




the fabled fairyländ

A photograph of a winter mountain scene. In the foreground, a thick layer of white snow covers the ground. Behind the snow, several tall, dark green evergreen trees stand prominently. Some of the trees have a light dusting of snow on their branches. In the background, more snow-covered hills and mountains are visible under a pale, overcast sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and cold.

...In these hills, nature's hospitality eclipses all man can ever do.
I wonder whether the scenery of these hills and the climate are to be
surpassed, if equalled, by any of the beauty spots of the world.

Mahatama Gandhi

A decorative border at the bottom of the image consisting of a row of green silhouettes of various leafy plants and shrubs.

Kumaon - The Snow Carpet of India

Have you ever been to a holiday destination blessed by the Gods? A virgin land where nature is ever at her youthful best. Welcome to Kumaon - the Snow Carpet of India.

pread over six districts covering an area of 13,017.6 Sq.Kms and bounded by Nepal in East, Tibet in North, Garhwal region and Uttar Pradesh in south-west, Kumaon, a jewel of the glittering Himalayan necklace, is a land resplendent in awesome natural splendour.

Kumaon's endless panorama of scenic wonders is nothing short of a romance with pristine and soul-lifting nature itself. In its range of natural beauty, Kumaon can be likened to a techni-colour dream coat; rosette dawns and dusks, azure skies, opaline lakes, fields of yellowing corn, alternated by deep green potato beds, blue ribbons of meandering rivers, eye-catching pink and red rhododendrons, snow-white summits and birds of vivid plumage.

Like a jewel in the glittering Himalayan necklace, Kumaon is snuggled in the foothills of majestic Himalayas and is located in Uttarakhand in the northern province of India. Situated between the latitude 28°44' and 30°49' North and longitude 78°45' and 81°1' East, Kumaon is a land resplendent in awesome natural splendor.

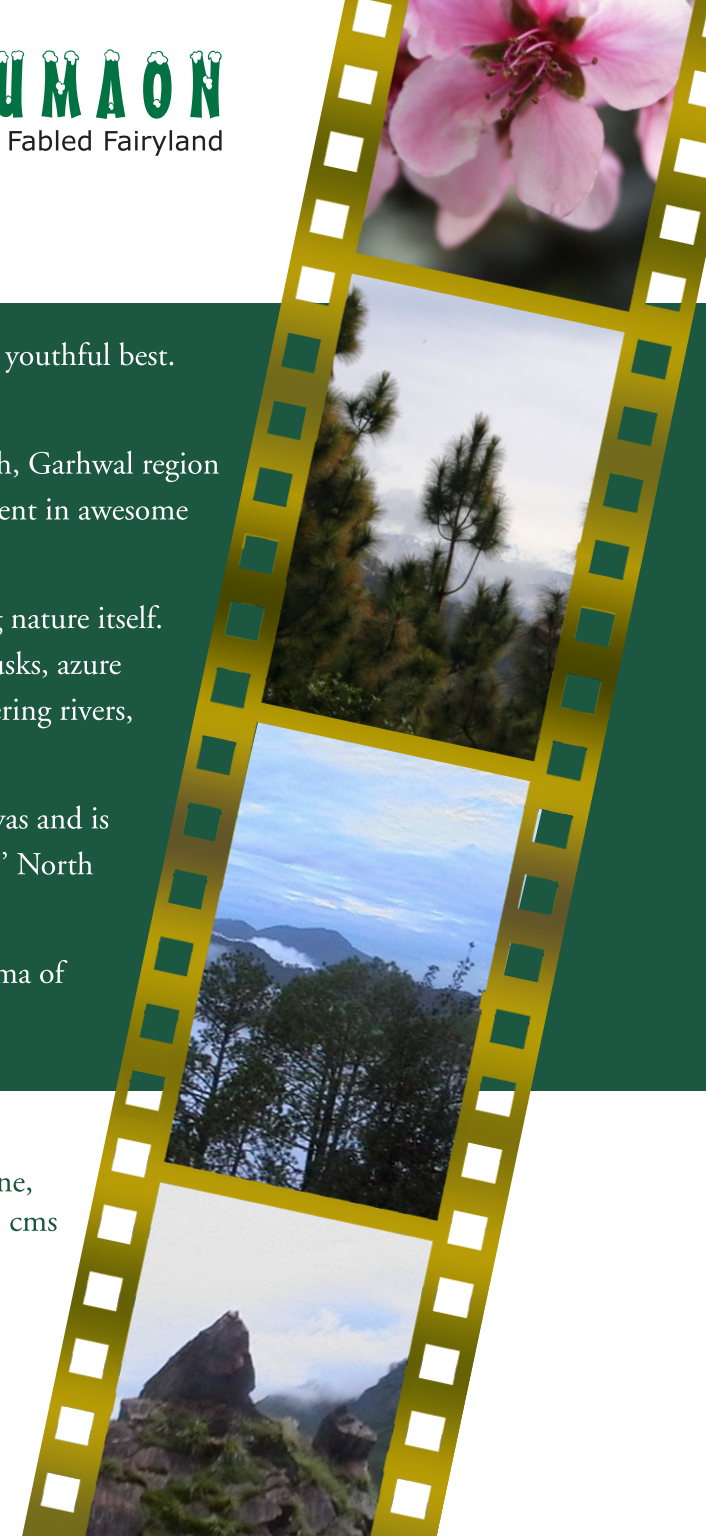
Beginning from 250 meters above sea level and rising upto 7800 meters above sea level, its endless panorama of scenic wonders is nothing short of romance with pristine and soul- lifting nature itself.

