After breakfast, begin the drive back to Kathgodam (approx. seven hours). During the drive you will reach an elevation of 6,500 feet, which is through beautiful Himalayan Oak, Rhododendron and Pine forests. On a clear day you will get a stunning view of the greater Himalayan ranges. (Plenty of photo opportunities.) At Kathgodam you will once again board an overnight sleeper train with your guide and return to New Delhi.

Day Thirteen

ARRIVE NEW DELHI

After an early morning arrival in New Delhi you will be transferred to your Indian home for the day to relax. (Meals prepared by home stay staff.) Overnight.

Day Fourteen

NEW DELHI-USA

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your international departure.

(Please advise flight schedule)

Arrive home.