

CHAR DHAM YATRA

08 Night / 09 Days

Ex-Haridwar

(Full yatra package + Helicopter)



UTTARAKHAND CHAR DHAM

Uttarakhand is referred to as 'Land of the Gods' as it has been a place of worship and pilgrimage from time immemorial. Lord Shiva is the most revered deity in Uttarakhand and one can find many temples and shrines dedicated to him. Many local deities of Uttarakhand allude to Lord Shiva in some form or other.

The Char Dham (literally translated as 'the small four abodes/seats', meaning 'the small circuit of four abodes/seats'), is an important Hindu pilgrimage circuit in the Indian Himalayas. While each of these sites is unique in its own fashion, inclusion in the Char Dham has, over time, caused them to be viewed together in popular imagination and in pilgrimage practice. The Annual Char Dham Yatra restarted in May 2014, after remaining suspended since the outbreak of 2013 Uttarakhand floods. The footfall has now improved due to proactive measures taken by the government of Uttarakhand.

Location:

Located in the Garhwal region of the state of Uttarakhand (formerly the northwestern section of Uttar Pradesh), the circuit consists of four sites-

- ♦ **Yamunotri dham at an altitude of 10,804 ft.**
- ♦ **Gangotri dham at an altitude of 10,200 ft.**
- ♦ **Kedarnath dham at an altitude of 11,755 ft.**
- ♦ **Badrinath dham at an altitude of 10,800 ft.**

Badrinath is also one of the four destinations (with each destination being in different corners of the country) of the longer Char Dham from which the Chota Char Dham likely draws its name.

History

Char Dham of Uttarakhand or Chota Char Dham (small four abodes) is one of the most important Hindu Pilgrimages in India. It comprises of four most holy sites of Uttarakhand, namely – Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri. When and how these places got linked in a pilgrimage circuit together is not known. Each of the places has its own individual and legendary history. But perhaps it is the greatness and mysticism of each site that has qualified them to form a sacred pilgrimage tour. Till 1950s going to the four most sacred sites of Uttarakhand meant embarking on a strenuous journey on foot through the hilly trails. People, like wandering sadhus, and those who could afford to travel with an entourage, were the most likely and regular pilgrims of Chota Char Dham.

After the 1962 Indo-China war, India put massive efforts in building means of better connectivity to and infrastructure at border areas. Now the roads could take one till the nearest points of the holy abodes. This encouraged people from other backgrounds (economic or social) to initiate a tour of Char Dham circuit in Himalayas.

Recent History

Since the 1950, the importance of the Chota Char Dham as both an actual destination and an object of the national Hindu religious imagination has grown considerably. Buoyed by "religious tourism" and by the rise of a conservative Hindu population compelled by sites that speak to the existence of an all-India Hindu culture, the Chota Char Dham has become an important destination for pilgrims from throughout South Asia and the diaspora, particularly Bengalis, Marwaris, Odias, Marathis, Gujaratis, Delhites and people from Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. Today, the circuit receives hundreds of thousands of visitors in an average pilgrimage season, which lasts from approximately April 15 until Diwali (sometime in November). The season is heaviest in the two-month period before the monsoon, which normally comes in late July. After the rains begin, travel to the sites becomes extremely dangerous. Even before the rains begin, safety is a major concern, as extensive road building and heavy traffic have critically destabilized the rocks, making fatal landslides and bus/jeep accidents a regular occurrence. Mortality rates for a season often surpass 200. Some pilgrims also visit the sites after the rains ends and before the sites become impassable due to snow. Although temperatures at the shrines in the early winter months of October and November are inhospitable, it is said that the mountain scenery surrounding the sites is most vivid after the rains have had a chance to moisten the dust of the plains below. The Chota Char Dham was washed away in the recent 2012 Himalayan flash floods. One of the worst flash floods happened in June 2013 and it heavily devastated many parts of the Chota Char Dham, particularly the town of Kedarnath was almost destroyed and with only the Kedarnath ji Temple and a few buildings around remaining intact, albeit partially submerged by rocks and slurry.

Route Direction

By Road (258 km):- Haridwar – Barkot – Rana Chatti – Janki Chatti

By Trek (6 km):- Janki Chatti – Yamunotri – Janki Chatti

By Road (439 km):- Janki Chatti – Barkot – Uttarakashi – Gangotri – Uttarakashi – Guptkashi or Phata or Sirsi

By Helicopter (15 min. ride):- Guptkashi or Phata or Sirsi – Kedarnath

By Road (551 km):- Guptkashi or Phata or Sirsi – Joshimath – Badrinath – Srinagar – Rishikesh / Dehradun

YATRA ITINERARY

Day 1:- Haridwar to Barkot (200 km Drive / 6 hrs. approx.)

