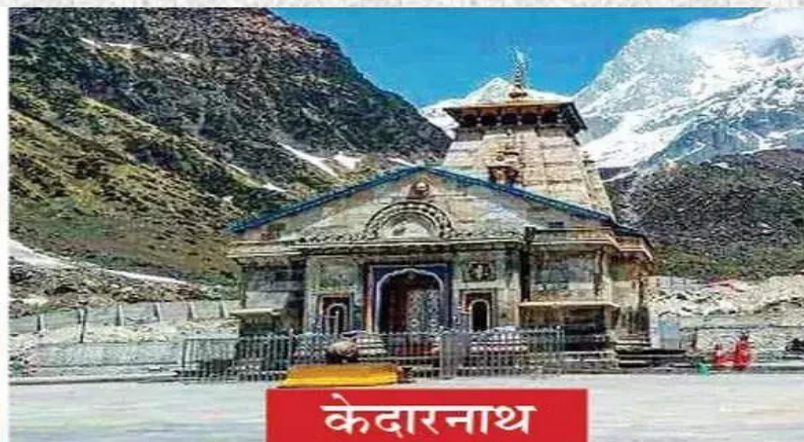
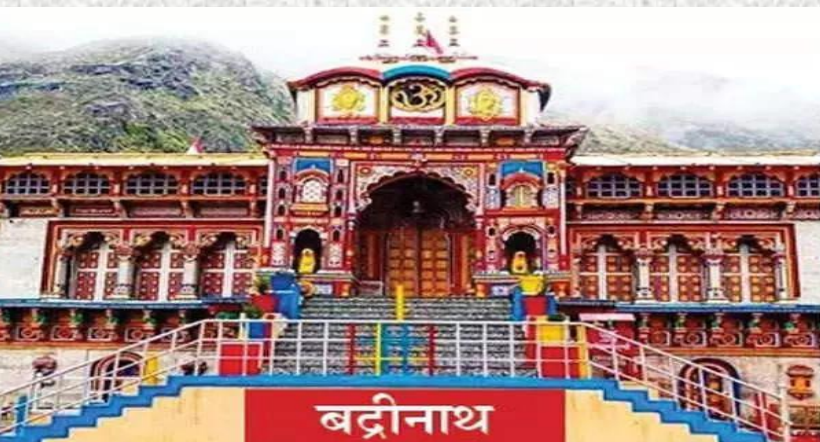


GATEWAY OF CHAR DHAM

14 Night – 15 Days

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TOUR ROUTING

DELHI - HARIDWAR - UTTARKASHI - GANGOTRI - GUPTKASHI - KEDARNATH - RUDRAPRAYAG - BADRINATH - DELHI

DETAILED TOUR ITINERARY

Day
01

Arrival Delhi – Haridwar (230Km/06-07hrs)

- On arrival at Delhi airport our representative having a placard displaying your name will meet you at the airport to pick you up and transfer to Haridwar hotel.
- About Haridwar:** Haridwar is an ancient city and important Hindu pilgrimage site in North India's Uttarakhand state, where the River Ganges exits the Himalayan foothills. The largest of several sacred ghats (bathing steps), Har Ki Pauri hosts a nightly Ganga Aarti (river-worshipping ceremony) in which tiny flickering lamps are floated off the steps. Worshipers fill the city during major festivals including the annual Kanwar Mela.
- Check in hotel & rest. visit **Mansadevi Temple, Chandidevi Temple, Daksha Mahadev Temples.**
- Evening **Ganga Aarti at Har – Ki – Pauri**
- Dinner and overnight stay at Haridwar Hotel.**

Day
02

Haridwar – Barkot (210km/07-08rs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from the hotel, leave for **Barkot** via **Mussoorie**.
- **Enroute visit Kempty Fall** (Suggestible to have your lunch at Kempty fall as further no good restaurants are available before Badkot). Later drive straight to Barkot
- Barkot is known for its scenic natural beauty. Located at the confluence of Yamuna and tons rivers.
- At an elevation of over 4,000 ft, apple orchards ringed by the Himalayan range. Barkot offers panoramic views of the snowcapped mountains of Bandar Poonch. Barkot is an important stopover en route to Yamunotri and Gangotri, among the four Char Dham Pilgrimages.
- Check in to the hotel and rest.
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Barkot Hotel.**

Day
03

Barkot – Yamunotri – Barkot(36km/06hrs Trek)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & get ready for **Yamunotri, Jankichatti/Phoolchatti**, trek start from here to **Yamunotri (6kms)**. Either by walk or by horse or by **Doli at own cost**. Arr. **Yamunotri**, One can cook rice by packing it in a cloth and dipping it in the hot water of **the hot kund**. **Pilgrims** take this cooked rice home as "**Prasad**". Here near the temple "**Pooja**" can be offered to **Divya Shila**. After taking bath in **Jamunabai Kund's warn water** and having "**Darshan**" of pious "**Yamunaji**" **returning to Jankichatti**.
- **Yamunotri Temple:** Maharani Gularia of Jaipur built the temple in the 19th Century. It was destroyed twice in the present century and rebuilt again.
- **Surya Kund:** There are a Number of thermal springs in the vicinity of the temple, which flows into numerous pools. The most important of these is Surya Kund.
- **Divya Shila:** A rock pillar, worshipped before entering the Yamunotri Temple.
- After tour back to **Barkot** hotel.
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Barkot Hotel.**

