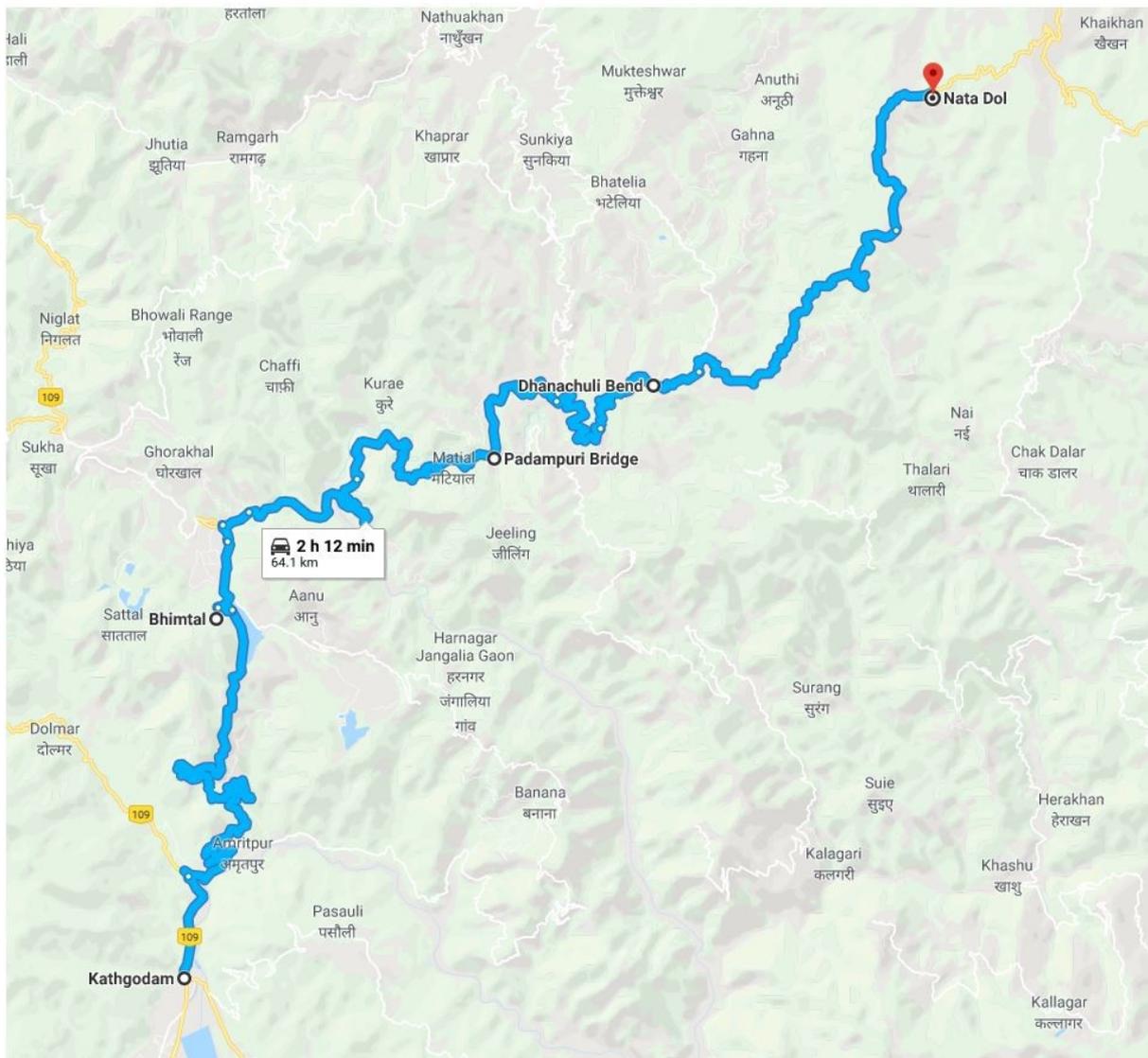


Route 1: (2.5 hours from Haldwani-Kathgodam)

Kathgodam > Bhimtal > **Khutani** (U-turn) > Padampuri > **Dhari** > Dhanachuli > **Dhanachuli Bend** (Front and Up) > Paharpani > **Motiapathar** > Saimgarh/Punagarh (take the left turn here to Natadol)