Welcome To Uttarakhand Pahad

Barkot is a Hill village located in Yamunotri national highway in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. Barkot is situated at the bank of holy river. Barkot is a town and a nagar palika in Uttarkashi District in the state of Uttarakhand, India. It is located on the banks of the Yamuna River. It's at elevation 4000 ft asl. Barkot is located 48 km from Yamunotri. NH-123 and NH-94 are major highways connecting in Barkot.

Today's schedule:

- Our representative receive you all from Delhi pick up point & start yatra to our first destination Haridwar or Rishikesh.
- To reach in time we should move around 7 a.m.
- Enjoy the route of Pahad during yatra.
- Have luch between journey.
- After reach there, Check into the rooms & acclimatize yourself with Yamuna valley atoshphere.
- You can go to local market for a walk & your personal needs for furthur journey
- Dinner & stay in booked hotel.

Day 2:- Barkot to Yamunotri dham (45 km drive and then 6 km trek)

Yamuntori dham is the source of the Yamuna River and the seat of the Goddess Yamuna in Hinduism. It is situated at an altitude of 3,293 meters (10,804 ft) in the Garhwal Himalayas and located approximately 30 kilometers (19 mi) North of Uttarkashi, the headquarters of the Uttarkashi district in the Garhwal Division of Uttarakhand, India. It is one of the four sites in India's Chota Char Dham pilgrimage. The sacred shrine of Yamunotri, source of the river Yamuna, is the westernmost shrine in the Garhwal Himalayas, perched atop a flank of Bandar Poonch Parvat. The chief attraction at Yamunotri is the temple devoted to the Goddess Yamuna and the holy thermal springs at Janki Chatti (7 km away).

Today's schedule:

- Have breakfast & get ready to move to Yamunotri dham.
- To reach & return in time we should move around 7 a.m from hotel.
- After reach Jankichatti there a short trek of 6 km for Yamunotri dham.
- Have lunch between journey.
- After darshan & pooja, return back to Jankichatti before 2 p.m.
- Later drive back to hotel and rest yourself.
- Dinner & stay in booked hotel.

Day 3:- Barkot to Uttarkashi (81 km drive / 3 hrs. approx.)

Uttarkashi, meaning Kashi of the north, is a town in Uttarakhand, India. It is the district headquarters of Uttarkashi district. Uttarkashi is situated on the banks of river Bhagirathi at an altitude of 1158 m above sea level.

Today's schedule:

- Have breakfast & get ready to move for Uttarkashi, The valley of Kashi & Bhagirathi river
- We will reach there in 3 hrs. approximately & check into the hotel on time.
- After reach there acclimatize yourself and take some rest.
- Later in evening you can go to Kashi Vishwanath temple & local market.
- After darshan & pooja, return back to hotel before 6 p.m.
- Dinner & stay in booked hotel.

Day 4:- Uttarkashi to Gangotri dham (100 km drive / 3 hrs approx)

Gangotri dham is a town and a Nagar Panchayat (municipality) in Uttarkashi district in the state of Uttarakhand, India. It is a Hindu pilgrim town on the banks of the river Bhagirathi and origin of River Ganges. It is on the Greater Himalayan Range, at a height of 3,100 meters (10,200 ft). According to popular Hindu legend, it was here that Goddess Ganga descended when Lord Shiva released the mighty river from the locks of his hair.)

Today's schedule:

- Have breakfast & get ready to move for Gangotri dham. The valley of Bhagirathi himalayas & river.
- Today we will go to Gangotri dham yatra. In between you will see Gagnaani which is natural hot water Kund. Where you can take some time to visit.
- We will reach there in 3 hrs. approximately. So, go for darshan of Maa Ganga & shop from local market.
- Later in evening you can go to Kashi Vishwanath temple & local market.
- After darshan & pooja, return back to hotel before 6 p.m.
- Dinner & stay in booked hotel.

Day 5:- Uttarkashi valley to Guptkashi valley (198 km / 7 hrs approx)

Guptakashi, Gupta Kashi or Guptkashi is a fairly large town located at an elevation of 1,319 metres in the Kedar-khanda, in Garhwal Himalayas of Rudraprayag district in Uttrakhand, India. It is known for its ancient Vishwanath Temple dedicated to the god Shiva, which is similar to the one in Varanasi.

