

# UTTARAKHAND TOURIST MAP

HIMACHAL PRADESH

DEHRADUN

RAJASTHAN

GUJARAT

MADHYA PRADESH

CHHATTISGARH

JHARKHAND

Bihar

NEPAL

CHINA

INDIA

PAKISTAN

AFGHANISTAN

KAZAKHSTAN

IRAN

TURKEY

GREECE

EGYPT

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PORTUGAL

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SWITZERLAND

AUSTRIA

CZECH REPUBLIC

SLOVAKIA

SLOVENIA

ROMANIA

BULGARIA

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CROATIA

SERBIA

MOLDOVA

ARMENIA

GEORGIA

AZERBAIJAN

KYRGYZSTAN

TURKMENISTAN

AFGHANISTAN

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## Bhimtal

Bhimtal, a serene hill station, is a popular destination lying about 25 kms from Nainital. Watch the flock of ducks revelling in the crystal clear water of Bhimtal lake. With a picturesque location in the midst of green kumaoni hills, it is reasonably pleasant in summers; makes for a great holiday, nevertheless. One of the largest lakes in the state, Bhimtal was named after Bhim, a Pandava brother. Enjoy boating here.



**When to go:** Throughout the year

**How to reach:**

**By Rail:** The nearest railhead is at Kathgodam, 20 kms away.

**By Road:** Frequent buses run from Kathgodam, Haldwani, New Delhi, etc.

### Places to See

- Bhimtal Lake
- Golu Devta Temple, Ghadaikhal
- Sat Tal
- Naukuchital

### Where to stay:

Besides Tourism rest houses, there are many private hotels and lodges to suit all budgets.



## Lansdowne

This tranquil hill station can be best explained as a place where one would love to put a chair in the balcony and look at the undulating hills. Encompassed by oak, silver, spruce and pine forests, it is a perfect getaway for nature lovers.



**When to go:** Throughout the year

**How to reach:**

**By Air:** Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun is at a distance of about 100 kms. Taxi services are available from airport to Lansdowne. Delhi has the nearest international airport at 264 kms.

**By Rail:** Kotdwara is the nearest railway station at 40 kms. Taxi services are available.

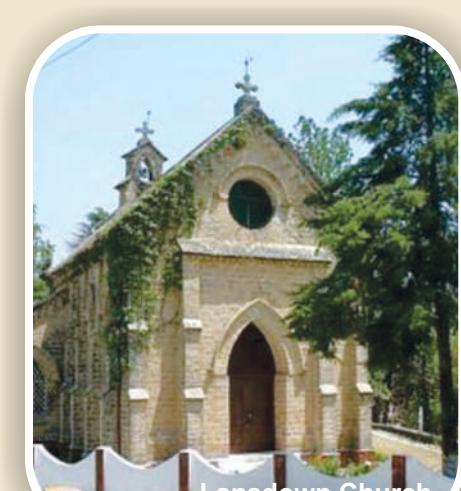
**By Road:** Bus services connect other neighbourhood cities in the region. Private and public buses are available from Lansdowne to kotdwara (40 kms) at regular intervals. It is connected to Haridwar, Dehradun and Mussoorie among others, by roadways.

### Places to See

- Tip-n-Top and Snow View point
- St. Mary's and St. John's Church
- Darwan Singh Sangrahalaya
- Bhim Pakora
- Tarkeshwar Mahadev
- Hawaghar
- The War Memorial
- Kaleshwar Mandir

### Where to stay:

Besides Tourism rest houses, there are many private hotels and lodges to suit all budgets.



## Nainital

Perched at an altitude of 1,938 m above sea level, Nainital is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the state. The city has evolved around the Naini Lake. The Summer capital of the erstwhile United Province, Nainital continues to be known as the 'lake district of India'. It has a String of Lakes, each seemingly more beautiful than the other; go for paddle boating, rowing, sailing, kayaking or canoeing!



**When to go:** Throughout the year

**How to reach:**

**By Rail:** The nearest railway station is at Kathgodam, about 35 kms away. Trains connect Kathgodam with Bareilly, Howrah, Lucknow and New Delhi.