Cross Bhimtal and travel further on the road to Bhowali. There comes a junction of three roads at a place called Khutani. This junction is famous for its handicrafts store. Take a U-turn here towards the road going up. This road goes to Padampuri. On reaching Padampuri, cross the iron bridge. After a few more kilometers, next town will be Dhari. Keep on going straight. After crossing Dhari and Dhanachuli, there is a junction of four roads called 'Dhanachuli Bend'. This is about 1.7 KM from Dhanachuli and around 26 KM from the U-turn that you took at Khutani. At this bend, proceed to the diagonally opposite road, located on the front and upper part of the junction. This road will pass through Paharpani and Motiapathar. After crossing Motiapathar, there is a small village known by two names - Saimgarh or Punagarh. Take a left turn in this village. This road goes to Natadol village. The turn is located about 15.7 KM from the Dhanachuli Bend. After traveling about 1.5 KM after the turn, on this road to Natadol, you'll reach the cottages.

It takes around two and a half hours to reach the cottages from Haldwani by the shorter route (through Padampuri and Dhari), while driving slowly and comfortably. After all the scenery itself is quite enjoyable.

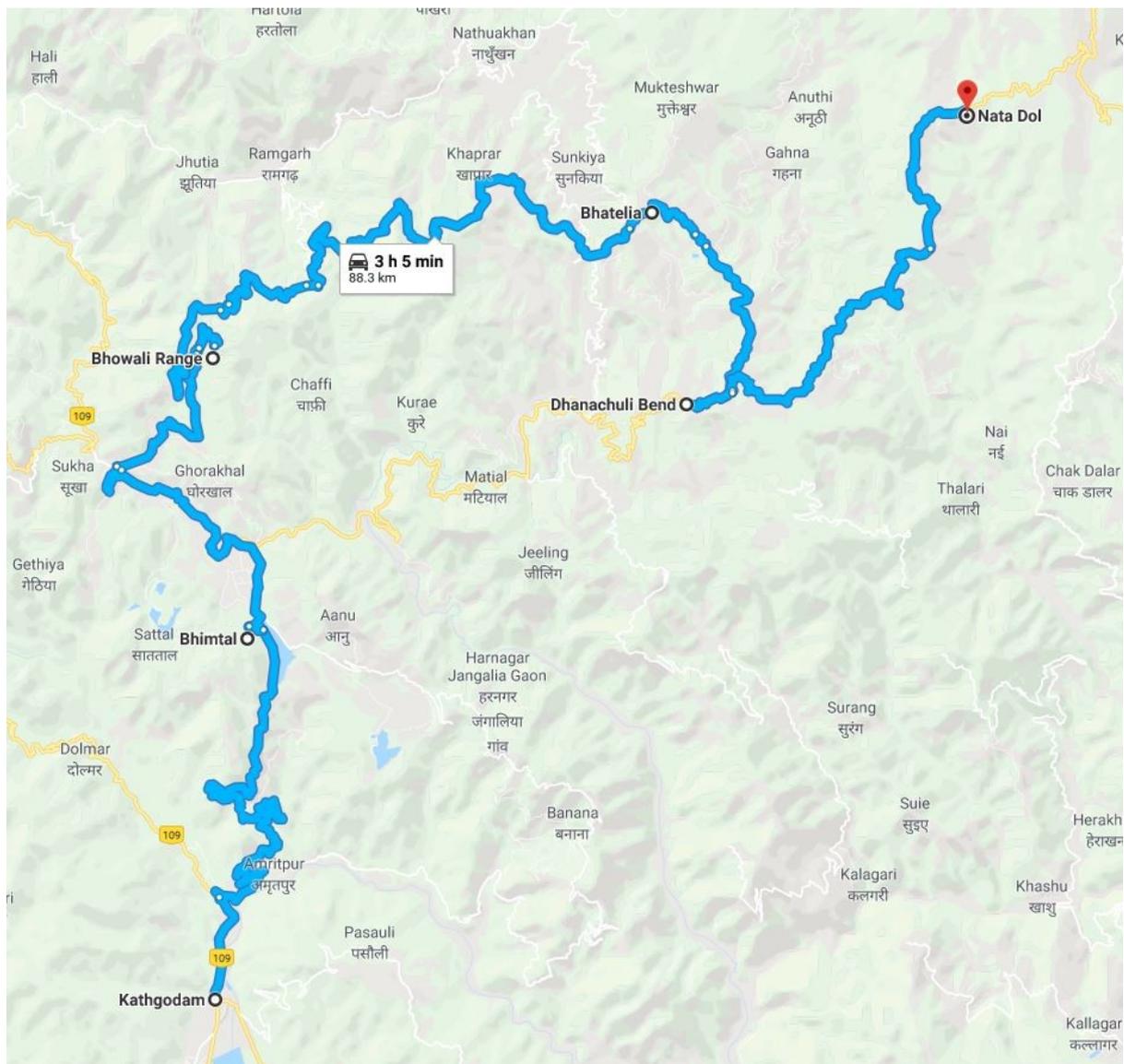


Route 2: (3 hours from Haldwani-Kathgodam)

