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Hymns of the Ganga

Haridwar, Rishikesh

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6 days, following the river upstream.

Arrival

Begin where the Ganga reaches the plains, with the river at your doorstep and a private ghat waiting at dusk.

Day 1

Devotion

Rise above Haridwar to its hill temples, then follow the lamps to Har Ki Pauri as evening gathers.

Day 2

Wilderness

Enter the Chilla range before the heat, where elephants, tigers and leopards keep to the forest.

Day 3

Threshold

Follow the river into Rishikesh, through ashrams, ghats and the quieter disciplines of practice.

Day 4

Source

Reach the place where the Bhagirathi and Alaknanda meet, and the Ganga takes its name.

Day 5

Release

Return to the river for one last aarti, before the road carries you home.

Day 6

Haridwar Arrival

Where the river arrives

The Ganga reaches Haridwar as a river from the hills, meeting the plains for the first time. Pilibhit House sits close to that meeting, with the river unfolding below. Arrive slowly. Pahari tea, a bhajan, the evening light changing over the water. Then lamps gather on the private ghat as dusk settles in. The first evening begins beside the river, with Raman Iyer opening the journey and Yog Guru Surakshit Goswami offering a quiet meditation.



1:30 pm

Lunch

Overlooking the Ganga.

6:00 pm

Ganga Aarti

At the Pilibhit House private ghat, timing shifts with the river.

8:15 pm

Dinner

Four-course dinner at The Terrace.

Haridwar Devotion

What the river remembers

Mansa Devi and Chandi Devi sit above the town, reached by cable car. Across the river, Daksh Mahadev carries the story of Daksha's yagna and Sati. By evening, the steps of Har Ki Pauri begin to fill. Stand at Brahma Kund with reserved access and an accompanying pandit, listening to the meaning behind the offerings as the lamps move across the water. Haridwar reveals itself slowly, through the stories held within its rituals.



- 7:15 am

Temple Circuit

Mansa Devi, Chandi Devi and Daksh Mahadev by cable car.
- 5:45 pm

Har Ki Pauri Aarti

Reserved access with an accompanying pandit.
- 8:00 pm

Dinner

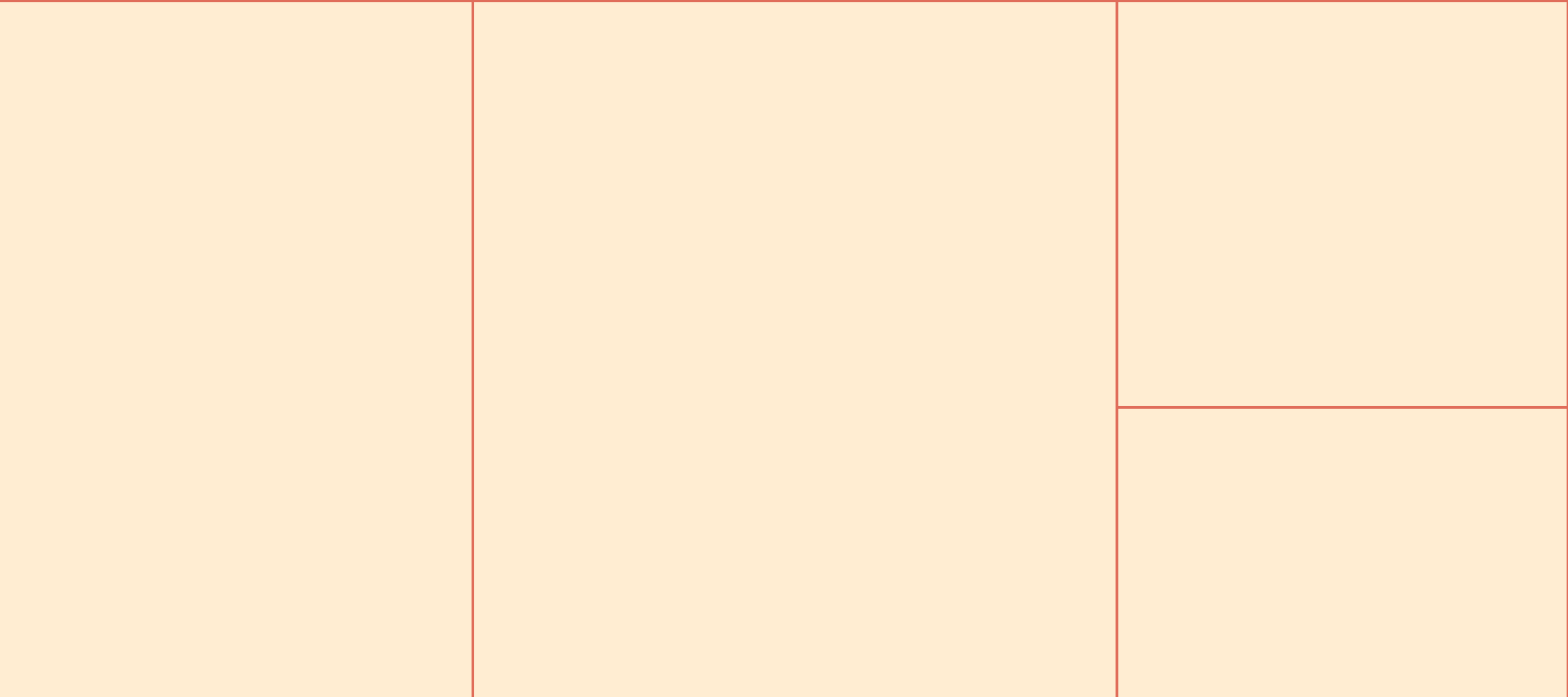
Shekhawati cuisine at Hari Ganga Niwas.