Climate

Winter in Kumaon start from November-December to mid March, Spring from mid March– April, Summer from May-June, Monsoons from July- September & autumn from late September to early November. Average rainfall varies from 90 to 250 cms and 70% of the rainfall occurs between July-September. There is snowfall in lesser Himalayas during winter.

It is believed that the word "Kumaon" is derived from "Kurmanchal", which means the land of Kurmavatar (the tortoise incarnation of Lord Vishnu, Preserver of the Hindu Trinity).

Well-connected to different parts of the country, Kumaon hills are a treasure-house for the tourists, trekkers and pilgrims alike.





Kumaon - The Lake Country

Tranquil lakes, Gem - Like in their setting. Some emerald, some sapphire. Each with its associated Legend. One recalls a goddess, another an agricultural implement.

Nothing could be more refreshing and relaxing than an escape to the country, where you could enjoy nature and the serenity it offers. The water of various Lakes of Kumaon beckons. The calm and serene lakes amidst lofty peaks of the mighty Himalayas and verdant forests are a breadth taking sight to behold and are ample rewards for nature and adventure lover alike.

All the lakes boast of spectacular view and breathtaking scenery. Lakes of Kumaon pride itself with its friendly people who are there to ensure that you and your family have a great during your stay with them. Water sports like angling, boating, kayaking, canoeing and other activities are also offered to provide you and your whole family alternatives in enjoying your stay in Kumaon.

Nainital (A gem in perfect setting, graceful willows encircle the emerald mountain lake, surrounding hill-ranges and the overlooking peaks, give to her the added charm of wilderness), Bhimtal (Named after one of the five Pandva Brothers, it is one of the largest lake in Kumaon region), Sat Tal (Seven small but exquisite lakes, including Pania, Nal-Damyanti, Sita, Ram, Laxman and Sukha tal - in the midst of thick, tall pine oak trees), Naukuchiyatal (The nine cornered lake lake ideal for fishing and watching migratory birds), Khurpatal (A real paradise for anglers, the lake is inhabited by numerous fishes and is surrounded be green terraced fields], Shyamaltal (The blue coloured lake) are some of the prominent lakes in Kumaon.





Kumaon - The Wild Adventure



Unique mysterious and forever fascinating the region of Kumaon spans a diverse variety of geographical terrain which are veritable treasure house for animals and birds.

Right from the lofty mountains perennially under a thick blanket of snow, to the wide basin of Ganges valley, from the undulating highlands to the isolated hillocks, one finds a fascinating diversity of wild life.