Kathgodam > Bhimtal > **Bhowali** > Gaagar > **Ramgarh** > Bhatelia > **Dhanachuli Bend** > Paharpani > **Motiapathar** > Saimgarh/Punagarh (take the left turn here to Natadol)

This is a longer route that should be used if the first route is blocked. Contact us before planning on which route to take.

As with the first route, after crossing Bhimtal, proceed towards Bhowali. (Do not take the U-turn at Khutani) On reaching Bhowali, there are two routes to go ahead. First one goes via the famous army school and Golu-Devta temple and joins the main highway for Ramgarh. This road is narrow at places. The other route is through Bhowali itself. This is the highway and so easy to drive. Ask the people there and they will gladly guide you towards Ramgarh from Bhowali via Gaagar. Ramgarh is about 13KM from Bhowali. Proceed straight on to this road to Bhatelia via Ramgarh. At Bhatelia (about 18KM after Ramgarh), take the road on the right side which goes towards Dhanachuli Bend. The one on the left goes to Mukteshwar. On reaching Dhanachuli Bend (about 7 KM from Bhatelia), take a U-turn towards Paharpani. This road will pass through Paharpani. 5 KM from Paharpani is Motiapathar. After crossing Motiapathar, just a little ahead, there is a small village known by two names - Saimgarh or Punagarh. Take a left turn in this village. This road goes to Natadol village. The turn is located about 15.7 KM from the Dhanachuli Bend. After traveling about 1.5 KM on this road to Natadol, you'll reach the cottages.



Route 3: (3 hours from Haldwani-Kathgodam)

Kathgodam > Dolmar > **Jeolikote** > Pilot Baba Ashram > **Bhowali** > Gaagar > **Ramgarh** > Bhatelia > **Dhanachuli Bend** > Paharpani > **Motiapathar** > Saimgarh/Punagarh (take the left turn here to Natadol)

Route 4: (3 hours from Haldwani-Kathgodam)

Kathgodam > Dolmar > **Jeolikote** > Pilot Baba Ashram > **Bhowali** > Drive towards Bhimtal > **Khutani** (much before Bhimtal) > Padampuri > **Dhari** > Dhanachuli > **Dhanachuli Bend** (Front and Up) > Paharpani > **Motiapathar** > Saimgarh/Punagarh (take the left turn here to Natadol)

The Routes 3 and 4 should be considered when there is a traffic jam through Bhimtal (Route 1) or when you are arriving from Nainital. If you are arriving from Nainital, drive to Pilot Baba Ashram and take the route that your navigation shows as shorter among these.

We prefer the Route 1 for regular commute.

Safe Driving

- Drive slow and do not overtake if you can't see the empty road up to a considerable distance.
- On narrow stretches of road, give way to vehicles that are climbing. Seasoned hill drivers tend to park their vehicles wherever the road is a little broad and let the climbing vehicles pass.
- Blowing horn is frowned upon but on blind turns it helps to let the other drivers know that you are approaching the turn. So do honk before taking a blind turn.
- During night time, always lower/dip your headlight, letting the person from the other side see the road.
- While going downhill, let the car roll in whatever gear seems to give you stable speed without too much of braking. A rule of thumb is to use the same gear as you would while climbing on such a road. The engine braking relies on engine which can withstand tough working conditions, whereas brakes can heat up and fail. Never let the car move in neutral or with the engine switched off.
- While climbing up, if you have to stop, use the handbrake when the vehicle has come to halt. It prevents the car from rolling back when you resume your climb.
- When parking on an incline – Engage your hand-brake, put the car in gear, turn the front wheels to an angle facing a wall or climb and use wheel chocks (or small rocks or bricks).

For more instructions and tips related to safe driving, visit this link - <https://cottages.live/2018/04/15/driving-on-the-hills/>

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