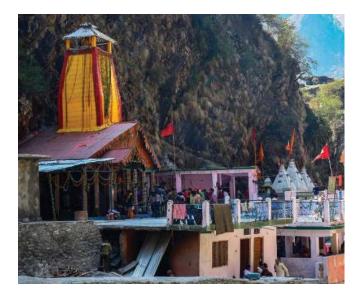


### CHARDHAM YATRA

## 9 nights -10 days











# **ITINERARY:**

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique tour of Pilgrim Sights and Scenic Beauty of Uttaranchal
- Covers 4 dhams of the Uttarakhand region Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunotri and Gangotri
- Also covers Uttaranchal's other major sightseeing like Rishikesh
- Gear up for Kedarnath and Badrinath Darshan
- Trek to Gangotri and Yamunotri
- Cherish the view of marvelous Kempty Fall
- Savour a sojourn in a beautiful town called Uttarkashi

#### Day 01 - DEHRADUN - BARKOT/KARSALI (125 KM: 4 TO 5 HRS/170 KM: 6 TO 7 HRS)

This morning arrival at Dehradun & depart Barkot via Dehradun & Mussoorie. En-route visit Kempty Fall and enjoy the beauty of Himalayas.On arrival at Barkot, check-in to your hotel/camp. Rest of the day is free to relax and store your energy for the Pahad (hill) Yatra of Yamunotri the next day. Dinner and Overnight stay at Barkot.

#### Day 02 - BARKOT/KHARSALI – YAMUNOTRI (45 KM: 2 HRS + 5 KM START TREK/ 5 KM START TREK) – BARKOT/KHARSALI (5 KM START TREK + 45 KM: 2 HRS)

After breakfast/packed breakfast, depart at 5/6am for Hanumanchatti (40 Km), Janki Chatti (5 km). Here you will begin the First Pahad Yatra of Yamunotri (5 Km trek). You can hire a Doli or a horse, for your trek (Cost Not Included). The trek passes through lush green valley, a profusion of conifers, rhododendrons, cacti and several species of Himalayan shrubs.

Yamunotri (altitude 3,291 m), the western most shrine of the Char Dhams, is dominated by Banderpunch (6,361 m). Yamunotri is the source of the river Yamuna, the twin sister of Varna, the Lord of Death. Yamuna is also the daughter of Surya the Sun. The actual source of the river originates from Champasar Glacier 1 km a head of the shrine, at an altitude of 4,321 mts. On arrival by afternoon in Yamunotri take holy dip in Yamuna River and perform Pooja, and take the same route back to Barkot, check in at Hotel / Camp. Dinner and Overnight stay at hotel in Barkot.

#### Day 03 - BARKOT/KHARSALI – UTTARKASHI (85 KM: 3 HRS/132 KM: 4 TO 5 HRS)

After breakfast check out from the Barkot hotel and drive to Uttarkashi. On arrival check in into the hotel. Uttarkashi is situated on the banks of river Bhagirathi and is famous for its historical monuments, Temples & Ashrams. Dinner and Overnight stay at Uttarkashi.

#### Day 04 - UTTARKASHI – GANGOTRI (97 KM: 3 TO 4 HRS) – UTTARKASHI (97 KM: 3 TO 4 HRS)

Early After breakfast/packed breakfast and drive to Gangotri. Nestled in the magnificent Garhwal Himalayas, Gangotri is set at an altitude of 3048 mts. Upon arrival at Gangotri take a holy dip in the sacred river Ganges which is also called Bhagirathi at its origin Visit the Gangotri Temple. The 18th century's temple dedicated to Goddess Ganga is located near a sacred stone where King Bhagirathi worshipped Lord Shiva. Ganga is believed to have touched earth at this spot. The temple is an exquisite 20 ft. high structure made of white granite. After performing Pooja Late afternoon drive back to Uttarkashi. Dinner & Overnight stay at Uttarkashi.

#### Day 05 - UTTARKASHI - GUPTKASHI (203 KM / 7 TO 8 HRS)

After early morning breakfast check out from the hotel and drive for Guptkashi. On arrival check in at hotel. Rest of the day free to explore the Guptkashi town. Dinner and Overnight stay in Guptkashi hotel/Camps.

#### Day 06 - GUPTKASHI – SONPRAYAG – KEDARNATH (30 KM + 20 KM TREK)

Early morning after breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Sonprayag. From where, you will start your 20 km trek to Kedarnath. You can hire a Doli or a horse, for your trek (Cost Not Included). Mandakini, one of the main tributaries of the Ganges originates at Kedarnath and flows through Gaurikund. Trudging with you are pilgrims chanting "Jai Bholenath." Sometimes the mist would envelop the mountains and slowly lift away, revealing a shiny blinding-white peak that threatens to rupture the skies. On arrival check in at Govt. Camps/Lodges. Dinner and Overnight at Govt. Camps/Lodges (only basic accommodation is available on sharing basis with only room basis, you can take meal directly).

#### Day 07 - KEDARNATH - SONPRAYAG - GUPTKASHI (20 KM TREK + 30 KM DRIVE)

Early morning you get up before dawn and after taking bath you are at the temple by 4:45 am for the 'Abhishek' to Kedarnath Shiva. Everyone can go inside Garbha Griha and touch the idol. You can also prostrate with your head touching the deity etc. After darshan and puja you come out of the temple and return to the Govt. Camps / Lodges. Later you'll start the return trek of 20 km from Kedarnath to Sonprayag. The vehicles wait for you in Sonprayag Car Parking and you'll drive to your hotel/Camps. Dinner and Overnight at Guptkashi.

#### Day 08 - GUPTKASHI – JOSHIMATH – BADRINATH (200 KM: 7 TO 8 HRS)

This morning, you check out of the hotel and drive to Badrinath via Joshimath. After driving through some wonderful Ghat road you arrive at Badrinath (Must cross Govindghat before 5:30 pm). On arrival check into the hotel. After some rest and refreshments you are all set to go to Badrinath Temple for darshan in the evening. But first you have to go to Tapt Kund (Hot Spring), take bath and then go to the temple. Dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the temple of Shri Badrinath Ji is 15 meters in height, built in the form of a cone with a small cupola of a gilt bull and spire. Later back to hotel. Dinner and Overnight stay at hotel.

#### Day 09 - BADRINATH – JOSHIMATH – BIRAHI/RUDRAPRAYAG/SRINAGAR (92 KM: 3 HRS/165 KM: 5 TO 6 HRS/195 KM: 6 TO 7 HRS)

This morning, go for Badrinath darshan. After darshan return back to hotel, breakfast at hotel and proceed for Badrinath local sightseeing visit Mana Village and Bheem Pul. Afternoon driver back to Rudraprayag via Karanprayag. Rudraprayag is a small pilgrim town on the holy confluence of river Alaknanda and Mandakini. On arrival check in at hotel. Rest of the day free to explore the Rudraprayag town. Dinner and Overnight stay at hotel.

#### Day 10 - BIRAHI/RUDRAPRAYAG/SRINAGAR – RISHIKESH – DEHRADUN (181 KM: 6 TO 7 HRS/165 KM: 5 TO 6 HRS/135 KM: 4 TO 5 HRS)

Early morning, after breakfast, you drive downhill to Rishikesh a spiritual city and the Yoga capital of the world. On reaching Rishikesh you'll do the Rishikesh sightseeing visit Ram Jhula and Laxman Jhula. Evening drive to Dehradun and drop in Dehradun Railway Station/ Airport for your onwards journey.