Day 03 Stay: Pilibhit House

Rajaji Safari

Where the forest keeps its secrets

Chilla wakes before the heat does. Set out by open jeep into Rajaji National Park, where elephants move through the forest and tigers and leopards remain elusive. For three to four hours, the morning belongs to the sounds and movements of the wild. Later, return to the river and a satvik table at the Dining Room. Some mornings leave you with photographs. Others leave you with glimpses.



- 9:00 am

Rajaji Safari

Open jeep through the Chilla range, three to four hours.
- 1:30 pm

Lunch

At the Dining Room.
- 8:00 pm

Dinner

Satvik thali at the Dining Room.

Rishikesh Threshold

Where practice finds a home

The road from Haridwar to Rishikesh passes through Paramarth Niketan and Gita Bhavan, bringing you into the ashram landscape of the city. Here, the rhythm changes. Yoga, meditation, satsang and the quiet repetition of practices that have travelled through generations. At Anand Kashi, the Ganga becomes part of the landscape around you. By evening, lamps return to the water on the resort's private beach.



11:00 am Paramarth Niketan & Gita Bhavan
Ashram and ghat visit en route to Rishikesh.

1:15 pm Check-in
Anand Kashi by the Ganges, base for two nights.

6:00 pm Ganga Aarti
At the resort's private beach.

Day 05 Stay: Anand Kashi

Devprayag Source

Where the Ganga takes its name

The road begins before sunrise. At Devprayag, the Bhagirathi and Alaknanda arrive as two rivers. At their confluence, they become the Ganga. Spend the morning beside the sangam with Yog Guru Surakshit Goswami, in a private spot held for the journey. The river you have followed for days is suddenly at its beginning.



5:45 am Early Tea
Before departure for Devprayag.

8:00 am Sangam Session
Private spot at the confluence with Yog Guru Surakshit Goswami.

