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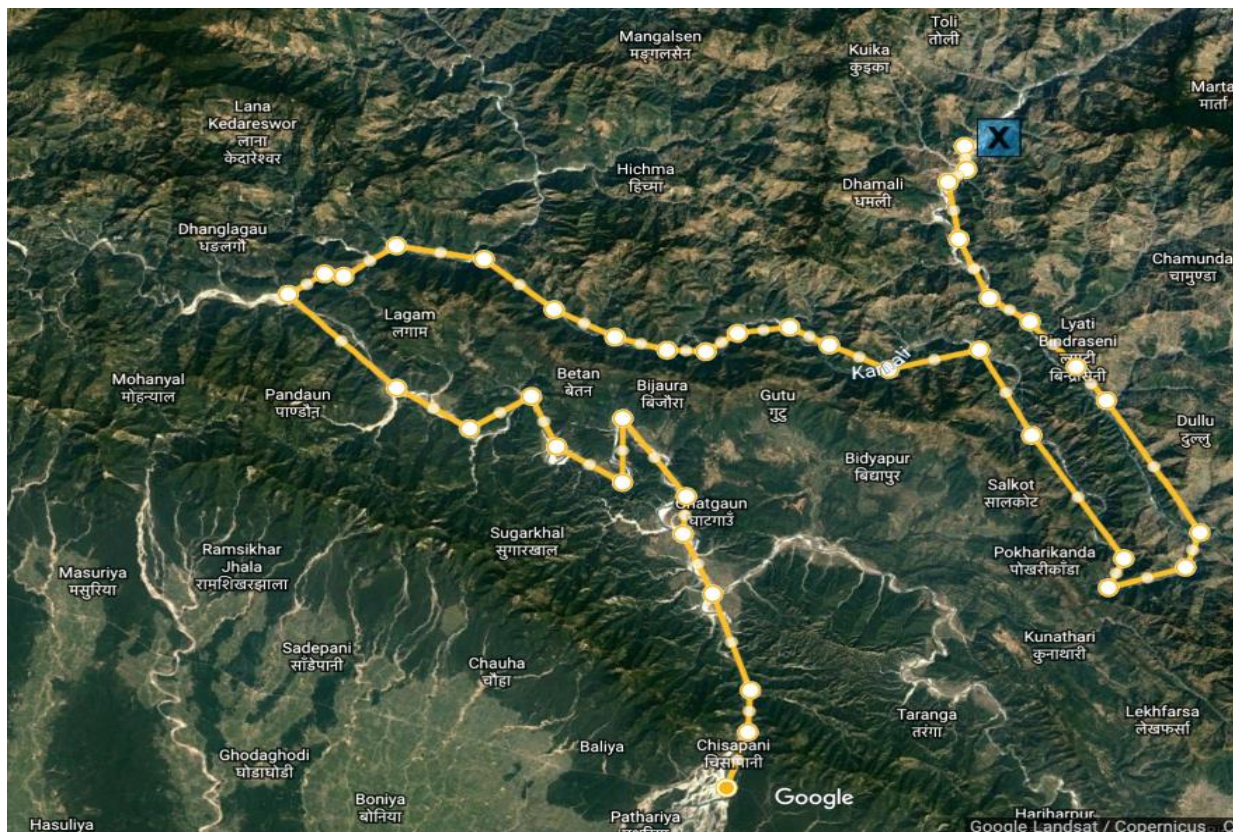


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The Karnali Quest – a raft race, probably the longest downriver race in the world, will be an incredible experience of a lifetime. This will be great opportunity to promote Karnali Province as a destination and showcase our world class river. Karnali, the most pristine Himalayan River, will



not only promote whitewater rafting but will help the entire Karnali province to boost eco-Adventure Tourism in the region.

This will be a staged race. Rakam Karnali, Aathabish Municipality Dailekh District will be the starting point and Daulatpur Ghat, Kailali District will be the ending point of the raft race covering 242 Km (150miles) in total. On each day, the rafts will depart on a fixed time schedule and end at an established camping destination. Official times for each raft to reach their daily destination will be recorded. Rafts will paddle 45-55 km each day and it will take five days to reach the final destination. Cumulative daily times will be tallied to determine the overall winner of the race. Cash prizes will be given for the top three men's division teams and the top mixed class division team.

RACE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Race Distance: 242km** (Rakam Karnali, Dailekh to Daulatpur Ghat, Kailali)
- **6 Camps** (Rakam Karnali, Tallo DUNGESHWOR, Scorpion Beach, Red Rock Canyon, Solta, Daulatpur Ghat)
- **Cultural Activities** in every camp
- **20 Teams Maximum** (15 teams for open men category and 5 teams for mixed category inclusive of mandatory)
- **7 Members Team** (6 Rafters and 1 Kayaker)
- **Entry Fee: US\$ 500.00** per team (Free entry for latest world rafting champion)
- **Cash Prize: US\$ 23000.00** (10k, 5k and 3k for top 3 position for open men and 5k for winner of mixed team)

SCHEDULE

- Arrival of Participants on 24th November 2020 in Rakam Karnali, Dailekh
- Cultural Rituals by Majhi and Badi community on 25th with Ekadashi Pooja on 25th November in Rakam Karnali
- Final Race briefing on 25th at Rakam Karnali Campsite
- Race Starts on 26th November
- Race Finish on 30th November
- **Race Description**
 - **Day 1st Rakam Karnali to Tallo Dhungeshwor, 45.20 Km race distance**
 - **Day 2nd Tallo Dhungeshwor to Scorpion Beach Kollimora, 50.500 Km Race distance**
 - **Day 3rd Scorpion Beach to Red Rock Canyon, 50.10 Km race distance**
 - **Race Day 4: Red Rock Canyon to Solta/Mohanyal Campsite, 46.10 Km race distance**
 - **Race Day 5: Solta Campsite to Daulatpur Ghat Campsite, 50.10 KM**

OTHER MAJOR GUIDELINES

- Every teams must be scout for 20 minutes on major specified rapids.
- 2 kayakers in the top and 2 kayakers in the bottom of the major rapids will be placed by organizers.
- Orienteering (map reading and other activities) may set up in the flat sections in each day for 20 minutes.
- 16-footer raft will be provided for all teams.
- Rafting gears like life jackets, helmet, paddles, dry bag, throw bag, harness must arrange by all team members by their own.
- Organizer will provide drinking water, toilet facilities, food on campsite.

- Personal camping gears must be arranged by teams.
- Lunch must be packed by team members before departure in every day raft.
- Cultural show and program from local communities will be arranged by organizers in every campsite.
- At least 1 swiipe raft will be arranged by organizers.
- Time duration of each team will be recorded in every section.
- Departure of team for race is on the basis of world team ranking for the first day. New team without team ranking will be placed after the world ranking based on registration number.
- Second day departure will be set by the timing of previous day result based on best timing for first departure and so on.
- Departure duration must be 5 minutes for each team from the previous departure.