Corbett National Park

Kumaon takes you to the adventurous tour of India's first and finest National Park Jim Corbett National Park. A paradise on earth, nestling between two sub-Himalayan foothill range, it is famous for its tigers, elephants and birds. Dedicated to the cause of wildlife and named after legendary hunter Jim Corbett, Jim Corbett National Park is nothing less than a paradise on earth. Spread over an area of 520 sq km along bank of Ram Ganges river, mother nature has really bestowed the Corbett with an unparalleled beauty and superb magnificence.

The elevation of park ranges from 400 meter to 1100 meter and the highest point offers a breathtaking view of the park.

Binsar Sanctuary

Binsar is bird watchers paradise. The bird life of Himalayan station is a fixed quantity since the migration of Indian birds is undoubtedly intricate and varied. To witness real life heavenly creatures dance on the swinging branches of trees, come and enjoy the very best in nature at Binsar Bird Sanctuary.





Lofty Mountains

Serene treks

Enchanting Waterfalls

Verdant Landscapes

ADI KAILASH (19 Days)

Base Camp - Dharchula

Mount Adi-Kailash also known as Chhota Kailash, is an ancient holy place in Kumaon Himalaya, similar to Mount Kailash in Tibet. It is situated close to the Indo Tibet border in Pithoragarh district. The trek begins and ends at Tawaghat. The first seven days trek is on the same route as the pilgrimage to Mount Kailash and Mansarovar. In the vast village in this valley, Kutti, one gets to see Pandav fort, natural salt mines and intricately engraved doors and windows of the village houses. The last stretch up to Adi-Kailash also known as Jolingkong (4752mts), is only 14kms from Kutti. In close proximity is Parvati Tal with a Shiv-Parvati temple on its shores. This route offers breath taking landscapes and panoramic view of the mountain ranges of Kumaon Himalayas the snow-capped Api and Nampa, the gushing Kali river, Bhoj patra forests, the serene Narayan Ashram as well as numerous waterfalls.

PINDARI GLACIER (7 Days)

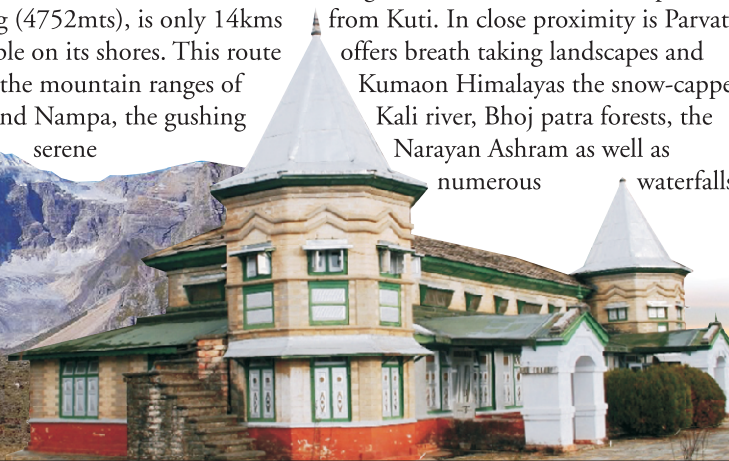
Base Camp - Bageshwar

The most accessible glacier in Kumaon Region, Pindari is located at 3820mts in Patti Malla Danpur of Almora district. The Pindari glacier is 3kms long and 1.5kms wide and is connected to the southwestern slope of the outer wall of the Nanda Devi Sanctuary. The main peaks near the glacier are Nandakot (6880mts.), Nandakhat (6611mts.), Pawalidwar (6663mts.), Balijuri (5922mts.) and Changuch (6322mts.). The picturesque route to Pindari glacier has KMVN rest houses at convenient sites all along up to Phurkia. The distance from Delhi to Kathgodam (280kms), Kathgodam to Saung (215kms) by bus. From Saung to Pindari glacier is as 45km's trek.

KAFNI GLACIER (8 Days)

Base Camp - Bageshwar

The Kafni glacier lies towards the left of Pindari valley below Nandakot. The tranquility prevailing in this region has a special charm. It is also rich in wildlife. The main peaks near the glacier are Nandakot(6860mts.) and Nanda Bhanar(6104mts.). The route to Pindari and Kafni glacier is common up to Dwali. The distance from Saung to Kafni is a 38 kms trek.



The forests are waiting...
You can hear the dry leaves underfoot...
The crunching of the rocks as you walk...

