

Char Dham Yatra in Himalayas
Yamunotri, Gangotri, Shri Kedarnath & Badrinath
(Duration: 11 Night/12 Days)



There are four Abodes in Himalayas collectively referred as "Chota Char Dham of India" and popular as "CharDham Yatra" which includes four holy shrines of Hindus: Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri. All of these temples are situated within the Garwhal region of Uttarakhand state in North India. Among four Sacred sites Kedarnath is dedicated to Lord Shiva while Badrinath is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. On the other hand, Yamunotri and Gangotri are dedicated to Goddess Ganga and Yamuna rivers respectively. In Hindu religion, the CharDham Yatra has a great importance, and it is considered that every Hindu should do Chardham yatra at least once in a lifetime.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day-01: Dehradun Airport / Haridwar Railway Station – Haridwar – 40km Drive/ 1-2hr

Morning arrival at Dehradun airport/ Haridwar railway station and straight drive towards haridwar Checkin at hotel

Day-02: Haridwar /Mussoorie/ Barkot – Drive – 200 Kms / 7 -8 Hrs

After breakfast drive to Barkot. On the way, stop at Mussoorie

Mussoorie- the Queen of the Mountains, for lunch. Mussoorie is a famous British mountain Resort. In clear weather, the Mussoorie ranges offer views of the valley of Dehradun (the state capital of Uttarakhand) and the snow peaks of the Great Himalayan Range.

The next stop is Hanuman-Chatti, a small village famous for cave temples located near the village. On this day, the road goes along the river Yamuna.

Barkot

Situated at an elevation of 1,220 meters above sea level, Barkot is one of the popular destinations situated in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, located in the higher Himalayan ranges. The district is a part of Garhwal division. The Barkot city is surrounded on the north by the Dehradun district, on the northeast by Tibet, on the east by Chamoli, on the southeast by the Rudraprayag district and on the south by Tehri Garhwal district.

It receives water from two holy rivers, namely Ganga and Yamuna. The Yamunotri Dham is around 50 Km far from Barkot. A large number of devotees stay here on their visit to Yamunotri Dham. From Barkot, one can easily view magnificent peak of Banderpoonch and it is an ideal holidaying and adventure destination for nature lovers and adventurers as the place proffers with many beautiful apple orchards, ravishing landscapes, scenic views and trekking excursions.

Overnight stay at Barkot.

Day-03: Barkot / Yamunotri /Barkot – 50 Kms / Drive & 6 Kms Trek /One Way

After breakfast, drive to Janki-chatti (“chatti” - stop on the way of pilgrims) by jeep. Here begins the track for Yamunotri Temple, which is 6 kms per side, you have an option to either walk or hire Pony or by Doli at your own cost. A winding mountain trail leads to Yamunotri, the source of the river Yamuna and the dwelling place of the goddess of the same name. The Yamuna River is the second largest after the Ganges in India.



In Yamunotri, you can take part in worship in the temple. You can walk along the trail, or ride a pony (for an additional fee). Visit the temple and the sacred thermal springs. The most famous thermal lake is named after the sun god - Surya Kund. Overnight stay at Barkot.

Day-04: Barkot - Uttarkashi – Drive 80 Kms / 2-3 Hrs

After Breakfast, Check out from the Hotel, & leave for Uttarkashi, Check in at Hotel. Later visit the famous Kashi Vishwanath temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. According to legend, the first temple on this site was founded by Parashurama. Overnight stay at Uttarakashi.



Day-05: Uttarkashi – Gangotri- Uttarkashi - Drive 100 Kms / 3-4 Hrs. per Side

This Morning after breakfast, Proceed for Gangotri, on the way, explore the Harshil valley and the hot springs in Ganganani. Geographically, the most sacred river of the Ganges of the Indians begins where the three sacred mountain streams merge - Alaknanda, Mandakini and Bhagirath. They all originate in the glaciers of the Garhwal Himalayas. This place is called “Gomukh” (cow face). 19 km from Gomukha downstream is the village of Gangotri, where the statue of Ganga Devi lives in the temple. Gangotri is located in the area of cedar forests. This uniquely beautiful place is of paramount importance and holiness for Hindus. Pilgrims come here from all over the country.

