**Chandrakhani Pass Trek**

**Location:** Himachal Pradesh
**Maximum Alitude:** 3650 M
**Category:** Moderate
**Best time to visit:** Mid June to Early October
**Duration:** 11 Days

One of the popular treks in the Indian Himalayan region that is located in Himachal Pradesh, the Chandrakhani Pass Trek covers a fascinating route with amazing view of Deo Tibba and Pin Parvati range. The journey covers the spectacles of Kullu valley, passing through a rich forest that is a home to several animal and bird species. Further, the trail cutting across small and gushing streams and walking through narrow ridges makes it more adventurous and strenuous. The Chandrakhani Pass Trek, which stretches from an elevation of 2,050 meters to 3,660 meters, despite being one of the moderate and low altitude treks in Himachal Pradesh requires the trekker to get acclimatized to the prevailing conditions. Moreover, the journey also echoes a strange Hindu myth. The legend goes back to a time when Jamlu (the presiding deity of Malana) was carrying a basket containing Gods of Kullu. On the top of the pass when he opened the basket, a very strong wind blew the Gods all over the Kullu valley to their present abodes where people can find them today at their respective temples. Since then the valley is known as the Valley of Gods. The Malana Village is a strong visual of culture in itself where the old traditions are still adhered.

The Chandrakhani Pass Trek commences from Naggar, which is approximately 21 kilometers of drive from Manali. From Naggar the trail heads up to an altitude of 2,700 meters at Ganachalani en route to Rumsu and passing through a thick forest of deodar, pine and chestnut. From Ganachalani the trek turns to Celanti at 3,500 meters, which is 12 kilometers of trail and takes about 5 to 6 hours. The journey then snakes through a crazy and rocky track to Chandrakhani Pass and one can enjoy the magnificent view of the Ghalpo Peaks of Lahaul- Dharamsura at 6,446 meters and Papsura at 6,451 meters and the other high peaks in the upper Tosh valley, while the snow capped ranges of the Himala extend to the head of the Parvati Valley. From the pass the trail to Dadru remains about 100 meters below the ridgeline for a further 2-3 kms. It descends to the meadow at Nagarvani, which is at an elevation of 3,350 meters. From Dadru the trek moves down to Malana at 2,650 meters and thereafter descend to the valley floor at Jari that lies at an altitude of 1,520 meters. From Jari the Chandrakhani Pass trekking tour wheels and leads to Manali.

**Itinerary:**

Day 01): Arrive Delhi

Day 02): Delhi - Manali (525 kms/12 - 14 hrs)

Day 04): Manali - Naggar - Rumsu - Ganachalani (2700 mts/8856 ft) (15 kms/ 5-6 hrs)

Day 05): Ganachalani - Celanti (3500 mts/11480 ft) (12 kms/4-5 hrs)

Day 06): Celanti - Chandrakhani Pass (3650 mts/11972 ft) - Dadru (3000 mts/9840 ft) (15 kms/6 hrs)

Day 07): Dadru - Malana (2650 mts/8692 ft) (8 kms/ 2-3 hrs)

Day 08): Malana - Jari (1520 mts/4986 ft) (20 kms/ 4-5 hrs)

Day 09): Jari - Manali (6 hrs drive)

Day 10): Manali - Delhi (525 kms/12-14 hrs)

Day 11): Delhi