

CHAR DHAM YATRA 2022

Yatra Overview:

India is a big subject, with a diversity of culture of unfathomable depth, and a long continuum of history. India offers endless opportunities to accumulate experiences and memories for a lifetime. Since very ancient times, participating in the Char Dham Yatra has been held in the highest regard throughout the length and breadth of India. The Indian Garhwal Himalayas are known as Dev-Bhumi, the 'Abode of the Gods'. Here is the source of India's Holy River Ganges. The Ganges, starting as a small glacial stream in Gangotri and eventually travelling the length and breadth of India, nourishing her people and sustaining a continuum of the world's most ancient Hindu Culture. In the Indian Garhwal Himalayas lies the Char Dham, 4 of Hinduism's most holy places of pilgrimage, nestled in the high valleys of the Himalayan Mountains. Wearing the Himalayas like a crown, India is a land of amazing diversity. Home to more than a billion people, you will find in India an endless storehouse of culture and tradition amidst all the development of the 21st century!



Trip Highlights:

- A complete darshan of Char Dham: Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedharnath and Badrinath
- Visit the holy places of Rishikesh, Haridwar, Uttar Kashi, Dev Prayag, Gaumukha
- Pancha Prayag, the five holy confluences (Dev, Rudra, Karna, Narad and Vishnu Prayags)
- Garhwal parts of the Himalaya & Mana Gaun, the last village of India
- Visit Surya Kund, Divya Shila, Tap Kund, Narad Kund and Vyash Gupha etc.

Trip Facts:

Total duration	: 14 nights/ 15 days
Max. Elevation	: 3,585m/11,760ft
Trip grading	: Moderate
Best months	: May to October
Journey starts/ends	: New Delhi
Accommodation	: Hotels and Guest Houses

Fixed Departure Dates 2022

<u>Batch</u>	<u>Arrival in Delh</u>	<u>Departure from Delhi (Return Home)</u>
1 st Batch	12 Sept	26 Sept
2 nd Batch	26 Sept	10 Oct
3 rd Batch	10 Oct	24 Oct

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Trip Destinations: Delhi - Haridwar- Barkot - Yamunotri - Gangotri - Uttar Kashi- Gupta Kanshi - Kedarnath- Rudra Prayag - Badrinath - Dev Prayag- Haridwar

Day-to-day itinerary

Day 1: Arrive at the New Delhi Airport and transfer to hotel

One of representatives of Karnali Excursions will receive at the airport and arrange immediate transfer to hotel. Karnali team leader will deliver a detailed briefing on Char Dham Yatra. Overnight in Hotel Jaypee Siddhartha or similar on full board basis.

Day 2: Drive to Haridwar

206 km driving distance and 5-6 hours drive

Early morning drive to Haridwar. Upon our arrival, we will check in to a Hotel at Haridwar and ease at the leisure. Visit some important temples and attend Ganga Aarati in the evening.

Day 3: Drive to Barkot

170km driving distance, 8 hours drive

After early breakfast and exploring major highlights of Haridwar, we will drive to Barkot. Overnight in a guest house on full board basis.

Day 4: Journey to Yamunotri (Barkot-Yamunotri-Barkot), 84km driving distance and 12 km trekking up and down.

After our breakfast, we will drive to Janaki Chatti via Hanuman Chatti and Phool Chatti. We will start trekking of 6 km to Yamunotri where we will take a holy dip in Garam Kund and then perform Puja and Darshan of Shree Yamuna Jee. After holy dip, Puja and Darshan of Yamuna Jee, we will trek back to Janaki Chatti and drive to Barkot. We will spend overnight in the same place in Barkot in a Guest house on full board basis

Day 5: Drive to Harshil

172 km driving distance and 9 hours drive

After having breakfast, we will leave for Harshil via Uttar Kashi, a drive of 172 kilometres. In the way, we will visit **Prakateshwar** Cave. Overnight in tourist standard Hotel on full board basis.

