# Top Unfathomed Tourist Places in India

Hailing from North India and fond of travelling & Holidaying to virgin places, I have been visiting several beautiful unexplored places in North India .The unexploited beauty of these places left me awestruck. I would like to share some of these places with you.

### Dev Prayag -

I set out for a religious and fun trip with my family to haridwar. We took a dip to wash away all our sins in the famous "Har Ki Pauri" and visited the scenic ',mansa Devi temple'. After completing all other places like Laxman Jhoola, Swarag ashram ,we decided to go up a lil more and spend the night at As we were the adventurous kinds we decided to go beyond rishikesh for night stay. It was already 5pm and we thought we would go a few kilometers further and stay at more scenic and quieter place that the bustling city of Rishikesh.

To our dismay, as we moved up in our TATA SUMO, all the hotels and lodges were full and we had no place to stay. We were a group of 10 friends with two kids. Sun had already set and the terrain uphill was very bad, there was no proper road and at many places the makeshift bridges were closed leading us to loose our way. There were no signboards or indications..

However in this ordeal, we finally came to a small UP Tourism hotel at Devprayag, and decided to stay there for the night. The accommodation was very basic but we had no choice. The caretaker was very kind enough to serve us hot dinner and then we slept cursing our decision to leave a comfortable hotel at Rishikesh and come up to this one.

However, when we woke up in the morning and came out of our rooms, we could not believe our eyes. We were surrounded by snow clad mountains on top of a valley and could see the beautiful confluence of two rivers Bhagirathi and Alaknanda, which then takes the name "Ganga". It was an amazing sight which we could have never explored had we not lost our way.

At the confluence, water was ice cold as the place is very close to its originating glaciers. The platform at the confluence allows the tourists to take a dip in the water and experience its purity. Expert swimmers can enjoy swimming, however the water has a great speed at this point.

Devprayag is 70 km from <u>Rishikesh</u>. Devprayag has an average elevation of 830 metres (2,723 feet).



# Dhanaulti-

This picturesque hill station is located about 24 km from Mussorie , It is situated at an altitude of 2286m, and is known for its quiet environs amidst the alpine forests of Deodar, Rhododendron and Oak. Till some years' back the place did not have enough electricity and hence by night, one had to be indoors.

You can get fresh & pure mineral water coming from natural springs that surround the area. The town is famous for its potato farms, one can take a horse ride to the farms and make the experience worth remembering.

If you enjoy being in the lap of mother nature , leaving behind your gadgets like mobile phone, laptops and ipads, you will find this place as most promising. You can also enjoy hot tea and boiled eggs while taking a walk on a cold evening around the place.



#### Patnitop –

**Patnitop** or **Patni Top** is a hilltop tourist location in Udhampur district in Jammu and Kashmir state of India on National Highway. Situated on a plateau in the Shiwalik belt of the Himalayas, Patnitop sits at an altitude of 2,024 m (6,640 ft). The river Chenab flows in close proximity to this location. Enveloped by thickly wooded Cedar/Deodar forests, Patnitop offers amazing scenic beauty, peaceful walks and breathtaking views of the mountainscape of the Chenab basin. In winter, the resort is generally covered with a thick mantle of snow thus providing opportunities for various snow games including skiing. It is the closest winter resort to Jammu and to Udhampur and is second to none in its natural charm, climate, pine forests and lush green cover. It is near the famous shrine of Vaishnodevi. Hence one can combine this holiday with the religious trip to Vaishnodevi temple.



# <u>Naddi</u>

This beautiful hill station is located near Dharamshala, In Himachal Pradesh. It is about 240 km from Chandigarh and can be reached by road, A high point beyond the Dal Lake, Naddi village affords a magnificent view of Dhauladhar mountain range to the north and the vast expanse of lush Kangra valley to the south. Naddi is situated far away from the hustle and bustle of the Macleodganj and provides complete peace of mind. It is surely the best place to spend some quality time amidst the heart of Dhauladhar mountains. At 2,000 meters above the sea level and about two kilometers from Mcleod Ganj, a modern picnic spot is developing fast at Naddi. It is connected with a metalled motor able road. It is the only place in Dharamshala from where an open view of mountains and wide valleys on Dhauladhars southern side can be seen. Tourist can enjoy relaxed vacations in the lap of natural beauty.

Mc leodganj, Dharamshala are the nearby places. The food lovers can explore the Tibet food market which tasty momos, Tingmo, Bakleb (Tibetan style *samosas*) and Thukpas (a meal of soup and noodles). For dessert, there is the delicious Lemon Cheese cake.



Hope theses places have inspired you and you may some time decide to visit them. Happy Travelling  $\textcircled{\sc o}$ 

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