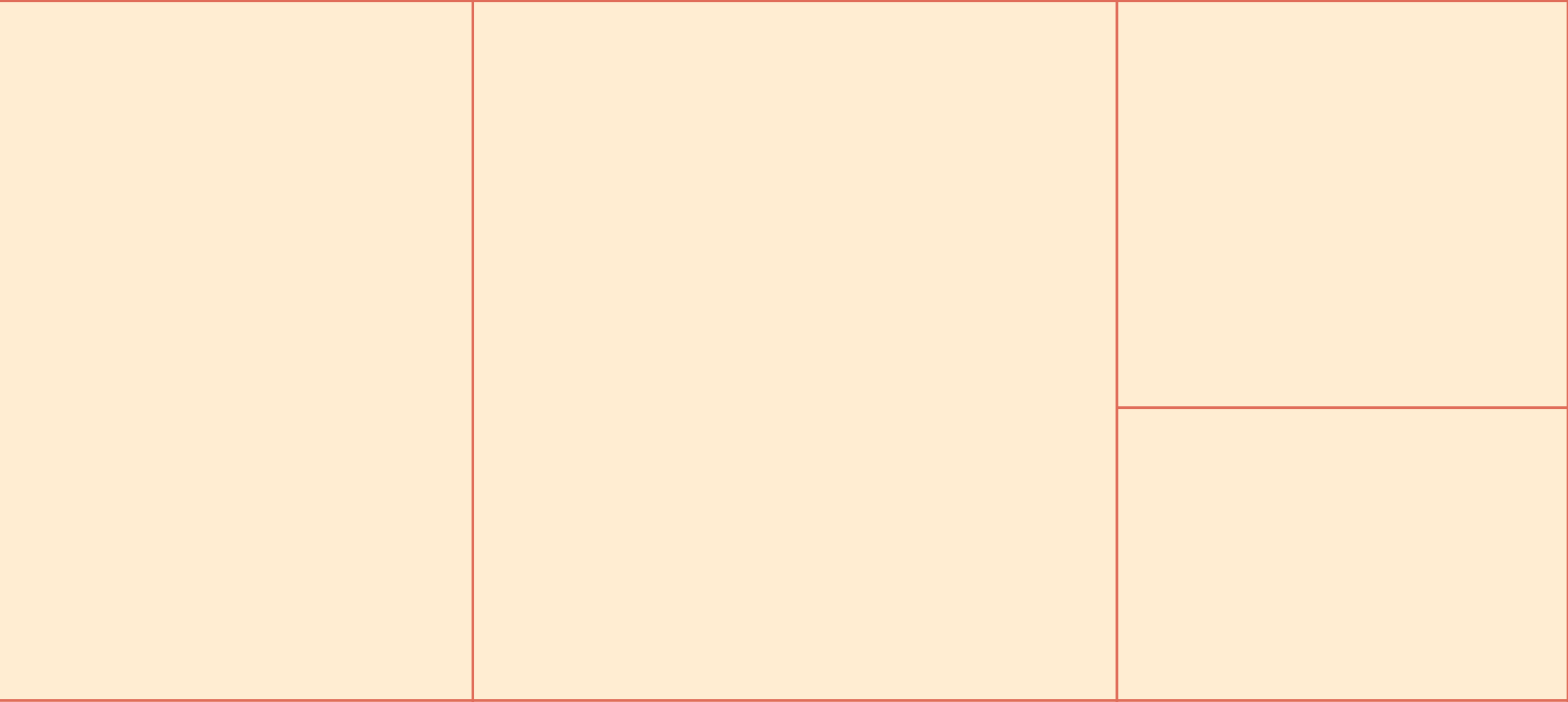
6:00 pm Ganga Aarti
At the resort's private beach.



Rishikesh Release

Let the river linger

The final morning moves gently. Breakfast beside the Ganga, bags gathered, then the road to Dehradun retracing the journey downstream. Six days of temples, forests, ashrams, stories and riverbanks begin to settle into memory. The Ganga continues on. You leave with the feeling of having followed it a little closer to its source.



8:00 am

Breakfast & Check-out

Luggage to vehicles, accounts settled.

9:00 am

Departure Transfer

Anand Kashi to Jolly Grant Airport, about two hours.



