**Bali Pass Trek**

One of the least explored treks in the Indian Himalayan region that connects the Har Ki Dun Valley with Yamunotri, the Bali Pass Trek is a beautiful journey that one should try at least once in a lifetime. Bali Pass, which is set at an elevation of about 4,800 meters and located in the heights of Garhwal Himalayan region, is an exhilarating getaway where from you can capture the majestic trio of Kalanag at 6,387 meters, Bander Punch 6,316 meters and Swargarohini group of peaks at a maximum elevation of 6,252 meters. Further, the trekking tour to Bali Pass that stretches for approximately 7–8 days ranges from an elevation of 1,900 meters to 4,800 meters, passing through the charming bed of Har Ki Dun valley simply recalls the legendary myth of the Pandavas. The trail crossing the Govind National Park, which houses several colourful orchards and species of animals and birds, pens and clicks the trekker’s diary and lenses with enrapturing moments. Another major attraction throughout the trail is the culture that is secluded within the Garhwal Himalayan portraiture. The Bali Pass Trek after crossing the Har Ki Dun valley moves through the Ruinsara Tal and thereafter becomes tricky. Hence the trek to Bali Pass is considered as one of the moderate treks in the Garhwal Himalayan region.

The Bali Pass trek, from Har Ki Dun Valley to Yamunotri via Ruinsara Tal, commences from Sankri, which is approximately 160 kilometers from Mussoorie. From Sankri the trail heads to Taluka at 1,900 meters and thereafter continues the following day towards Osla at 2,559 meters. The trail from Taluka to Osla follows a gradual climb and hence it takes about 6–7 hours to cover a distance of 13 kilometers. From Osla the trek continues and snakes through Har Ki Dun at 3,506 meters and thereafter steps on to Debshu Bugyal at about 3,000 meters. En route through the lush green meadows the route turns to Ruinsara Tal after a gentle climb to an elevation of 3,350 meters. The trail hits the strenuous tracks when you maneuver towards Bali Udiyari at 3,850 meters and climbs up to Bali Pass at 4,800 meters. The Bali Pass Trek thereafter follows a steep descent to Yamunotri at 3,165 meters. Yamunotri is one of the popular Hindu pilgrimage sites and also one of the four sites in the Chota Char Dham pilgrimage circuit. The shrine that is dedicated to Goddess Yamuna is the major attraction.