



**THE MAHA KALI SARDA EXPEDITION**  
**Mar 26-Apr 3 and Sep 24-Oct 02, 2017**



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The Kali river forms the international border between India and Nepal in its upper reaches. A self-contained river journey down this river is one of the prime options in this part of the Himalaya. The river flows past terraced farms of Kumaoni and Nepali villages, fresh water streams, sandy beaches, thick tropical jungles, plantations as we travel downstream through the terai belt negotiating exciting white water. With the Mahseer making it an angler's delight, the lack of road access makes it a complete wilderness journey. After the first few days of serene float past its confluence with the Saryu at Pancheshwar (also a famous fishing spot) with the occasional big rapid, the Kali makes its final descent to the plains in the last day on river, beginning with the mighty Chooka rapid. Flowing past the terai hills after densely forested hillsides, this trip is an outdoor wilderness experience in a league of its own.

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## *Itinerary*

**Day 01 :** Board overnight train from Delhi - Kathgodam.

**Day 02 :** Drive Kathgodam to Pithoragarh (07 hrs). Overnight at rest house. Views of Panchuli more than compensate for the drive.

**Day 03 :** Drive Pithoragarh to put-in at Jhulaghat (02 hrs). Raft an initiation stretch of 15 kms of class 2+ rapids passing many stalactite and stalagmite formations. Camp by late afternoon and hike to nearby village.

**Day 04 :** We pass Pancheshwar where the Kali meets the Saryu, and is now called the sarda. We camp below the confluence for a relaxed afternoon.

**Day 05 :** The river begins to get pacy as we negotiate a series of class 3 rapids. The day is marked by thick jungles and less-inhabited sections. Camp overnight.

**Day 06 :** Rest day to explore the surroundings, hike and relax.

**Day 07 :** Today, we raft 20kms to camp below the class 4 Chooka rapid.

**Day 08 :** We begin to enter the terai jungles today with great white water and the chance of spotting a wild elephant. We reach boom for the drive to Kathgodam. Overnight Ranikhet Express to Delhi. Overnight train.

**Day 09 :** Arrive Delhi 0350 hrs.

**Note : Spring trips begin lower at Jhulaghat, while fall trips from Jauljibee. There are flights 4 days a week to Pantnagar. You can choose to fly either before or after the expedition.**

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## *Cost*

Price Per Person Rs. 38,300/person +3.5% service tax

**Whats Included :** all travel from Delhi and back to Delhi by road/ rail as applicable (by air and non ac car / jeep / coach), all arrangements for staying and camping while on the trip, accommodation on twin share basis in tents / rest houses / hotels, all meals while on river, professional guide fee, all rafting, kayaking and safety equipment, camp staff, cook etc.

**Whats not:** airport transfers in Delhi, any stay and meals in Delhi, sleeping bag, items of personal clothing, expenses of a personal nature like laundry, phone calls, alcohol, cigarettes, basic medical and evacuation insurance; any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances such as bad weather, landslides, road conditions and any other circumstances beyond our control.

**Rates quoted are on twin share.** If you prefer single accommodation, **the single supplement is Rs. 9500.**

**Booking conditions:** All bookings are subject to availability of space at Camp. We book space on a 100% advance.

Note : Train bookings are very difficult to get if you book closer to date. A railway 'tatkal' surcharge of Rs. 1400/person/sector will apply should we be unable to get a ticket under standard quota.

**IMPORTANT NOTE :** ThunderBow Expeditions, reserves the right to change, alter or cancel a trip due to any reason or extraordinary circumstance like dangerous water levels, landslides, bad weather etc.. This right will be exercised in the best interest of your safety, and for the well being of an individual or group of individuals.

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### **CHECKLIST FOR ESSENTIAL PERSONAL**

**ITEMS:** 01. Warm Sleeping Bag (till 0'C or below at least)

02. Thermal underwear for river
3. Good sandals for raft, spare flip flops
4. Water Bottle
5. Flash Light and spare batteries - important
6. Sun Shade/Hat with Brim
7. Sunglasses and eyeglass retainers
8. Sunscreen/Sun block with minimum SPF 50
9. Vaseline/Lip Salve
10. Insect Repellent
11. Personal Toiletries - towels/soap etc.
12. Rucsac/duffel bag to carry your baggage
13. Karimat / Thermarest (optional) ; we will provide you with one
14. Small daypack to carry camera, packed lunch, water bottle and wind/rain jacket for jungle walk.
15. Shoes for elephant safari, jungle walk, and neutral colored clothing for the National Park visit.
16. Long trousers / long shirts / Tshirts etc.
17. Good pair of shorts, one quick dry to be worn over wetsuit, if used
18. Swim suit for ladies - a bikini top and bottom is great for wearing under the wetsuit
19. Alcohol / cigarettes - not available on trip

We provide all rafting and camping gear. Other items of personal nature need to be added by you especially personal medication, if any. Temperatures are going to vary between 25-35 degrees Celsius to 5-10 degrees at night. Long pants and long shirts are handy because of the strong sun and lots of sun tan lotion.