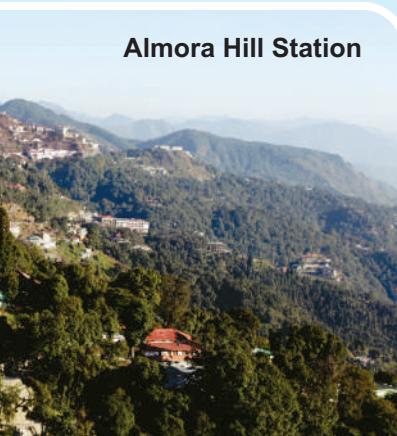
**By Road:** State transport corporation operator several buses that connect Nainital with other cities of Uttarakhand and northern India. Besides, many private bus operators run deluxe bus services, including Volvo.

### Places to See

- Naini Lake
- Raj Bhawan
- Boat House Club
- Nainital Zoo
- Pangot
- Naina Peak
- Tiffin Top
- Snow View
- Land's End
- Observatory
- Eco-cave Gardens
- St. John-in-the-Wilderness

### Where to stay:

Besides Tourism rest houses, there are many private hotels and lodges to suit all budgets.



**When to go:** Throughout the year

**How to reach:**

**By Rail:** Kathgodam railway station is around 87km away. Trains reach Kathgodam from New Delhi, Bareilly, Lucknow, Howrah, etc. State-run buses and cabs are available from Kathgodam and Haldwani.

**By Road:** An excellent road network makes Almora a delight to drive to. Cabs are available from all the nearby major cities.

### Places to See

- Nanda Devi Temple
- Kaser Devi Temple
- Karmal Sun Temple
- G.B. Pant Public Museum
- Vivekananda Ashram
- Deer Park
- Bright End Cormor
- Kalimath
- Chitai Temple
- Lakhudiyar

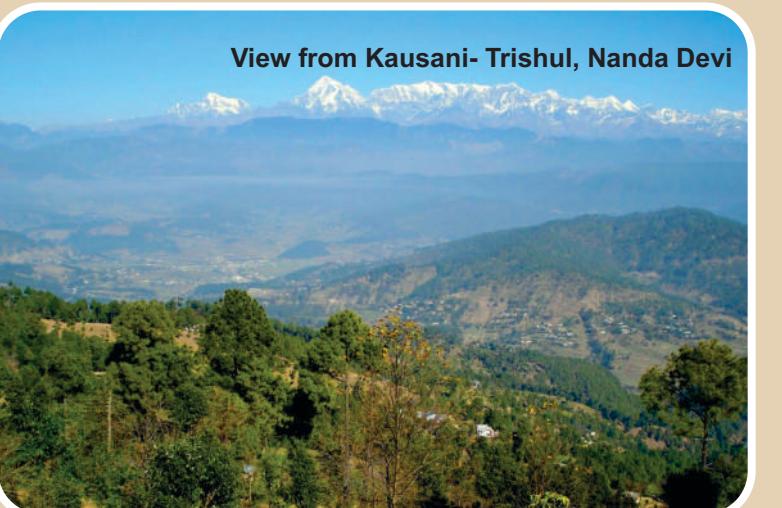
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## Kausani

Called as 'Switzerland of India' by Mahatma Gandhi, the beautiful hill station, Kausani opens up the panorama of Someshwar Valley on the one side and Garur and Baijnath Katyun Valley on the others. It was his favourite home within the mountains; he stayed at the Anashakti Ashram for early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and commented that Kausani was the perfect resort for seekers of good health.