Today's schedule:

- Have breakfast & then we will move to Guptkashi. The valley of Kedar himalays & Mandakini river.
- In between you will see Chirbitiya village from where you can see the 180 degree view of Himalayas. Where you can take some time to visit.
- We will reach there in 7 hrs. approximately.
- Later in evening you can go to another Kashi Vishwanath temple of Guptkashi & can visit local market.
- Dinner & stay in booked hotel.

Day 6:- Guptkashi to Gaurikund to Kedarnath dham via Helicopter (15 min. ride)

Gaurikund is a Hindu pilgrimage site and base camp for trek to Kedarnath Temple, in Uttaranchal, India. It is situated at an altitude of 18,200 feet above mean sea level in the Garhwal Himalayas. It is the second highest lake in the world after Tso Sekuru which is located at the height of 18,284 feet above sea level.

Kēdārñāth Mandir (Kedarnath Temple) is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple, at an height of 3,583 m (11,755 ft). It is on the Garhwal Himalayan range near the Mandakini river in Kedarnath, Uttarakhand in India. Due to extreme weather conditions, the temple is open only between the end of April (Akshaya Tritiya) to Kartik Purnima (the autumn full moon, usually November). During the winters, the vigrahas (deities) from Kedarnath temple are brought to Ukhimath and worshiped there for six months. Lord Shiva is worshiped as Kedarnath, the 'Lord of Kedar Khand', the historical name of the region.

Today's schedule:

- Have breakfast and get ready to go Kedarnath dham by Helicopter
- Today is the day when you feel the real experience Helicopter ride between hills.
- So today wake up early around like 4 a.m. or 5 a.m. because of traffic, We should reach Helipad 1 hr before flying time
- Enjoy & have patience during fly and reach in dham with spiritual bhakti vibes.
- After reach there, go and darshan of Kedarnath temple and get back to Helipad before return flying time.
- Reach Guptkashi or Sitapur before night.
- Dinner & stay in booked hotel.

Day 7:- Guptkashi to Joshimath (145 km drive / 5 hrs approx)

Jyotirmath, also known as Joshimath is a city and a municipal board in Chamoli District in the Indian state of Uttarakhand. Located at a height of 6150 feet, it is gateway to several Himalayan mountain climbing expeditions, trekking trails and pilgrim centres like Badrinath.

Early morning leave for Shri Badrinath Ji. On arrival take the holy Darshan. (If time permit). Evening visit, Byas Gufa, Bheem Pul, Saraswati River.

Today's schedule:

- Have breakfast & then today we will move to Joshimath. The valley of Badri himalayyas & Vishnuprayag sangam.
- In between you will see three prayag named Rudraprayag, Karanprayag and Nandaprayag out of Uttarakhand panch prayag.
- Later in evening you can go to another Narsingh bhagwan temple of Joshimath & can visit local market.
- Dinner & stay in booked hotel.

Day 8:- Joshimath to Badrinath dham (46 km drive / 2 hrs)

Badrinath is a holy town and a nagar panchayat in Chamoli district in the state of Uttarakhand, India and its at elevation of 10,800 ft asl. It is the most important of the four sites in India's Char Dham pilgrimage and gets its name from the temple of Badrinath.

At Morning we move to explore the area of Badrinath:

Tapt Kund: Natural thermal springs on the bank of the river Alaknanda, where it is customary to bathe before entering the Badrinath temple.

Narad Kund: A recess in the river, near Tapt Kund, forming a pool from where the Badrinath idol was recovered.

Mata Murty Temple: Devoted to the mother of Sri Badrinathji. Other important temples include SeshNetra Temple, Urvashi Temple and Charanpaduka.

Mana Village: Inhabited by an Indo-Mongolian tribe, it is the last Indian village before Tibet.

Bhim Pul: On the other side of Mana village, a massive rock forming a natural bridge lies over the roaring Saraswati River. It presents a spectacular view of water thundering down through the narrow passage under the rock and is believed to have been placed there by Bhim, the second eldest among the five Pandava brothers.

Vyas Gufa (cave): Near Mana Village, this is a rock-cave where Ved Vyas is believed to have composed the Mahabharata and the pauranic commentaries. hours to reach there.)

Today's schedule:

- Have breakfast & get ready for the final dham yatra. The valley of Badri himalayas & Alaknanda Saraswati river.
- Today we will go to Badrinath dham yatra. In between you will see Vishnuprayag which is first prayag out of Uttarakhand Panch Prayag. Where you can take some time to visit.
- We will reach there in 2 hrs. approximately. So, go for darshan of Badrinath bhagwan as soon as you can go.
- Later you can go to Mana village to explore the ancient places.
- After darshan & pooja, return back to hotel before 6 p.m.
- Dinner & stay in booked hotel.