Your eyes can't believe the views...
so cliché,

but it really does take your breath away...
The mountains are calling you...

...will you answer?

PANCHHACHULI (9 Days)

Base Camp - Dharchula

Nestling snugly in the lap of the snow capped peaks of Panchachuli, the Darma valley in Pithoragarh district is endowed with abundant scenic grandeur. Sobla bus terminal is 134kms from Pithoragarh and 35 kilometres from Dharchula and is the last bus terminal From Sobla to Panchachuli Glacier is a 40 kms trek. The route to the glacier abounds in exotic scenery, snowcapped mountains, gushing streams, alpine meadows and a rich variety of flora and fauna. Juniper, Blue flowers, Edelweiss etc. are found enroute to the trek.

MILAM GLACIER (7 Days)

Base Camp - Munsyari

The base camp for Milam Glacier in Munsyari (2290mts.) in Pithoragarh district. The Milam glacier summit at 3872mts in the nodal point for a different high grade routes and peaks. The main peaks are Hardeol (7151mts.), Burphudhura (6215mts.) and Kalabulanddhura (6215mts.). Shrubs with creamy white, orange, yellow & pink flowers, Juniper, Blue flowers, Aconitum, large variety of flowers, Rooki, Primula, Yellow flowered berberis, Bugyals are found enroute to the Milam.

NANDA DEVI (EAST) (7 Days)

Base Camp - Munsyari

Nanda Devi (East) Base Camp is the most exciting Himalayan trek cum expedition. The treks along Gori Ganga river up to Reilkot. From Reilkot to Martoli is 7kms. Nanda Devi (East) base camp situated at Bhiltalgwar 4350mts below Nanda Devi and one can see trail pass Nanda Ghunti and long stuff peaks. Nanda devi base camp is about 63Kms from Munsyari.





Kumaon - The God's Own Country

Kumaon has rich historical past which dates back to the early advent of Kol, Kirat and shaka dynasties. Interestingly enough the Buddhist religion went to Tibet via this very region and its presence in Kumaon is borne out by the archaeological ruins near Senapani.

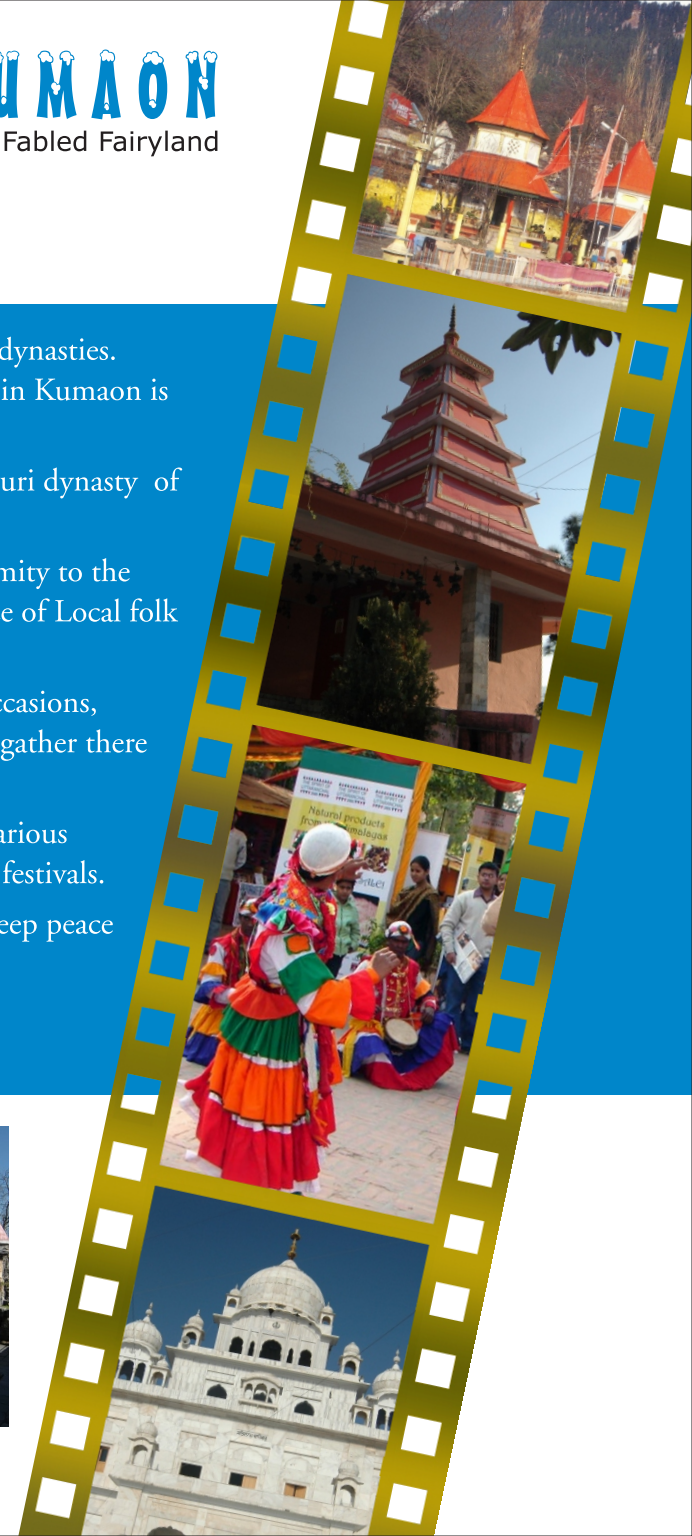
There are also accounts of Yuan Chavang (Huen Tsang) describing the woman rulers of Katyuri dynasty of 6th AD and remnants of Chand dynasty upto 16th AD.