(HOLY DIP IS MAIN SIGNIFICATION OF THIS PLACE)



Gangotri: The shrine of Gangotri is situated at an elevation of 3200 m surrounded by deodars and pines. The original temple was constructed by the Gorkha General Amar Singh Thapa. Every year people from all around the world visit this shrine. A number of ashrams and dharamshalas are located on the other side of the river. It is believed that Raja Bhagirath used to worship Shiva on a slab of rock "Bhagirath Shila" situated near the temple. Submerged in the river there is a natural Shivling where, according to mythology, Lord Shiva sat when he received the Goddess Ganga in his matted locks. A days trek takes one to Gomukh, the source of the mighty Ganges. Overnight stay at Uttarakashi.



Day-06: Uttarkashi – Guptkashi - Drive 200 Kms / 7-8 Hrs

After Breakfast at the hotel, Drive to Guptakashi, On Arrive Check in at Hotel / Camp.

Guptakashi (“hidden Kashi”) - a temple city with beautiful views of the snowy peaks, located in the Garhwal Himalayas, is one of the most important and beautiful centers of pilgrimage. It is believed that the Pandavas after the Battle of Kuruksetra, described in the Mahabharata, wanted to atone for Shiva for fratricide. He wanted to avoid meeting them at Kashi and went to Guptakashi in the form of a bull, Nandi. Bhima exposed the deity, and the brothers tried to grab the bull by the tail and paws, but he disappeared into the cave to return to five different forms of Shiva. This disappearance gave the name of the city. Overnight stay at Guptkashi.

Day 07: Guptkashi - Kedarnath (By Trek 18 Kms Per Side) Or By Helicopter

By Trek

Early morning, Drive to Sonprayag Parking then cover 02 kms to Gaurikund (Starting point for Trek) by using Local Transport & Trek to Kedarnath.

By Helicopter

Early morning at 6:30 report to helipad, Fly to Kedarnath, Check in at Hotel.

Later visit Temple for performing pooja and Darshan. An overnight stay at Kedarnath



Kedarnath Temple The 1000 years old temple with a carved exterior is located in a courtyard protected by Nandi bull. This spot has great significance in the legendary Mahabharata epic. Inside the main sanctum is one of the 12 naturally formed 'Jyotirlingas' of India. The temple has carved shapes of the Pandavas and Lord Shiva.

Day 08: Down Trek / Helicopter / Guptkashi (18 Kms per Side)

Morning Darshan, Later check out & down trek to Gaurikund & Later drive to Guptkashi, Check in at Hotel & overnight stay.

Early morning at 6:30 report to helipad & fly down to Guptkashi and later you will be transfer to hotel. An overnight stay at Guptkashi

Day-09: Guptkashi - Badrinath - Drive - 170 Kms / 7-8 Hrs

After breakfast, transfer to Badrinath. On Arrive Check in at Hotel.

Badrinath is a village located at an altitude of 3133 m, protected by the mountains of Nara and Narayana on the bank of the Alakananda River. The place of appearance and the abode of Nara-Narayana, which, along with Gangotri, Yamunotri and Kedarnath, is revered as one of the four Garvale shrines.



The name of the temple "Badrinath" is associated with the ancient tradition, according to which, Lord Vishnu performed austerity in this place. In order to save her husband from the scorching rays of the sun, the goddess Lakshmi took the form of a tree of Vishala-Badari (Great Fig tree), hiding the god under the shade of the branches. Satisfied with the devotion of a consort, Lord Vishnu said that from now on this place would bear her name. The gates of the temple are open only six months a year. This is due to extreme weather conditions in the Himalayas. At the entrance to the temple are the sacred hot springs. Those interested can visit the village of Manna - located on the Indo-Tibetan border and Vasudhara Falls
Overnight stay at the hotel in Badrinath. Overnight stay at Badrinath

Day- 10: Badrinath /Karanprayag /Rishikesh - Drive - 280kms / 8-9hrs

After bath in the Tapt kund visit & Darshan of Badrivishal. Later drive to Rishikesh
An overnight stay at Rishikesh.