**When to go:** Throughout the year

**How to reach:**

**By Rail:** The nearest railhead is at Kathgodam, 136 kms away.

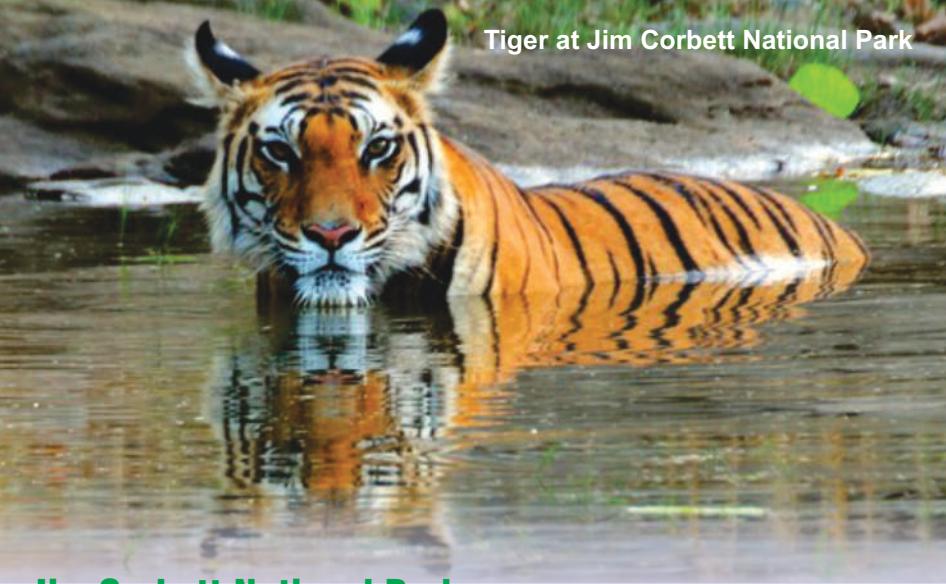
**By Road:** Frequent buses run from Kathgodam, Haldwani, New Delhi, etc.

### Places to See

- Baijnath
- Bageshwar

### Where to stay:

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## Jim Corbett National Park

Jim Corbett National Park, situated in Himalayan foothills encompasses an area of about 521 sq.kms.; along with Sonananda WLS and Reserve Forest, the area makes Corbett Tiger Reserve about 1288 sq. kms. It supports innumerable floral, faunal and avi-faunal species. See the Royal Bengal Tiger and Asiatic Elephant along with over 600 types of birds. The park is named after the famous hunter, naturalist and conservationist, Edward James

**When to go:** The park is officially closed from 15<sup>th</sup> of June to 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov. April to mid-June is an ideal time for sighting animals, especially elephants.

**How to reach:**

**By Rail:** Ramnagar is the closest railhead.

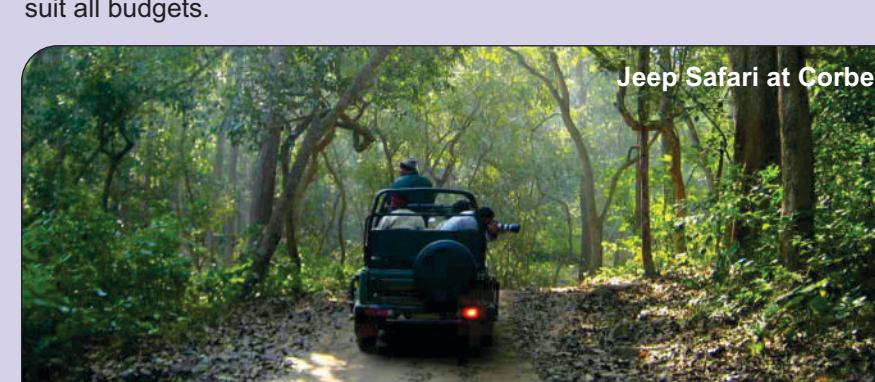
**By Road:** Route from Delhi is via Hapur-Moradabad. From Lucknow, it is via Bareilly-Kichha-Kashipur.

### Places to See

- The Jim Corbett Museum

### Where to stay:

Besides Tourism rest houses, there are many private hotels and lodges to suit all budgets.



## Rajaji National Park

Named after Late Sri C. Rajgopalachari, popularly as 'Rajaji', this National Park is famous for its pristine beauty and rich biodiversity. A perfect place for nature and wildlife lovers, it is spread over an area of 820 sq. kms. It is a splendid ecosystem nestled in the Shivalik ranges and is home to 23 kinds of mammals and more than 300 avifaunal species.