Although Lord Shiva's influence prevailed through out Kumaon, mainly because of its proximity to the region of Panchkendas and Kailash Mansarovar, this did not in any way hamper the influence of Local folk Gods and Goddesses.

The Kumaon region is dotted with ancient temples and pilgrims center. On the auspicious occasions, these centers of faith turn into venues of fascinating festivals, when people from far and wide gather there to offer their obeisance to the deity and give musical expression to their joy and happiness.

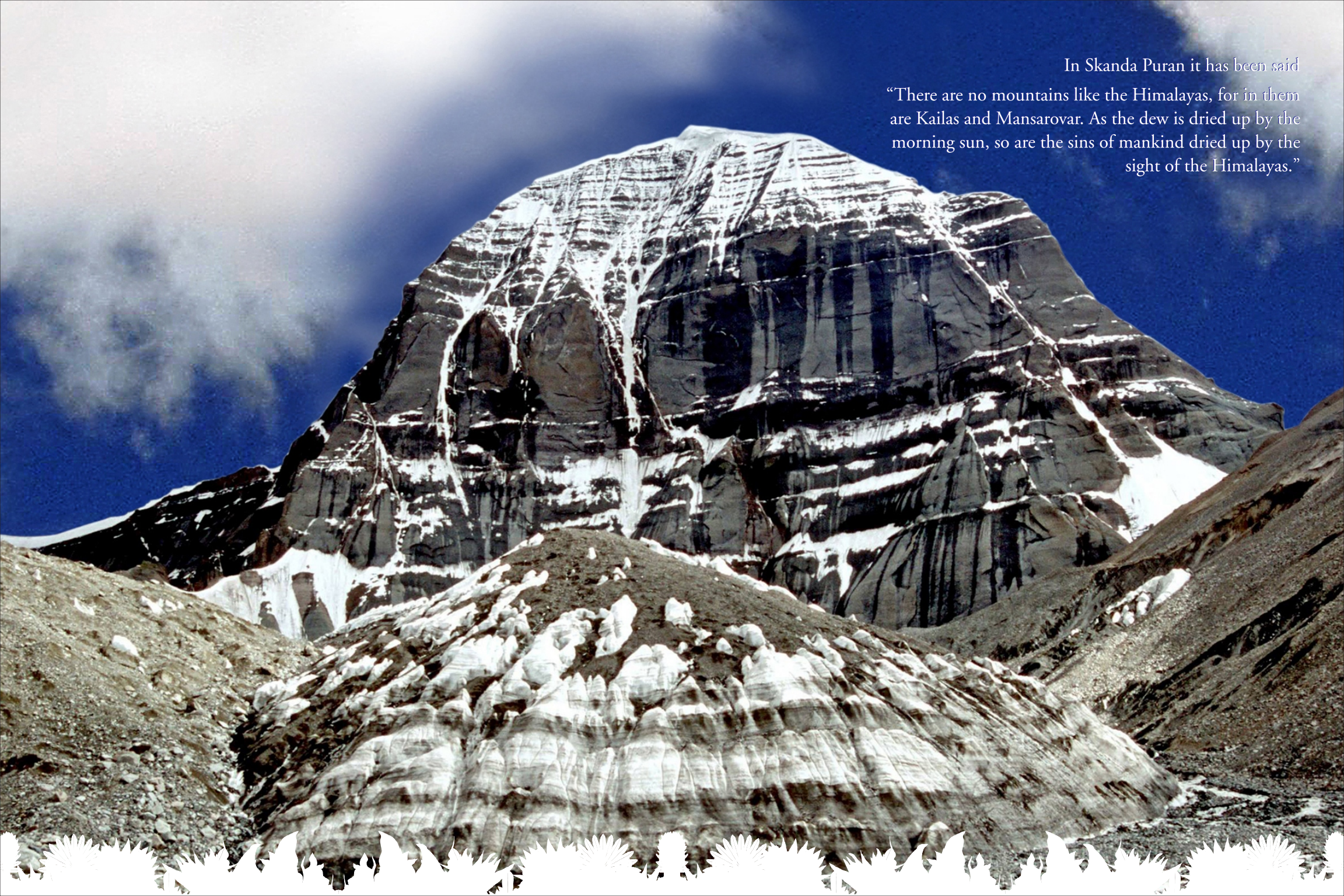
The fairs and festivals of Kumaon are very colourful and distinctive and are the products of various natural, social and cultural factors. The people of Kumaon also celebrate all the major Indian festivals.