Day 9:- Joshimath to Haridwar (298 km / 10 km approx)

After a beautiful yatra of Char Dham, today we will go to Haridwar. We will reach Haridwar by evening.

Today's schedule:

- Have breakfast & get ready for return journey to Haridwar via same route.
- Our representative drop you at your dropping point safely.

Yatra complete here with the blessing of Char dham Yatra.

PACKAGE INCLUSION:

- 8 Night stay in hotel with breakfast and dinner all days.
- Pure veg food all days for all with packed facility if you will not able to eat at hotel on time.
- Char dham yatra online registration work
- Helicopter ride from Phata / Sirsi / Guptkashi To Kedarnath dham (same day return).
- Private vehicle from Haridwar to Haridwar (pick up & drop)
- All inroute sightseeing during journey.
- All taxes & driver allowances

PACKAGE EXCLUSION:

- Lunch during travel or trek.
- Personal expanse and fare of any other place which is not mentioned.
- Mule, Porter & Doli
- Any other thing which is not mentioned in itinerary and inclusion.

NOTE:

- Packed lunches will be provided to a group of more than 10 travelers only on trek.
- Guide as per traveller need.
- Freedom to change the itinerary provided feasible upon mutual understanding.
- Transport will be available on request.
- Most comfortable mode of travel is palanquin or Doli which may charge between Rs. 8,000 – 10,000.
- Kandi charges for round trip around Rs. 5,000.
- Pony charges for round trip around Rs. 5,000 – Rs. 6,000.

NEED TO CARRY WITH YOU:

- Back pack and rain cover (50/60 ltr)
- Trek pants, T-shirts(Full sleeves), Wind and waterproof Jacket (Light and warm), Woolen Gloves and Thermal Inners.
- Walking stick (Advisable at least one)
- Torch
- Water Bottle (Two bottles of 1 litre each)
- Snacks (Energy bars,Ors and dryfruits)
- Personal Medical Kit (at least some needy stuff)

HOTEL DETAILS

HOTEL LOCATION	HOTEL NAME	STAY NIGHTS
Barkot / Jankichatti	Hotel Gadhwal Palace / Hotel Chauhan / Similar	02
Uttarkashi	Hotel Vishwanath Putra / Hotel Rudransh / Similar	02
Guptkashi / Sitapur	Hotel Ajay / Hotel Natraj Heli / Similar	02
Joshimath / Badrinath Dham	Hotel Nar Narayan / Hotel Piinnacle / Similar	02

HELICOPTER CHARGES

1. SIRSI TO SIRSI: -* 13,000 as per person from Sirsi To Kedarnath To Sirsi (same day or next day return).
2. PHATA TO PHATA: -* 13,000 as per person from Phata To Kedarnath To Phata (same day or next day return).
3. GUPTKASHI TO GUPTKASHI: -* 15,000 as per person from Guptkashi To Kedarnath To Guptkashi (same day or next day return).

PACKAGE COST (Group wise)

<u>For 4 Yatri Group</u>	<u>Standard Hotel Package + Swiss Camp</u>	<u>Deluxe Hotel Package</u>
<u>Price as per person</u>	Rs. 37,500-/ person (Rooms on quad sharing)	Rs. 45,500-/ person (Rooms on quad sharing)
<u>Meal Plan</u>	MAP (breakfast & dinner)	MAP (breakfast & dinner)
<u>Helicopter (Same day return)</u>	Phata/Sirsi To Kedarnath dham	Phata/Sirsi To Kedarnath dham
<u>Transport (Pickup & drop)</u>	Swift D-zire (Ex- Haridwar)	Swift D-zire (Ex- Haridwar)

<u>For 7 Yatri Group</u>	<u>Standard Hotel Package + Swiss Camp</u>	<u>Deluxe Hotel Package</u>
<u>Price as per person</u>	Rs. 34,500-/ person (Rooms on triple & quad sharing)	Rs. 43,500-/ person (Rooms on triple & quad sharing)
<u>Meal Plan</u>	MAP (breakfast & dinner)	MAP (breakfast & dinner)
<u>Helicopter (Same day return)</u>	Phata/Sirsi To Kedarnath dham	Phata/Sirsi To Kedarnath dham
<u>Transport (Pickup & drop)</u>	Ertiga / Kia 7 seater (Ex- Haridwar)	Innova Crysta 7 seater (Ex- Haridwar)

