



## Abbott Mount Cottage

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Abbott Mount, near Lohaghat, Uttarakhand

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### Features

Abbott Mount Cottage is a beautiful hundred-year-old heritage lodge located 165 Km from Kathgodam railway station and 9 Km from Lohaghat in Uttarakhand. Tastefully refurbished keeping the old style intact, this lodge has four rooms with *ensuite* facilities. We have a fully equipped kitchen, ideal for self-cooking but we also offer the services of a cook for your comfort. Surrounded by lovely gardens, this is an ideal relaxing getaway for families and nature lovers. With stunning Himalayan views and resplendent forest cover, this place is excellent for birding and nature treks. This is also an ideal base for anglers who wish to fish the Mahseer at Pancheshwar. Abbott Mount is a lovely stopover *en route* to Pithoragarh & Munsiyari. It is easily accessible from Almora via Jageshwar.

### Nearest Towns

- Champawat: 35 km
- Pithoragarh: 50 km
- Lohaghat: 9 km
- Almora: 120 km
- Jageshwar: 87 km

### How to reach

Google MAP co-ordinates: **29.426708, 80.103942**

[Map photo](#)



To get to Abbott Mount, one can take any of the following options:

- Drive from Nainital via Dhanachuli&Devidhura: 6 hours
- Drive from Ranikhet via Almora: 6 hours
- Air-conditioned trains:  
From Delhi to Kathgodam and the drive via Bhimtal, Dhanachuli&Devidhura: 6 hours.  
From Delhi to Ramnagar and the drive via Nainital, Dhanachuli&Devidhura: 8 hours.
- Drive from Delhi via Moradabad, Rampur, Rudrapur, Khatima, Tanakpur and Lohaghat; Tanakpur to Lohaghat is a 90-km hill drive.
- Upon reaching Lohaghat drive towards Pithoragarh for 6 km & arrive at Marorakhan. Turn towards Abbott Mount, drive 1½ km and take a sharp 'U' turn and drive another ½ km to the lodge. This is the first lodge where the road ends.

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## Best Time to Visit

Situated in the mountains, Abbott Mount can be visited anytime. Summers are cool, winters get quite cold and it may snow. The best months are October, November, December, March, April, May & June.

## Non-refundable Tariff (Cancellation not permitted under any condition)

	Per night rate	Maximum Occupancy
1 Room	3500	3 people
2 Rooms	5500	6 people
3 Rooms	7000	8 people
4 Room	8000	10 people

Extra person charges Rs. 750

### Note:

- This cottage proves to be economical for guests staying for minimum 3 days or longer.
- Meals are not included in the price. The guests may get their own provisions & supplies to food.
- The care takers will help in housekeeping.
- The kitchen is equipped with cooking and dining utensils. Should you wish to hire a cook, the charges are Rs. 600 a day (to be paid directly to him).
- We have limited stock of water. In the absence of water supply the guests will have to pay for the water tanker to replenish the tanks for their usage. The cost of 3000 liters of water is about Rs. 3000.
- The hot water is supplied in buckets due to scarcity of water. We have solar and geyser supply to the tap.
- The non-refundable tariff cannot be paid in parts, 100% payment will have to be made in advance at the time of making a reservation.
- Should you wish to prolong your stay, you will have to make the balance payment at the lodge in cash.

### Terms and Conditions for all tariffs

- All tariffs are in Indian currency and are inclusive of all taxes.
- Validity: till Sep. 30, 2019
- Rates are subject to change without any prior notice.
- To and Fro transportation can be arranged at an extra cost.

### Payments

An advance of 100% is required. All payments to be made in favor of Mr. Munish Mehra payable at Jaipur. #  
Bank: Kotak Mahindra Bank, Branch: Sardar Patel Marg, Jaipur  
Account Name: Munish Mehra  
Account No: 9011891904  
IFSC Code: KKBK0000271



## Things to do

### Heritage Architecture

This historic hamlet of Abbott Mount is situated at an altitude of about 6500 ft above sea level in the eastern part of the Kumaon Hills near the small town of Lohaghat in Champavat District. Abbott Mount was founded by and named after Mr. John Harold Abbott. An English businessman who wanted to start a hill station for the European community at the turn of the 20th century. Unlike many Indian hill stations Abbott Mount has changed little since its inception. There are only thirteen secluded cottages spread over this private hill. There is a picturesque church set amidst the forest and an old cricket pitch with an unsurpassed view of the mountains.