Welcome to the temples of Kumaon Himalayas and experience unique serenity, tranquility, deep peace and radiant joy.



In Skanda Puran it has been said

“There are no mountains like the Himalayas, for in them
are Kailas and Mansarovar. As the dew is dried up by the
morning sun, so are the sins of mankind dried up by the
sight of the Himalayas.”



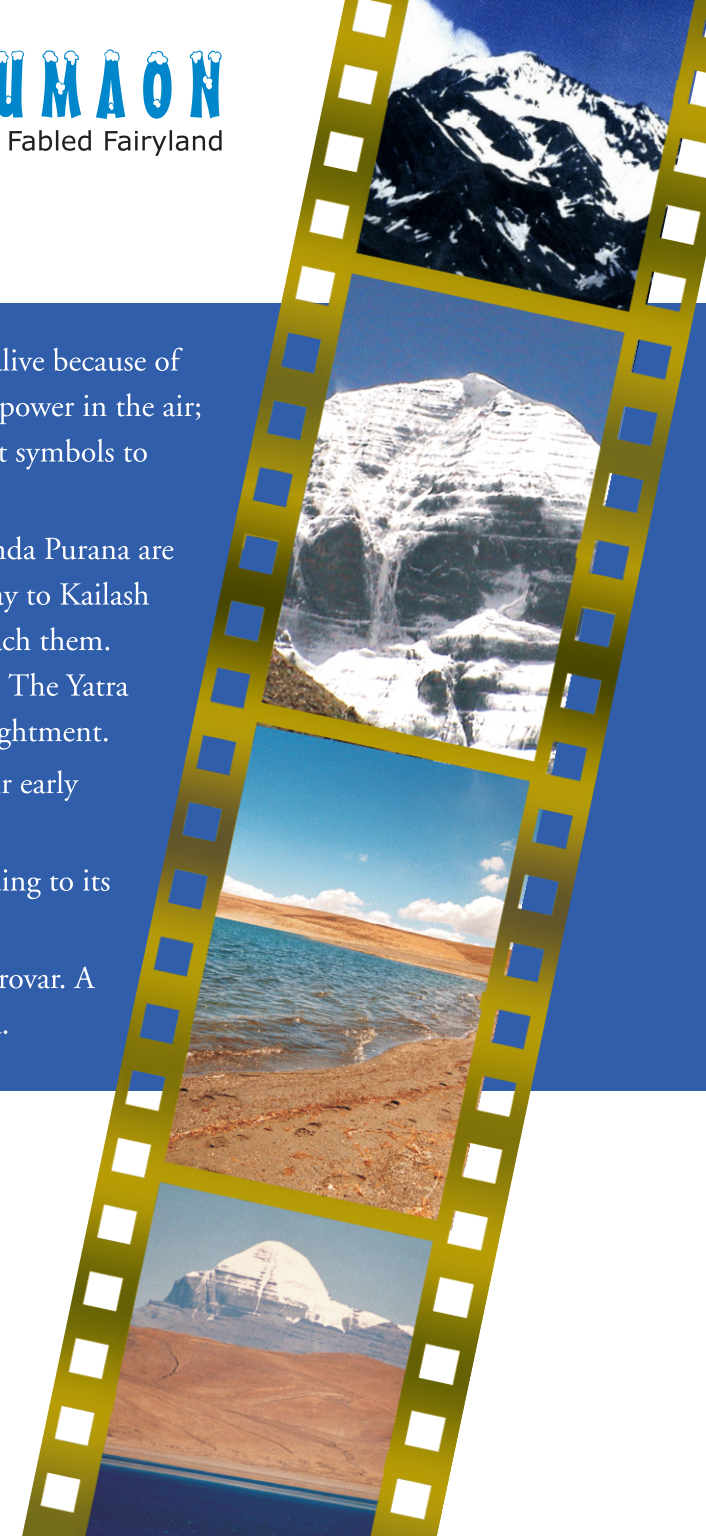
Kailash Yatra - The Journey to heaven

Holy places never had any beginning. They have been holy from the time they were discovered, strongly alive because of invisible presence breathing through them. Man is amazed or fearful as he feels the vibrations of invisible power in the air; and religion, feebly falling behind like all human institutions, gradually assign various names and different symbols to delineate the mystery.

The Himalayas from times immemorial have attracted one and all. The Kedar and Manas Khands of Skanda Purana are dedicated entirely to the glorifications of Himalayas. The sheer beauty of the enchanting nature on the way to Kailash Mansarovar, the adobe of Shiva, compels one to forget the arduous trek that they have to undertake to reach them. Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is considered to be the holiest religious act by Hindus, Jains and Tibetians alike. The Yatra provide such serene and soothing vibrations that pilgrims from far and wide are attracted in search of enlightenment. Mount Kailash, which is believed to have been formed 30 million years ago, when Himalayas were in their early stages of formation, is one of the most revered places in the Himalayas.

Four great Himalayan rivers, including the mighty Brahmaputra, have their sources near Mt. Kailash, adding to its sanctity. Mt. Kailash is also believed to be the adobe of Shiva and Parvati.

