# Complete Darma Valley Trek Guide - Distance-wise

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## **■■** TREK OVERVIEW

Total Distance 90 km / 84.8 miles

Trek Duration 7–9 Days (Typical Route)
Difficulty Level Moderate to Challenging

Best Season June to October
Starting Point Dharchula (915m)

Highest Point Panchachuli Base Camp (~4200m)

Region Kumaon, Uttarakhand

#### **■ HOW TO REACH DARMA VALLEY**

**From Delhi:** 500 km via Haldwani  $\rightarrow$  Almora  $\rightarrow$  Dharchula. 12–14 hours by road.

From Kathgodam (Rail): 206 km to Dharchula. 8 hours.
From Pantnagar (Air): 240 km to Dharchula. 8–10 hours.

Dharchula to Sobla: 40 km, 2–3 hours by Jeep. 4WD essential.

#### **■ DETAILED TREK ITINERARY**

Day	Route	Distance	Altitude	Notes
1	$Dharchula \to Sobla$	40 km (by Jeep)	$915\text{m} \rightarrow 1670\text{m}$	Jeep ride on mountain roads
2	Sobla → Dar Village	5 km	1670m → 2134m	Moderate trek, forest trail
3	Dar → Sela	12 km	2134m → 2438m	Deodar forests
4	Sela → Nagling	6–8 km	2438m → 2743m	n Meadows, tributaries
5	Nagling → Duktu	11–12 km	2743m → ~3200	mAlpine meadows, glacier views
6	Duktu → Base Camp → Duktu	8 km (RT)	3200m → 4200m	Challenging glacier terrain
7	Duktu → Nagling	11 km	3200m → 2743m	n Descent
8	Nagling → Sela	6–8 km	2743m → 2438m	n Easy downhill
9	Sela → Dar Village	12 km	2438m → 2134m	n Easy downhill
10	$Dar \to Sobla \to Dharchula$	5 km + 40 km	-	Return trek and jeep ride

# **ALTERNATIVE ROUTE OPTIONS**

# **Short Trek Option (5–6 Days):**

- Day 1: Sobla  $\rightarrow$  Sela (17 km)
- Day 2: Sela  $\rightarrow$  Duktu (14 km)
- Day 3: Duktu  $\rightarrow$  Base Camp & Return (8 km)
- Day 4: Duktu  $\rightarrow$  Dar (18 km)
- Day 5: Dar → Sobla (5 km)

# Extended Trek Option (12-14 Days):

- Includes exploration of side valleys
- Kali Temple trek, buffer days
- Extra days for photography and rest