**When to go:** 15 November to 15 June

**How to reach:**

**By Air:** Nearest airport is Jolly Grant, Dehradun-35 kms from Rajaji National Park.

**By Rail:** Hardwar Railway Station (8 kms), Dehradun Railway Station (55 kms)

**By Road:** Buses and cabs are available for Rajaji National Park. The Road distances are: Hardwar(8kms), Rishikesh(27 kms), Dehradun (55kms), & Deoria(35 kms).

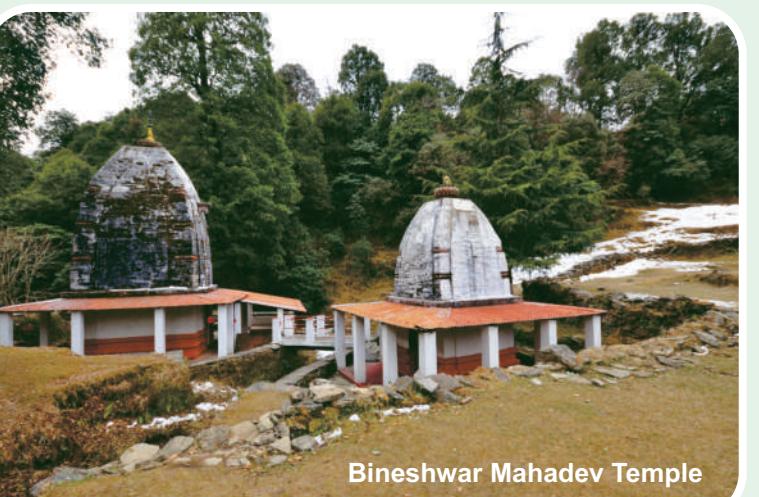
### Where to stay:

Besides forest lodges, there are many resort available around the park.



## Binsar

Binsar is located at a distance of about 30 kms from Almora; it used to be the summer capital of the Chand kings. The place gets its name from the famous 16<sup>th</sup> century Bineshwar Mahadev Temple.



**When to go:** Throughout the year

**How to reach:**

**By Rail:** The nearest railhead is at Kathgodam, 112 kms away.

**By Road:** Frequent buses run from Kathgodam, Haldwani, New Delhi, etc.

### Places to See

- Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary : Spread over 46sq. kms. in lush green forests, the sanctuary is home to Leopard, Himalayan Black Bear, Barking Deer, Chital and Porcupine, it also nestles over 200 bird species with some rare varieties like Forktail, Blackbird Laughing Thrush, Kalij Pheasant and Monal. The park provides of the trekking opportunities. Don't miss the 'Zero Point' which offers an aerial view of the towering Himalayan peaks like, Nanda Devi, Shivaling, Trishul, etc.

### Places to See

- Ganesh Temple

### Where to stay:

Besides Tourism rest houses, there are many private hotels and lodges to suit all budgets.



## Hemkund Sahib

Hemkund Sahib is located at an altitude of 4329 m amid pristine environs. A 5 to 6 hours steep climb from Ghangaria would bring one to this holy spot. With snow - capped peaks and glaciers all around, its clear waters reflect the surroundings. One of the most important pilgrimage spots for Sikhs and Hindus, Hemkund Sahib houses a Gurudwara; the Lakshman temple lies nearby. According to the holy Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Gobind Singhji, the 10<sup>th</sup> Guru of the Sikhs had meditated here.