Day 6: Drive to Gangotri and trek to Gaumukh

After breakfast, an hour drives to Gangotri. We will have a Gangotri temple darshan and visit surya kunda . We will commence trek to Bhoj-Basa, 14km trek in total. We will spend overnight in a guest house or tented camp in Bhoj Basa.

Day 7: 6 km trek to Gaumukh and return to Gangotri and drive to Uttar Kashi

Trek back to Gongotri, 14 km trek, and then we will drive to Uttar Kashi . We will visit the Vishwanath Temple in the evening. Uttar Kashi is situated on the bank of the holy Bhagirathi

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Ganga. The temple of Lord Vishwanath is located here where there is a massive iron trident. We will spend overnight in a Hotel on full board basis.

Day 8: Drive to Gupt Kashi

225 km driving distance and 4-5 hours drive

After having breakfast, we will drive to Tehri Dam and then we will continue to Gupta Kashi. We will spend overnight in a hotel on full board basis.

Day 9: Helicopter ride to Kedarnath

We will fly to Kedarnath by helicopter weather permitting. Or We will trek 14 km , visit major shrines of Kedarnath, attend evening Aarati. Overnight in a guest house at Kedarnath.

Day 10: Gupt Kashi-Rudra Prayag-Pipalkoti

157 km driving distance and 6 hours drive to Pipalkoti

After morning Puja and Darshan at the temple, we will fly to Guptakashi or Trek to Gaurikunda. After lunch drive to Rudra Prayag or Pipalkoti. We will spend overnight in a hotel on full board basis.

Day 11: Rudra-Parag/Pipalkoti-Badrinath

72 km driving distance and 3 hours drive to Barrinath

After our breakfast, we will leave for Shree Badrinath, en-route we will also visit Narsimha Temple. After settling in the hotel, we will take the holy Darshan of Shree Badrinath and spend rest of our time exploring Mana village. Mana village is the last village before the Tibetan border. We will have a Darshan of Vyas Gupha, Bhim Pul and Sararswati River. We will spend overnight in a hotel on full board basis.

Day 12: Badrinath-Srinagar/Dev-Prayag

222km driving distance and 9 hours drive

After breakfast, we will drive to Dev-Prayag. Dev-Prayag is a town and a "Nagar Panchayat" in Tehri Garhwal district, in the state of Uttarakhand. Dev-Prayag is one of the Panch-Prayags (five confluences) of the Alakananda River where the Alakananda and Bhagirathi Ganga rivers meet and from here take the name Ganga or Holy River Ganges. We will spend overnight in a Hotel/resort on full board basis.

Day 13: Dev-Prayag-Rishikesh

70km driving distance and 3-4 hours drive

After having breakfast, we will drive back to Rishikesh. Once again, we will enjoy the evening Arati in Rishikesh. Optional rafting at Ganga river. We will spend overnight in a hotel on full board basis.

Return to Delhi

Day 14: Drive to Delhi

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We will drive to Delhi. If time permits, we will explore Akshardham Temple too. We will spend overnight in Hotel Jaypee Siddhartha or similar on full board basis.

Day 15: Depart for onward journey

Karnali Excursions will provide a private vehicle for airport transfer.

Yatra cost: US\$ 2050 per person on twin sharing basis

Single supplementary: USD 249

The cost includes

- All ground transfers including airport pickup and drops
- Helicopter ride to Kedarnath
- All guided sightseeing with applicable entry fees
- All veg meals and mineral water for drink
- Highly experienced and knowledgeable team leader and support crew from Nepal and India
- All applicable taxes

The cost does not include

- India visa fee
- International flights
- Travel and medical insurance, which includes emergency air/land evacuation cost and expenses of medical treatment
- Medical checkup charges if required
- Pure personal gears and equipment, clothes etc
- Personal porter, pony or Doli charges
- Pure personal nature expenses, e. g. drinks, telephone calls, laundry, tips to guide, driver and support crew
- Expenses caused by factors that are beyond our control such as: train and flight delays and cancellations, road blockades, vehicle mal-function etc

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