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### *How to book the above trip:*

1. Email Thunder Bow Expeditions of your participation as soon as you decide to sign up
2. Read the booking form carefully, complete it and sign the trip booking form and fax it to us at 403-762-2708
3. Wire us your trip payments to confirm space for your self on the trip. We will send details by e-mail
4. Apply for an Indian Visa
5. Fill out the RAP form on the next page and exclude points 9 to 15
6. Send us 5 original passport size photos, the RAP form, your passport and visa page photocopies
7. Let us know at the outset if you would like us to arrange airport transfers and hotels or any trip extensions
8. Its possible to plan longer trips, should big water experience be desired, to include as starters, a trip to our Ganga base camp to get a better feel of bigger Himalayan water

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**Government of Arunachal Pradesh**  
**Office of the Commissioner Home: Itanagar**  
**(Application for Restricted/Protected Area permit)**

1. Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_
2. Fathers name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Place and date of birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nationality \_\_\_\_\_
5. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
6. Residential address \_\_\_\_\_
7. Passport details (a) Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Issued by, validity \_\_\_\_\_
8. Details of Indian Visa (a) Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If obtained) (b) Issued by, validity \_\_\_\_\_
9. Proposed Place of visit \_\_\_\_\_
10. Route intended to be followed \_\_\_\_\_
11. Purpose of Visit \_\_\_\_\_
12. Duration of stay \_\_\_\_\_
13. Date of visit \_\_\_\_\_
14. Have you visited any PAP/RAP areas before?  
If yes please give (a) Purpose of visit \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Duration and date of stay \_\_\_\_\_
15. Has any earlier request for permit been refused?  
If so please furnish date of application. \_\_\_\_\_

The information given above is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Place:

Date :

Signature of applicant



## Booking form

To join one of our trips, please fill in this form and send it to us by fax or scan and email. **PARTICIPANT 1**

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name to be written as it appears in your passport) (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Height (in cm): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pre-existing medical condition? Yes/No? \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, please give details \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARTICIPANT 2**

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name to be written as it appears in your passport) (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Height (in cm): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pre-existing medical condition? Yes/No? \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, please give details \_\_\_\_\_

### **TRIP/S SELECTED**

1. Trip name: THE KALI EXPEDITION
2. Departure date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Additional arrangements or extension/s if required

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**I have read, understood and accepted the Conditions of Contract and waiver of liability on the following pages.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT 1**

**(If aged under 18 , this form requires the signature of your parent or legal guardian )**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT 2**

**(If aged under 18 , this form requires the signature of your parent or legal guardian )**

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## ***Booking Contract & Agreement***

### **1. How to Book:**

To hold your place on this trip please complete the booking form and send it by e-mail/mail or fax to our office.

### **2. Payment:**

Space on the trip is reserved once full payment is received. Payment accepted by cash, cheque or wire transfers. The tour price is payable to Thunder Bow expeditions. Details and routing instructions will be sent to you by e-mail. Prices are quoted in US dollars. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial ref will be given for services not used. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance including cancellation insurance upon booking.

### **3. Cancellations**

If it becomes necessary to cancel your tour you must notify Thunder Bow Expeditions immediately in writing. Once we receive your notice cancellation we will take effect. Please note that the following charges will apply upon cancellation.

If cancellation takes place before 45 days prior to departure, your payment will be refunded; besides the permit charge of Rs. 5000 or US\$120

If cancellation takes place less than 30 days prior to departure, 100% of the tour price will be forfeited.

### **4. Health and Fitness Requirements:**

Participants must be in good health and good physical condition. It is vital that participants with medical problems make it know to us well before departure. If you should suffer from severe muscular, chest, heart or bronchial disorders or if you are a severe asthmatic, have high blood pressure you are strongly advised against participating. This expedition in a remote area where there is little to no access to medical services or hospital facilities for serious problems. Where necessary evacuation may be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Medical and evacuation expenses will be the responsibility of the participant.

### **5. Tour Leaders**

Our tour leaders take their responsibilities very seriously and if a tour leader believes in his/her judgment that you should not participate in part of the trip or not run a certain section /rapid of the river he/she may exclude you from that particular section of the trip. If during the trip the tour leader considers you should not participate further he/she may direct you not to continue and you must follow their instruction.

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## 6. Delay or Change of Itinerary

While every effort is made to run our expedition according to the itinerary Thunder Bow Expeditions reserves the right to change the trip plan prior to departure in the best interest of the trip. Delays may be possible and may become necessary due to inclement weather, snow and ice conditions, political restrictions or due to roadblocks, landslides, high river levels etc.

You will not be entitled to make any further claim for any injury, loss of expenses or damage, or for any loss of time of inconvenience which may result from such delays (including but not limited to visa, passport and vaccination charges, or departure, gear purchases, airport and airline taxes or charges).

## 7. Insurance

Personal travel insurance is not included in the tour price. We strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance including cancellation insurance upon booking.

## 8. Package Prices

Prices are based on ground costs, airfares and exchange rates. Thunder Bow Expeditions tries its utmost not to increase tour prices (in full or in part) however sometimes increases are outside our control.

We reserve the right to amend tour prices without notice at the time before and including the departure date. Amendments may be necessitated for many reasons including but not limited to exchange rate fluctuations, increased fuel costs, airfares, airport charges etc. Any increase in tour price must be paid prior to the departure.

## 9. Exclusions from Tour Price

- Visa, passport and vaccination charges
- Departure, airport and airline taxes
- Meals on train, airports, in Delhi, extra meals not included in the itinerary, alcoholic beverages
- Laundry, postage, personal clothing, medical expenses, personal travel insurance and items of personal nature
- Emergency evacuation charges
- Tips and excess baggage charges

## 10. Important Note

Our expeditions are for people who enjoying venturing into natural places, individual must be aware of the travel limitations and restrictions in this part of the world and the flexibility that goes along with it. These trips have a fixed departure where anybody can join and run the river.

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**On behalf of Thunder Bow Expeditions**

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