### Mayavati Ashram

Visit Mayavati Ashram, the headquarters of Adwait Ashram, it was sanctified by Swami Vivekanand and is also known for its charming surroundings and architecture. Check timings before you go.

### Fishing in Pancheshwar

This is area is the best for Mahseer angling. Please visit the page <http://www.abbottmountcottage.com/mahaseer-fishing.html>

### Bird Watching

More than 200 species of birds have been recorded in the area. One can have excellent birding opportunities in the lodge itself. Besides, there are numerous circular walks through the terrace fields into wooded oak and pine forest which are extremely rewarding. Please visit [www.junglelore.com](http://www.junglelore.com) or write to us for a complete birding tour.

### River Rafting on Saryu

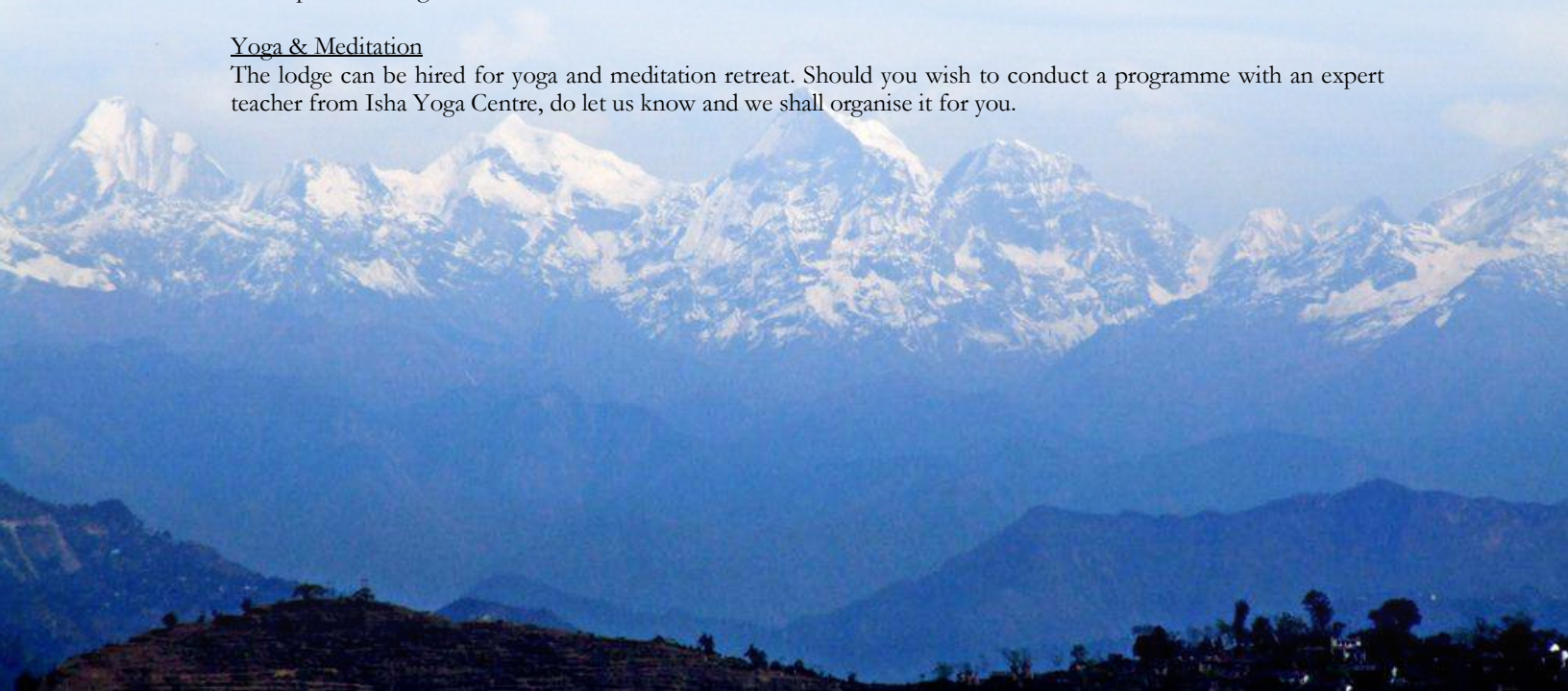
River Rafting trip of 25 km can be arranged on prior notice.

