



4700

MAX ALTITUDE (M)

65+

TOTAL KM

7

TREK DAYS

5

CAMP NIGHTS

Jun-Sep

BEST SEASON

Hard

DIFFICULTY

About the Trek

**From Shimla's Hills to *Spiti's Silence***

The Buran Pass trek is one of Himachal Pradesh's most spectacular and least-crowded high-altitude crossings. Beginning in Shimla district, the route follows the ancient shepherd paths through Janglik village, ascending steadily through dense forests, alpine meadows ablaze with wildflowers, and roaring glacial rivers before culminating in the dramatic 4,700 m snow pass.

The trail passes through the Rupin and Supin river valleys — terrain that shifts dramatically from lush green monsoon meadows carpeted with purple and pink blooms to the austere, grey-white world of high glacial scree and permanent snowfields near the pass summit.

This is a true wilderness trek. Villages become sparse after Janglik. The reward on the far side — Buran Village in the Spiti/Kinnaur watershed — is an unforgettable descent through some of Himachal's most remote and beautiful landscape.

## Trek Essentials

**Start Point** Janglik Village (via Shimla)

**End Point** Buran Village (River side)

**Highest Point** Buran Pass — 4,700 m

**Distance** ~65 km

**Duration** 7 Days

**Difficulty** Difficult

**Best Season** June - September

**District** Shimla / Kinnaur, HP

**Permits** Inner Line Permit required

**Guide** Strongly recommended

## Getting to Janglik

**Base City** Shimla (~160 km away)

**Via Road** Shimla → Rohru → Chirgaon → Janglik

**Drive Time** ~6-7 hours from Shimla

**By Bus** HRTC Shimla to Chirgaon, taxi onward

**Nearest Airport** Shimla / Chandigarh

## Shimla → Janglik Village

Drive ~160 km · 6-7 hrs · Overnight at Janglik (2,650 m)

Depart Shimla early morning and drive via Rohru and Chirgaon through the beautiful Pabbar Valley. The road winds along the Pabbar River through apple orchards and dense deodar forests. Reach Janglik village — the last major village before the trek begins — and settle into guesthouses or camping. Acclimatize, pack your bags, and rest for the days ahead.

2,650 m

Stay: Janglik

Drive Day

## Janglik → Litham Camp

Trek 9 km · Gain ~750 m · Camp at Litham (3,400 m)

The first day on foot begins with a steady climb out of Janglik through oak and rhododendron forest. The trail follows the Supin River, rising above tree line to open grassy slopes. Wildflowers begin appearing — purple balsam, blue gentian, and yellow primrose line the path. Camp at Litham in a wide meadow beside a clear stream with views of the ridgeline ahead.

3,400 m

Camp: Litham

Moderate

## Litham → Dunda Thach

Trek 8 km · Gain ~550 m · Camp at Dunda Thach (3,950 m)

One of the most visually rewarding days. The trail traverses high alpine meadows — called "thach" by locals — carpeted with dense wildflowers and grazed by shepherd flocks. Clouds roll in and out of the valleys below, revealing and concealing the river gorges. The descent into Dunda Thach campsite offers sweeping views of the glacial valley leading toward the pass.

3,950 m

Camp: Dunda Thach

Moderate

## Dunda Thach → Buran Pass Base Camp

Trek 7 km · Gain ~650 m · Camp at Base (~4,600 m)

The landscape transforms dramatically today. Vegetation shrinks to low alpine scrub, then gives way entirely to boulder fields and scree. Snow patches begin appearing. The valley narrows and steepens as you approach the glacial amphitheatre below the pass. Make camp on a rocky flat — tonight will be cold. Prepare all gear for the alpine start tomorrow morning.

4,600 m

Camp: Pass Base

Hard

## Pass Crossing — Buran Pass (4,700 m)

Trek 10 km · Summit + Descent · Camp beyond pass

The crux of the entire expedition. Alpine start at 3–4 AM — before conditions on the snow deteriorate. The ascent crosses steep snowfields and loose rock requiring trekking poles and microspikes. At the summit, 4,700 m above sea level, the world opens: Deo Tibba, CB peaks, the Kinnaur Kailash range, and the vast Spiti wilderness stretching to the horizon. The descent on the far side is steep, then gradually eases into a broad glacial valley.

4,700 m Summit

Very Hard

Alpine Start 3 AM

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## Descent Toward Buran Village

Trek 12 km · Long descent · Camp near river (3,200 m)

A long but exhilarating descent through completely different terrain — the dry, stark beauty of the Kinnaur/Spiti watershed replaces the lush green Shimla valleys. Rocky moraines give way to open hillsides with distant views of ancient Himalayan villages. Camp near the river, listening to the sound of rushing glacial meltwater and feeling the satisfaction of the pass behind you.