Spread out on the Tibetan plateau beside Mount Kailash is the giant lake of Shifting colours Lake Mansarovar. A pilgrimage to Mount Kailash and a bath in the Mansarovar is believed to bring about salvation or moksha.





Kumaon - The Adventure

Kumaon has all the ingredients for adventure packed excitement and thrills, an unexplored valley, towering peaks, foaming white rivers, snow capped mountains, a splendid combination of flora and fauna and vast tracks of virgin snow. The large slopes of Kumaon covered with fresh powder snow become an ideal place for skiing in the winter months. Quite truly, the thrill of skiing remains unparalleled. As the elements are defeated exhilaration swells up. The challenge of the turbulent rivers is no less than that of the rugged mountains. The icy heights of the Himalayas are the source of some of India's mighty rivers. Fed by innumerable streams they race along tortuous boulder strewn beds, cutting deep gorges and breaking into silvery white rapids.

With the intricate network of mountain rivers flowing through a myriad of different colours of rocky gorges, forests, flowers and high mountain villages, the Kumaon hills provide ideal locales for the perfect water adventure.

Ar Nanaksagar Dam in Champawat, 18 sq. mtr. the reservoir is perfect setting for water sports activities. The various activities for water sports which can be organized in this reservoir are Water skiing, yatching, Boating, Canoeing, Kyaking, Wet parasailing etc. The large size of the reservoir is suitable for water sports activities throughout the year.





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