**When to go:** June to Early October

**How to reach:**

**By Rail:** The nearest railhead is at Kathgodam, 122 kms away.

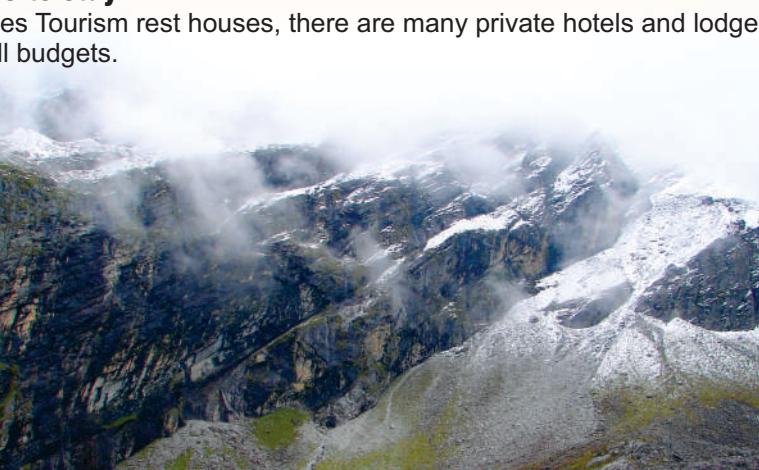
**By Road:** Bus services connect destinations within state as well as neighbouring states.

### Places to See

- Laxman Temple

### Where to stay:

Besides Tourism rest houses, there are many private hotels and lodges to suit all budgets.



## Auli

Auli is a beautiful ski town that can be reached by road, or by ropeway from Joshimath. Its terrain is considered to be excellent for skiing, even by international standards. The facility is available in winter, while in summer it assumes a very picturesque look. Nandadevi and Kamet are a visual delight when viewed from the lap of Auli Bugyal.



**When to go:** April to June, September to October

**How to reach:**

**By Air:** The closest airport is Jolly Grant, Dehradun 282 kms away.

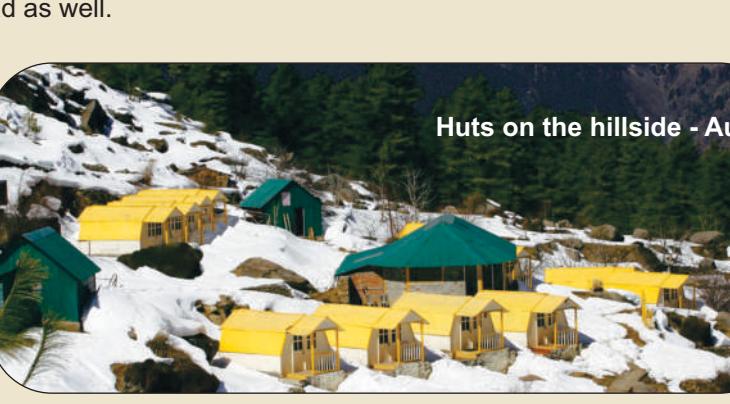
**By Rail:** The nearest railhead is at Rishikesh, 264 kms away.

**By Road:** Frequent buses run for Joshimath from Dehradun, Rishikesh and Hardwar. It is also possible to get to Auli by hired jeeps or taxis.

### Places to See

- Josimath
- Vanashrayan Kalpeshwar
- Tapovan(Hot Spring)

**Where to stay:** GMVN tourist complex. There are a few budget hotels on Josimath-Auli road as well.



## Uttarakhand

From mighty mountains to verdant valleys, pristine glaciers to shimmering lakes, meandering rivers and streams to national parks and forests and many more; Uttarakhand, also known as Devboomi (the land of gods), is home to uncounted pilgrimages, temples and quaint hill stations, it is a Flawless region for rest, rejuvenation and peace. People flock here to seek spiritual solace. These aspects instill an unequaled singularity to Uttarakhand; it is truly 'heaven on earth', a getaway from the hustle-bustle of urban life. Uttarakhand is renowned for its culture, cuisine and hospitality ; accommodation is available which can suit different pockets.

## Ranikhet

A quiet town, Ranikhet has maintained its old era ambience. It was named after Queen Padmini, wife of King Sankhardev of Kumon. Who found the place so charming that she desired to settle here. Perched at 1,828 m above sea level, Ranikhet has umpteen trekking routes within picturesque mountains. Along with an enchanting view of Bhagirathi River (in the east) to Nandakot (in the west), the region is dotted with temples, orchards and museums.

## Ranikhet

Ranikhet Golf Course

The gateway to Garhwal Himalayas or 'Queen of the Hills,' Mussoorie (34 kms from Dehradun) is one of the most popular holiday destinations in India.