

TREE OF LIFE
Resorts & Hotels

Grand Oak Manor, Uttarakhand

Resort Highlights

With just 10 charming rooms spread across a 40-acre private estate, surrounded by dense forest greens and snow-clad peaks, Tree of Life Grand Oak Manor offers a timeless escape.
Here, you can finally do everything you've always wished for – sit in silence, finish that long-overdue book, or simply relax with yoga and meditation.
For those with a more active spirit, we offer nature walks and mountain treks.
Choose your pace – we'll take care of the rest.

- **Address**: Tree of Life Grand Oak Manor Binsar Estate, PO Ayarpani, Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary,Distt. Almora, Uttarakhand - 263601

A Brief History

In 1857, British Commissioner Lt. General Sir Henry Ramsay, cousin to Lord Dalhousie (then Viceroy of India), was captivated by the Binsar Estate's charm and made this Manor his personal residence. Over the years, it passed through the hands of three British colonels before being acquired in 1931 by Rai Bahadur Harkishan Lal Sah Gangola, whose family continues to preserve this piece of history.
This Manor has welcomed dignitaries such as the Governor of the United Provinces, Mr. Hallet, and the legendary Indian dancer, Uday Shankar.



Accommodation

- **6 Valley View Hideaway Rooms**
- **4 Mountain View Hideaway Rooms**
- **1 Writer's Room**

Each room (~300 sq. ft.) offers an old-world charm with:

- High-ceiling corridors
- Cozy fireplace armchairs
- Teakwood furniture
- Bright bedspreads
- Porches or balconies with spectacular mountain views

Located on the ground and first floors, all rooms have attached bathrooms with running hot and cold water.The property uses solar power, so electricity may be intermittent at times.Hot water bottles and individual heaters are provided for your comfort.

Note: There are no televisions in the rooms, in keeping with the Manor's tranquil setting.



Dining – Acorn Restaurant

We believe in fresh, home-style meals served with warmth – not buffets. Acorn, our all-day dining space on the first floor, offers Indian, Continental, and traditional Pahaadi cuisine. Menus change daily based on seasonal availability.

Breakfast: 08:00 - 10:00 hrs

Lunch: 12:00 - 14:30 hrs

Dinner: 19:00 - 22:00 hrs

The Grand Oak Terrace

Located on the second floor, this space overlooks the majestic 300-year-old oak tree that inspired our name. Enjoy meals here with some of the most memorable views you'll ever dine to. We also encourage a visit to our organic garden, where we grow fresh vegetables and salads. Milk served at the Manor comes from our own cows.



Facilities

The General's Lounge

Once the Ballroom during the Victorian era, this first-floor space features:

- Warm wooden flooring
- Antique furniture
- A curated collection of black-and-white photographs
- Indoor games
- A long verandah with views of the serene mountains

By The Barn

Built 175 years ago for grain storage, this space is now ideal for soaking in the morning sun or gathering around a crack ling log fire by evening. Enjoy complimentary ginger-honey tea or your beverage of choice.

The Library

Overlooking the lawns, this cozy room with a fireplace is the perfect retreat for readers.

Wild Life & Nature Trails

Binsar is India's only wildlife sanctuary that allows walking across 62 km of marked trails – a rare opportunity for nature lovers to explore on foot.

Popular trails include:

Zero Point, offering a view of Nanda Devi (India's second-highest peak)
Hunting Rock, ideal for early morning birdwatching
Expect to encounter barking deer, wild boars, martens, and rare birds like the Cheer and Koklass pheasants – part of over 200 recorded bird species.

Activities

- Call of the Mountains
- A Day With the Gods
- Kumaoni Cultural Show
- Yoga & Meditation
- Lunch With the Locals
- Village Walk



Getting There

By Road

Delhi – 385 km (approx. 8 hours via NH9)
Kathgodam – 120 km (approx. 4 hours)
Almora – 30 km (approx. 45 minutes)

By Train

Nearest Station: Kathgodam

By Air

Nearest Airport: Pantnagar – 140 km (approx. 4.5 hours)



Sanctuary Entry Requirement:

All guests must register at the Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary gate and pay an entry fee:

- ₹150/person (Indian)
- ₹600/person (Foreigner)
- ₹250/vehicle
- Pass valid for 3 days

Season Note:

The Manor remains closed from 7 July to 15 September each year.

Reservations

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