Day
04

Barkot – Uttarkashi (100kms/04hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for **Uttarkashi**.
- **About Uttarkashi:** Uttarkashi is home to a number of ashrams and temples and also to the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. The name of the town reflects its similarity to and location (as north of) the city of Kashi (Varanasi). Similar to Varanasi, town of Uttarkashi is situated on the Ganges, lies next to a hill named Varun Parvat, on confluence of two rivers Varuna and Asi, has a ghat called Manikarnika Ghat and has a temple dedicated to Shiva (Kashi Vishwanath Temple) in the center of the town.
- On the way visit **Vishwanath Temple**.
- **Vishwanath temple - Vishwanath temple** is one of the oldest **Shiva temples** in Northern India. Re-constructed in 1857 by **Maharani Khaneti Devi** of Tehri State in the ancient architectural style. It is situated at the heart of the town. A massive iron trident, symbolic of divine mother's, is erected and worshiped from time immemorial at the temple complex. **Ganeshji, Sakshi Gopal, Markandeya Rishi's** small shrines are also part of the temple complex. **Akhand Jyoti** as well as **Akhand Abhishek**, special aarti at morning and evening are offered. As per **Skunda Puran**, Uttarkashi is known as '**Saumya Varanasi**', the abode of Lord Shiva in **Kaliyug** and counted as one of the twelve **Jyotirlingas**.
- **Shakti temple** - Right in front of the **Vishwanath temple** is **Shakti temple**. It has a big '**Trishul**' of about 6 meters in height and a circumference of 90 cms. at bottom. Though there are different views about the making of this, the upper part of it seems to be made up of iron and the lower one is of copper. As per the epics this Shakti was thrown on the devils by the **Goddess Durga(Shakti)**, hence it gets its name.
- **After drive to Uttarkashi hotel, check in to the hotel and relax**
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Uttarkashi Hotel.**

Day
05

Uttarkashi – Gangotri – Uttarkashi (100kms/03-04hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & get ready for Gangotri
- En route at Gangnani take a holy dip in Garam Kund, further drive to Gangotri via beautiful Harsil Valley.
- Harsil is famous for its nature beauty and for the majestic views of the Deodar trees, and mountains.
- Take a holy dip in the sacred river Ganges which is also called Bhagirathi at its origin. Perform Pooja and Darshan, after that relax for some time in the lovely surroundings.
- **Gangotri Temple:** The temple, constructed by the Gorkha General Amar Singh Thapa in the 18th Century, is situated on the right bank of Bhagirathi.
- **Submerged Shivling:** Submerged in the river, this natural rock Shivling is the place where, according to mythology Lord Shiva sat when he received the Ganga in his matted lock. It is visible in winter months when water level decreases.
- **Kedar Ganga Sangam:** Around 100 Yards from the Ganga Temple flows the river Kedar Ganga. Starting from the Kedar Valle, this river meets the Bhagirathi on its left bank.
- **After sightseeing back to the hotel and rest.**
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Uttarkashi Hotel.**

Day
06

Uttarkashi – Guptkashi (220kms/08-09hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for Guptkashi (**Moolgarh & Lambgoan**)
- En route you can see the beautiful river **Mandakini** at **Tilwara**. **The Mandakini River** comes from **Kedarnath**, drive alongside the river to reach **Guptakashi**.
- Check in to the hotel & rest.
- Evening visit **Ardh Narishwar Temple**
- **About guptkashi:** The name **Gupt Kashi** means "**Hidden Benares**". Mythology describes how when the **Pandava brothers** were searching for a glimpse of **Shiva**, **Shivji first concealed** himself at **Gupt Kashi**, but later fled from them further up the valley to **Kedarnath**, where **the Pandavas** finally got their wish fulfilled. There are more tangible connections as well-the **Kedarnath pandas** (hereditary pilgrimage priests) live in Gupt Kashi during the winter months, and after the Kedarnath temple closes for the winter, the image of Kedarnath passes through Gupt Kashi on its way to Ukhimath (**across the valley**), where it stays for the winter.
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Guptkashi Hotel.**