Day-11: Rishikesh - Dehradun Airport/ Haridwar Railway Station (30 Km / 1 Hrs)

After breakfast check out and proceed for Dehradun airport/ Haridwar railway station for drop.

Yatra Complete with Blessings & Unforgettable memories!!!

PACKAGE COST BASED ON

Package cost with Medium car - If 02 pax traveling together cost will be Rs.59, 900/- per person.

Package cost with Ac Innova car - If 04 pax traveling together cost will be Rs.51900/- per person

Package cost with Ac Innova car - If 06 pax traveling together cost will be Rs.45900/- per person

Package cost with Tempo Traveler - If 08 pax traveling together cost will be Rs.49900/- per person

Package cost with Tempo Traveler - If 10 pax traveling together cost will be Rs.40800/- per person

Note - GST will be 5 % Extra for Invoice & Given Rate are Non- Commissionable.

HOTEL USE:

Destinations	Hotels	Room Category	Total Night
Haridwar	CrystalGanga Height/Similar	Deluxe room	01
Barkot	Advanta /Similar	Camp	02
Uttarkashi	Leela palace/Similar	Deluxe room	02
Guptkashi	Camp niravana /Similar	Camp	02
Kedarnath	Pink city/ Similar	Normal room	01

Badrinath	Narayana Palace /Similar	Deluxe Room	01
Rishikesh	Shivansh green/Similar	Deluxe Room	01
TOTAL NIGHTS - 10			

(PACKAGE INCLUDES)

- ❖ Covering All Major Temples. like Badrinath Kedarnath Yamunotri and Gangotri with uttarkashi and Gupatakashi
- ❖ Transport Service **by Medium car / Ac Innova / Tempo Traveler** Dehradun airport/ Haridwar Railway station to Dehradun airport/ Haridwar railway station
- ❖ Toll tax and parking
- ❖ Driver Allowance
- ❖ Accommodation on Double room and in kedarnath will be on triple / Quad sharing with Proper Sanitized
- ❖ Daily Delicious Breakfast at Hotel
- ❖ Stay of 10 nights
- ❖ Sanitized vehicles with best chauffeur.
- ❖ Accommodation in proper sanitized Hotel & Camp.

(PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDES)

- ❖ Air fare / train fare cost extra
- ❖ Special VIP Darshan at all holy shrines
- ❖ Helicopter / Shuttle service ticket for Kedarnath ji
- ❖ Expenses of personal nature such as tips, telephone calls, laundry, liquor etc
- ❖ Pony/Mule/Porterage cost during trekking
- ❖ Any Guide and Rep service
- ❖ Any Monuments /Entrance fees during sightseeing
- ❖ Any Travel or Medical Insurance
- ❖ Expense incurred due to bad weather condition, road closes, landslides etc
- ❖ Any up gradation in Airline class or hotel room category
- ❖ Any extra expense such as route change, Date change, Accommodation facilities, etc incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable forced majeure circumstances during the tour.
- ❖ Any other item not specified in 'Tour includes'

Important Information for Char Dham Yatra: -

- Due to the holy land (Uttarakhand), NON-VEGETARIAN FOOD is strictly NOT allowed. The meals served during the tour will be purely vegetarian.
- Trek only for Kedarnath (18 kms Perside) & Yamunoti (6 kms Per side) by Trek / Pony & Helicopter only for Kedarnath & VIP Darshan is Mandatory for same day return.
- Local Transport is required for Kedarnath Trek from Sonprayag to Gorikund .
- Transports will go till Badrinath & Gangotri Temples with little walking distance.

- Biometric of the Passenger is necessary for Char Dham Yatra by Government as Free of Cost at several Places like Haridwar, Rishikesh, Barkot, Phata, Govindghat ect.
- Require heavy Woolen Cloths & Raincoat for mainly Kedarnath visit or stay.

Things to Carry:-

- Sunglass, moisturizer or sun screen cream.
- Heavy & light woolen clothing and wind sheeter jacket & raincoat
- Hand gloves, cap (woolen and sun cap)
- Personal medical kit
- Umbrella and small hand bag