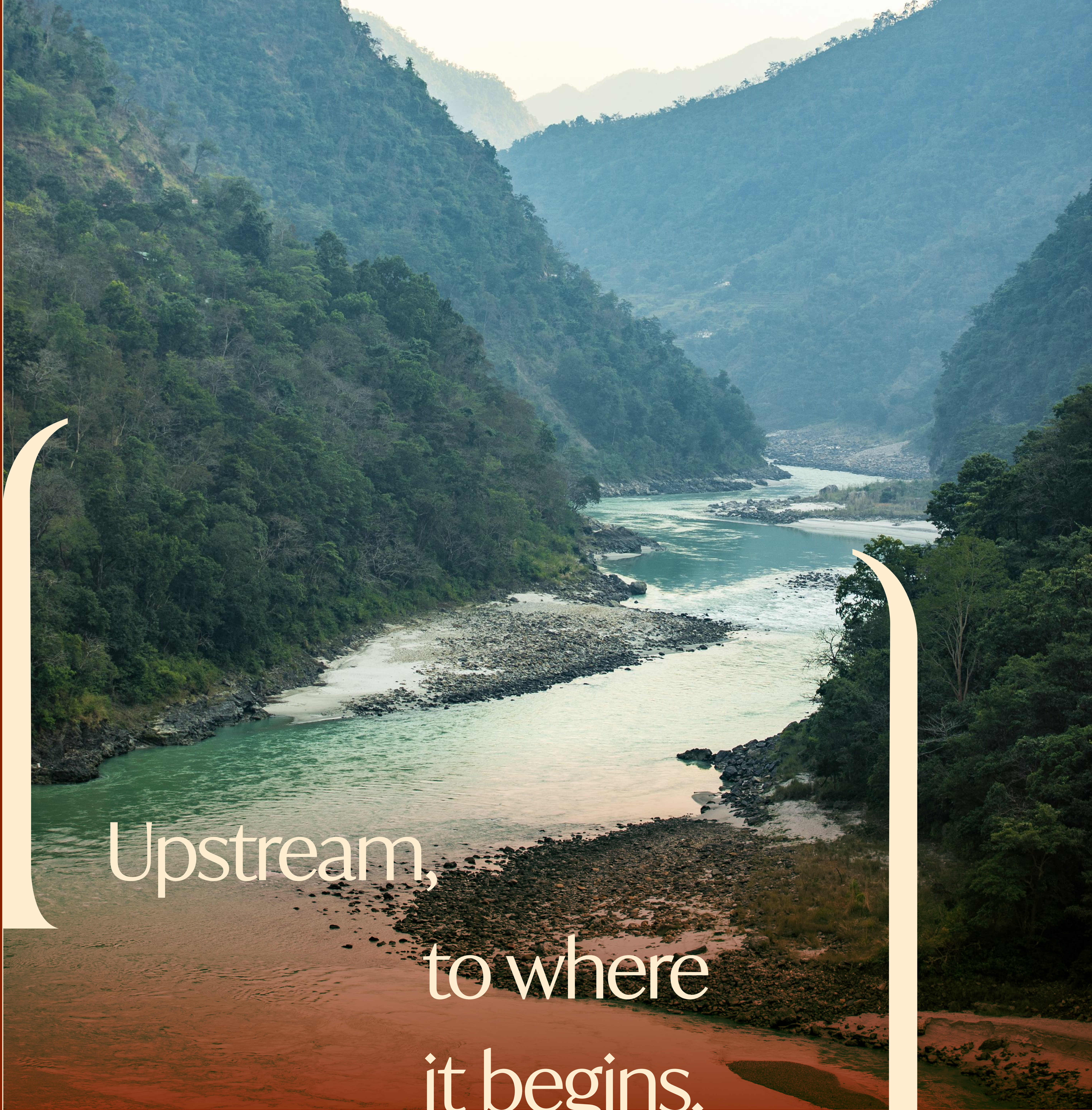
Inclusions

- Five nights across two Taj properties: Pilibhit House, Haridwar (three nights); Anand Kashi by the Ganges, Rishikesh (two nights).
- All meals through the journey
- Airport transfers and all ground transport through the journey, in private chauffeured vehicles
- Reserved access and an accompanying pandit at Har Ki Pauri, plus the private Devprayag sangam.
- Rajaji National Park open jeep safari, permits and guide included.
- Yog Guru Surakshit Goswami and Kathavachak Raman Iyer accompanying throughout, with session venues and AV at both properties.
- Deorhi concierge on the ground for the full journey,

Exclusions

- Flights to and from Dehradun.
- Personal expenses, gratuities and alcohol.
- Spa treatments, in-room dining, travel insurance and anything not named in the itinerary.





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it begins.



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