Day
07

Guptkashi – Kedarnath (30kms by road & 19kms trek)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for Sonprayag, trek start from **Sonprayag to Kedarnath** (3584mts) by pony / Doli. (**Tour members should carry personal medicines, heavy woolen, toiletries and clothes**) Visit **Kedarnath Temple**
- **About Kedarnath:** The Kedarnath shrine, one of the **12 jyotirlingas** of Lord Shiva, is a scenic spot situated, against the backdrop of the majestic **Kedarnath range**. Kedar is another name of **Lord Shiva**, the protector and the destroyer. According to legend, **the Pandavas** after having won over **the Kaurava in the Kurukshetra war**, felt guilty of having killed their own brothers and sought the blessings of Lord Shiva for redemption. He eluded them repeatedly and while fleeing took refuge at Kedarnath in the form of a bull. On being followed he dived into the ground, leaving his hump on the surface. The remaining portions of Lord Shiva appeared at four other places and are worshipped there as his manifestations. The arms appeared at Tungnath, the face at Rudranath, the belly at Madhmaheshwar and his locks (hair) with head at Kalpeshwar. Kedarnath and the four above-mentioned shrines are treated as Panch Kedar.
- **Reach Kedarnath Check in to the hotel & rest**
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Kedarnath Hotel.**

Day
08

Kedarnath – Guptkashi (215kms/07hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for **Guptkashi**.
- **After Temple Darshan trek down to Sonprayag.** Further drive to **Sonprayag**.
- **Reach Guptkashi Check in to the hotel & rest**
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Guptkashi Hotel.**

Day
09

Guptkashi- Chopta (Tungnath Temple) – Chopta (40 km/ 1hrs 30min.)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for Tungnath Temple.
- **After Temple Darshan trek down to Chopta.**
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Chopta Camp/ Hotel.**

Day
10

Chopta –Kalpeshwar Temple(101km/ 3hrs 35min) – Joshimath (27km/ 01hrs 18min.)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for Kalpeshwar Temple.
- **After Temple Darshan drive to Joshimath.**
- **Reach Joshimath, check in to the hotel & rest**
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Joshimath Hotel.**

Day
11

Joshimath – Badrinath (215kms/07hrs) – visit Mana village

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for Badrinath
- **About Badrinath:**Badrinath one of the 'Four Dhams' is one of the most celebrated pilgrimage spots of the country and is situated at an elevation of 3,133 meters, guarded on either side by the two mountain ranges known as Nar & Narayan with the towering Neelkanth Peak providing a splendid backdrop. This revered spot was once carpeted with wild berries. Thus the place got the name "Badri van", meaning "forest of berries".
- **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.
- **Brahama Kapal:** A flat platform on the bank of river Alaknanda. Hindus perform propitiating rites for their deceased ancestors. Sheshnetra : 1.5kms. away is a boulder having an impression of the legendary serpent, better known as the Sheshnag's eye.
- **Charanpaduka:** 3kms. away is a beautiful meadow where the footprint of Lord Vishnu is seen on a boulder.
- **Mata Murty Temple:** Devoted to the mother of Sri Badrinathji. Other important temples include Sesh Netra Temple, Urvashi Temple and Charanpaduka.
- **Mana Village:** Inhabited by an Indo-Mongolian tribe, it is the last Indian village before Tibet.
- **Vasundhara:** As the name suggests, vasundhara is a magnificent water fall. This place is 5 kms. from Badrinath out of which 2 kms. is motorable upto ManaSaraswati 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.
- **Check in hotel & rest,** later at evening visit **Badrinath Temple** for **Aarti**.
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Badrinath Hotel.**

Day
12

Badrinath – Rudraprayag (160kms/06hrs)

- Early morning pilgrims after having a bath in the Taptkund have the Darshan of Badrivishal. Brahamakapal is significant for Pinddan Shraddh of ancestors (Pitrus). There are other interesting sightseeing spot like Mana, Vyas Gufa, Maatamoorti, Charanpaduka, Bhimkund and the "Mukh" of the Saraswati River.
- After Taptkund Bath and Darshan back to hotel, have a breakfast. After breakfast drive to Rudraprayag
- **Reach Rudraprayag check in the hotel & rest**
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Rudraprayag Hotel.**

Day
13

Rudraprayag – Rishikesh

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from the hotel, leave for Rishikesh
- Check in hotel & rest
- Later drive to Rishikesh temple & sightseeing – **Laxman Jhulla, Ram Jhulla, Triveni Ghat, Bharat Mandir,**
- **Bharat Mandir:** The Bharat Mandir is the oldest temple of Rishikesh, situated near the Jhanda Chowk. Rishi Rabhya did his penance at this holy spot and the place is devoted to Lord Vishnu. A spectacular sacred Shree Yantra is placed at the inner canopy of the temple. Bharat Mandir celebrates colourful spring festival called 'Basant Panchami'.
- **Laxman Jhula:** Lakshman Jhula is one of the main attraction of Rishikesh. It is 450 ft long hanging bridge on the river Ganga which was built in 1939. According to myths and legends Laksman, brother of Lord Rama crossed Ganga River on a jute rope from this point. The 13 storied temple is located near Lakshman Jhula where the idols of several Gods and Goddesses are kept. The bridge gives a magnificent view of the Ganges, greeting you with the cool breeze from the river.
- **Evening visit Ganga Arti at Rishikesh**
- **Dinner and overnight stay at Rishikesh Hotel.**

Day
14

Rishikesh – Delhi

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from the hotel, leave for Delhi.
- Check in to the hotel and rest.
- **Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.**

Day
15

Delhi Departure

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from the hotel, leave for Delhi airport.
- Drop at airport on flight time.

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