<u>For 12 Yatri Group</u>	<u>Standard Hotel Package + Swiss Camp</u>	<u>Deluxe Hotel Package</u>
<u>Price as per person</u>	Rs. 32,000-/ person (Rooms on triple & quad sharing)	Rs. 41,500-/ person (Rooms on triple & quad sharing)
<u>Meal Plan</u>	MAP (breakfast & dinner)	MAP (breakfast & dinner)
<u>Helicopter (Same day return)</u>	Phata/Sirsi To Kedarnath dham	Phata/Sirsi To Kedarnath dham
<u>Transport (Pickup & drop)</u>	Tempo traveller 12 seater (Ex- Haridwar)	Tempo traveller 12 seater (Ex- Haridwar)

Advisory:

1. Climatic conditions in the high altitudes vary from the plains; take adequate time to get acclimatized to high altitudes.
2. Carry BSNL, Vodafone and Reliance JIO SIM. Out of three anyone will work for sure.
3. Carry Aadhar card.
4. Pay heed to the trek leader or instructor in order to enjoy a safe and sound trekking experience.
5. Do not consume alcohol or any other intoxicants during the trek.
6. Avoid trekking during the nights.
7. Before undertaking the trek, consult a physician.
8. Carry basic medications and a first-aid kit during the trek.
9. The trek takes place through eco-friendly zone; do not encourage littering the local sites or campsites.

Confirmation Policy:

1. The customer receives a confirmation voucher via email within 24 hours of successful booking.
2. In case the preferred slots are unavailable, an alternate schedule of the customer's preference will be arranged and a new confirmation voucher will be sent via email.
3. Alternatively, the customer may choose to cancel their booking and a full refund will be processed.

Cancellation Policy:

1. The amount received is Non Refundable.
2. If reservation is cancelled minimum 30 days prior to arrival we will give 3 months time to utilize the booking.
3. Any cancellation /amendments done less than 15 days prior to arrival, then the total cost of the total number of rooms booked for the total number of nights will be charged as cancellation charges & no refund or credit note will be given.
4. In case of a NO-SHOW the entire amount will be charged as retention.

AMENDMENT:

Amendment of booked tour will be treated as Cancellation. However, minor amendments can be made on the payment of a communication charge, which will vary from case to case.

TERMs & CONDITiONs:

- 1) Above rates are calculated on the basis of hotels mentioned. In case room type is not mentioned, calculation is based on the base category room in the hotel.
- 2) Booking will be confirmed only after receiving the advance payment and on availability of hotels mentioned.
- 3) In Case of non-availability of room in chosen hotel, then a similar hotel category will be given to you.
- 4) Hotels for each category are selected as per the budget and through our feedback system. We suggest you to check reviews and location of hotels mentioned to make sure it is as per your preferences before confirming the package.

- 5) GreenJoy Holidays does not have any hidden charges except your personal expenses. During the Journey if someone asks for extra money you may inform us and we will not be responsible if you pay the amount without our consent.
- 6) Any extra bed/breakfast for kids which is not mentioned has to be paid directly by guests as per the hotel policy.
- 7) Any Natural calamities Greenjoy holidays will not be liable for the same.
- 8) No accommodation, meal or cost of transport would be paid or reimbursed or compensated., All buffet meal/ Room Service will be provided as per hotel policy.

Hope you will be satisfied with the given information, in case, if you need any updates , please feel free to call us...

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Pay 50% amount as advance payment out of Total package amount to confirm your Hotel bookings & transport for Char Dham Yatra.

Pay rest 50% due payment of Hotels & transport according to as given "Confirmation Booking Voucher" in mail. Which we will give you after a successful booking of Hotel stay & transport after the advance amount & confirmed booking.

Payment Mode: Payments can be remitted through the following mode and is subject to realization:

BANK	ACCOUNT NUMBER	IFSC	BANK ADDRESS
Punjab National Bank	4083001500000049	PUNB0442200	Opposite Vidhansabha Bhawan, Rispanapul, Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248001

HOLDER NAME	MODE	UPI ID	ADDRESS
Atul Thapliyal GreenJoy Holidays	Google Pay	holidaysgreenjoy@okhd fcbank	Green Joy Holidays, Rajeshwaripuram, Mokhampur, Haridwar Road, Dehradun -248005
	PNB Pay	holidaysgreenjoy@pnb	

Note: After depositing the payment, please mail us the scan copy of the deposit slip.



Thanks and Regards



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