### Banasur Fort

Kotalgarh, 6 km away from Lohaghat is fabled to have been the strong-hold of the arrow-demon Bana Asura (Banasur) Daitya, the son of Mahabali, who fought with Vishnu and his Suras and prevailed not though the conflict was long and doubtful. No sooner was a Daitya slain, and his blood poured on the ground, then it produced a hundred others, so that the greater the slaughter of the enemies, the further were the gods from victory. In this difficulty, Mahakali was created, like Pandora, by general donations from the celestials, and by her were the giants at length exterminated. Among those who fell by her hand was Kottavi, the mother of Banasur, who, with a coat of mail over her bust, and naked from the waist downwards, fought like an amazon on the battlements, which are said to derive their name from her exploits and appearance, Kotulgarh being interpreted by “the fortress, the abode of the naked woman.” The learned Pandits of Kumaon, affirm that Sui is no other than Sonitpur, “the red city”, of the Puranas, the abode of Banasur. The peculiarities of the soil at and around Lohaghat explain the mystery. On removing the sod, in some places a blue, but far more generally a deep-red ferruginous clay is found to form the soil, and to this the people appeal as ocular demonstration of the legend: it owes its colour to nothing else than the blood of the giants. During the rainy season, the Lahu or “blood” river is similarly discoloured, and hence the name of the place”-Lohaghat.

### Yoga & Meditation

The lodge can be hired for yoga and meditation retreat. Should you wish to conduct a programme with an expert teacher from Isha Yoga Centre, do let us know and we shall organise it for you.



## The Dining Room & Kitchen

Dining Room in the cottage on the ground floor. Please get your own food supplies and the cook can make it for you or you may wish to use the kitchen for self-cooking.

We do not stock beverages at the lodge; the clients may get their own.  
Alcohol is not served at the lodge; the clients may get their own.

We discourage the use of pre-packaged food items and bottled water as it adds to pollution and is additional cost for us to carry it all the way back to Haldwani for proper disposal. The guests may get their own food items as per their preference and are requested to take away as much non-biodegradable material with them. We serve filtered water that is safe to drink.

## Accommodation

Each room has a double bed with linen, fresh towels and warm blankets / duvets. Heaters are provided in cold weather.

Accommodation in the cottage on the first floor: 2 bedrooms with attached toilets. Hot water is supplied in buckets. Each room has a twin bed with fresh linen and warm blankets / duvets. One of the two rooms, has a small room for children too.

Accommodation in the cottage on the ground floor: 2 bedrooms with attached toilets. Hot water is supplied in buckets. Each room has a twin bed with fresh linen and warm blankets / duvets. The rooms do not have the garden view.

We encourage you to think about the environment and try to re-use towels & linen. Please place them in the basket if you want them replaced.

## Other Notes

- It can sometimes be quite chilly outdoors at night, even in summer, so do dress warmly. We expect snow in winter.
- We do not have in-house laundry. Please carry extra clothes.
- The power supply is 220V.
- The power supply in Abbott Mount can be very erratic. The government has a load-shedding system and shuts down supply sometimes. Unfortunately, the timings of load-shedding are not fixed, power supply may disappear in the mornings on some days, and in the afternoon on others.
- As our focus is on developing a nature-centric experience at the lodge, we minimize running generators which cause sound and atmospheric pollution. We usually use emergency lights when there is no electricity.
- We would urge our guests to refrain from smoking in and around the lodge, inside the rooms and in the dining area.
- The smaller mammals, wild animals & birds occasionally do enter and pass through the lodge. Guests are requested not to walk alone at night. Please do not walk barefoot anywhere. If there are unwanted guests in your rooms (insects, geckos, etc.) please alert our staff who will remove them.
- We advise you to be careful with your valuables.
- Abbott Mount does not have a bank to change foreign currency. The nearest ATM of SBI is in Lohaghat, 9 km away. Please contact our manager for any assistance.
- Lohaghat is the closest town that has a hospital. If you have any medical conditions that we need to be aware of, please inform our manager. We do not have doctors on call.
- Check - out time is 11 am.
- We do not have the facility to charge credit cards at the lodge. We recommend that you carry enough spare cash to pay for any extra expenses that you incur.