3,200 m

Camp: River Site

Moderate

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## River Camp → Buran Village → Shimla

Trek to road · Drive ~7-8 hrs · Return to Shimla

Final morning on the trail — a gentle walk down to Buran Village, where the road meets the wilderness. Celebrate with the locals, arrange vehicles, and begin the long but triumphant drive back to Shimla through the Kinnaur valley and the NH-5 highway. Arrive in Shimla with memories that will last a lifetime — and perhaps already planning the next adventure.

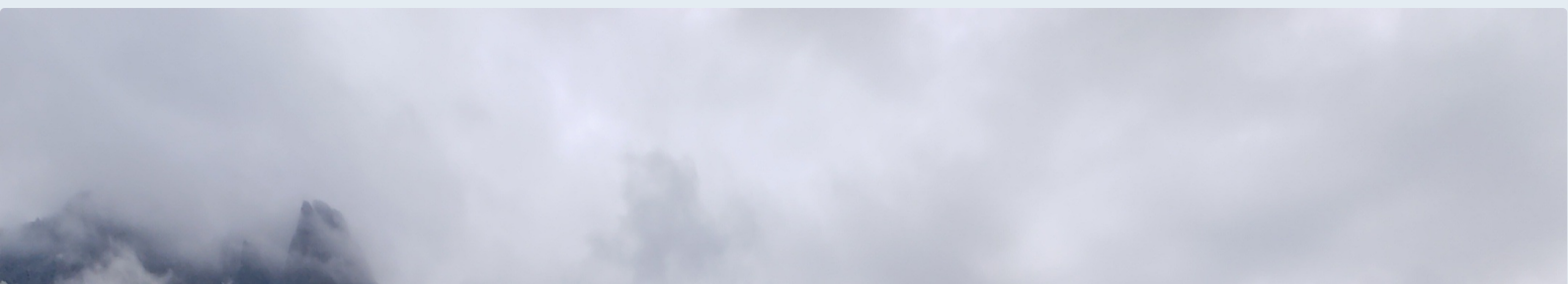
Trek Out

Drive to Shimla

End: Buran Village

Trek Photography

## Moments from *the Trail*

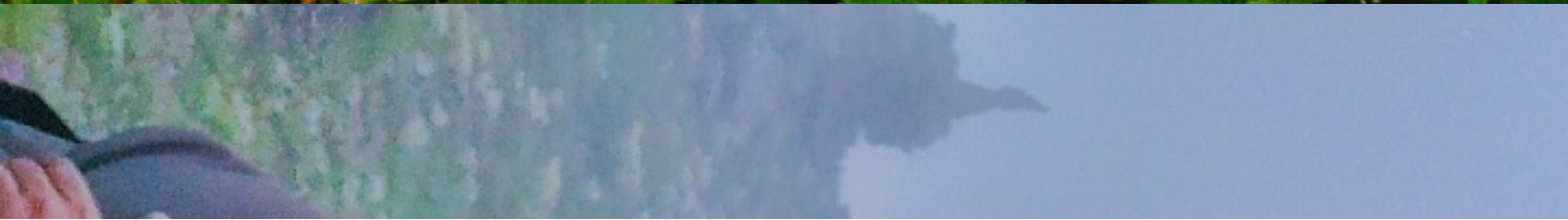




















Preparation Guide

## Everything You *Need to Know*

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### Essential Gear

- Trekking poles (critical on snow)
- Microspikes / crampons for pass day
- Down jacket + waterproof shell

- Waterproof trekking boots + gaiters
- UV glacier sunglasses
- Headlamp + spare batteries
- 4-season sleeping bag (−10°C rated)
- High-SPF sunscreen + lip balm
- Rain cover for backpack

## Camping and Logistics

- All campsites are wild / open terrain
- Water from streams — filter or purify
- Carry 7 days of food from Shimla/Rohru
- Porter / mule support from Janglik
- No mobile network beyond Janglik
- Inner Line Permit — obtain in Shimla
- Pre-arrange return vehicle at Buran Village
- Fuel stove + extra gas canisters

## Health and Safety

- Spend 1 night in Janglik to acclimatize
- Carry Diamox — consult doctor first
- Recognise AMS — descend immediately
- Never cross the pass solo
- Carry a comprehensive first aid kit
- Hire a certified local guide from Janglik
- Register trek details with local police
- Inform family of full itinerary

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