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Uttarakhand

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Auli



Joshimath



Skiing in Auli



Auli Ropeway



AULI

Auli is the most popular skiing destination in Uttarakhand and is situated in Chamoli district of Garhwal. It covers an elevation from 2,519 mts. to 3,050 mts. above sea level.

Auli is often compared with the best ski resorts of the world and has also hosted the First SAF Winter Games in the year 2011. Auli is blessed with invigorating views of the splendid mountain range. The slopes of Auli provide thrills to professional skiers and novices alike.

The wonderful dawn breaking behind **Nanda Devi** is an enchanting sight. Auli is a must visit for all Adventure lovers.

Adventure Sports

Skiing is the major sport in Auli. Facilities for skiing are available from GMVN. There are certificate and non-certificate courses ranging from 4 days to 14 days. These courses include stay, food, ski-gear charges and guide. There are local people who provide Ski Equipment for the casual tourist and also help them to learn skiing.

Slopes of Auli

The slopes of Auli are considered amongst the best skiing slopes in Asia. There are two international standard ski lifts for skiers which take them back to high slopes.

Artificial Lake

One of the world's highest man-made lakes is at Auli. This lake has been developed to create artificial snow on the old ski slopes in the event of low snowfall.

Auli Ropeway

Auli boasts of Asia's highest and longest cable car covering a distance of 4 kms. This cable car wonder is named as **Gondola**. It also has a **Chair Lift** and a **Ski Lift**. The ropeway connects Auli with Joshimath. The enchanting Himalayas are distinctly visible while travelling in the Gondola.



Treks Around Auli

Gurso Bugyal: 3 kms. trek from Auli will lead you to the picturesque Gurso Bugyal. Views of the imposing Himalayan peaks of **Nanda Devi**, **Trishul** and **Dron Parvat** from **Gurso Bugyal** are exhilarating. Gurso Bugyal transforms into a green pasture land during spring season and wears sheets of snow during the winters. Perched at an elevation of 3,056 mts. above sea level, Gurso Bugyal has mixed forest of **Oak** and **Conifer**.

Chattrakund: It is small lake holding crystal clear water. Chattrakund is situated just 1 km. ahead of Gurso Bugyal. Located amidst the jungle, this mysterious lake shrouds us with fairy tale surroundings.

Kwani Bugyal: It is a popular destination with trekkers, situated 12 kms. from Gurso Bugyal at an elevation of 3,380 mts. above sea level. The best time to visit Kwani Bugyal is June to September.

Gurso Bugyal

Chattrakund



Chenab Lake: One must pass through **Dang**, the last village of Joshimath, to reach Chenab Lake. The place is still unknown to most tourists and it is quite inaccessible by motorable roads.

Best Season

The best time to visit Auli is throughout the year except monsoons. But if you want to enjoy the eternal bliss of snow, then visit Auli from December end to March. If you are

planning a visit to Auli in winters then tourists are advised to bring heavy woollens, caps, socks, gloves, mufflers, pullovers, trousers, wind proof jackets, sunglasses, snow boots, torch and a whistle for personal use.

Where to Stay

GMVN Tourist Complex (luxury huts also available). They provide comfortable stay with all facilities and have ski equipment available for hire.

There are few budget hotels in Joshimath-Auli Road as well.

For more information, please visit www.gmvl.com & www.uttarakhandtourism.gov.in

Getting there

By Air: Jolly Grant Airport is the nearest Airport to Auli situated at a distance of 286 kms. Jolly Grant Airport is well connected to Delhi by daily flights. Taxis are available from Jolly Grant Airport to Auli.

By Rail: The nearest railway station to Auli is Rishikesh which is situated 264 kms. before Auli on NH 58.

By Road: Auli is well connected by motorable roads with major destinations of Uttarakhand. Auli is situated only 14 kms. from Joshimath which lies on NH 58.

Note: In winters (from December end till mid March) the motor road from Joshimath to Auli is not operational due to heavy snowfall. Cable car is the only mode of transportation from Joshimath to Auli.





JOSHIMATH

Joshimath is the winter headquarters of the **Badrinath and Kedarnath Temple Committee** and the seat of **Jagatguru Shankaracharya** of Joythirmath. The ancient **Kalpavariksha** from where Sri Sankara Bhagvatpada had the vision of the **Joyti of Badrinath** and the place of **Laxmi Narashima** are here. The **Narshimha Badri** is the ancient temple and the **Shankara Gaddi** of Jagatguru are kept here for the winters. **Bhavishya Badri** and **Tapovan** are places of interest for pilgrims.

Sightseeing

Narasimha Temple: Located at Joshimath, this renowned abode of **Lord Narasimha** is said to be about 1200 years old. Lord Narasimha (half man & half lion) was the fourth incarnation of Lord Vishnu. In this Temple, Lord Narasimha is seen in the '**Padmasana Posture**'.

Kalpavriksha (Divine Tree): Kalpavriksha has been regarded as divine and spiritual tree in Indian history. As per the Hindu scriptures, Adi Jagatguru Shankaracharya sat under this tree and worshipped Lord Shiva. Kalpavriksha is an old Mulberry tree having a lot of historical, holy and religious significance in India. Located at Joshimath, Kalpavriksha is believed to be 1200 years old and is known by the name of Kalpatru. Mysteriously, Kalpavriksha remains evergreen throughout the year and never sheds a single leaf by itself.

Vasudeva Temple: Located 30 yards away from Narasimha Temple, Vasudeva Temple is dedicated to another incarnation of Lord Vishnu. One of the most renowned Vishnu temples of North India, it is considered extremely sacred by 'Alavars' Vaishnavite saints from Tamil Nadu.

Treks around Joshimath

Chopta: Chopta is popularly known as Mini Switzerland of Uttarakhand. The number of tourists visiting Chopta has increased in recent years and the region has become popular vacation spot for adventure lovers and explorers. Tungnath is the highest temple of Lord Shiva situated only 3.5 kms away from Chopta which should be covered on foot or by pony. Chopta is situated 92 kms. from Joshimath.

Gopeshwar: There are several ancient temples in Gopeshwar with great religious importance. The main attractions are the ancient temple of **Lord Shiva**, **Vaitarni Kund** and the splendid views of the Himalayas. Trek to **Rudranath** commences from Sagar which is situated 5 kms. ahead from Gopeshwar on Guptkashi-Gopeshwar road. Gopeshwar is situated 58 kms. from Joshimath.

Where to Stay

Apart from the tourist rest house (GMVN) there are plenty of good Ashrams, Dharamshalas and Hotels in the city.

For more information, please visit www.gmvnl.com & www.uttarakhandtourism.gov.in

Getting there

By Air: Nearest airport is Jolly Grant 273 kms.

By Rail: Nearest railhead is Rishikesh 253 kms.

By Road: Joshimath is well connected with good road network via Haridwar, Rishikesh, Nainital and Almora.



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