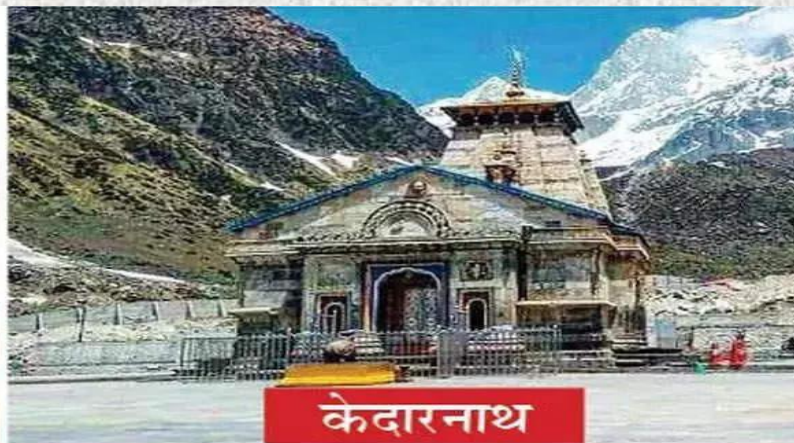


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DELHI -o- HARIDWAR-o- BARKOT -o- UTTARAKASHI -o- KEDARNATH-o- GUPTKASHI-o- BADRINATH-o- RUDRAPRYAG-o- RISHIKESH-o- DELHI

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Day
01

Arrival Delhi

- On arrival at Delhi airport our representative having a placard displaying your name will meet you at the airport, assisting by them transfer to Delhi hotel, check in to the hotel and rest.
- About Delhi:-** Delhi, India's capital territory, is a massive metropolitan area in the country's north. In Old Delhi, a neighborhood dating to the 1600s, stands the imposing Mughal-era Red Fort, a symbol of India, and the sprawling Jama Masjid mosque, whose courtyard accommodates 25,000 people. Nearby is Chandni Chowk, a vibrant bazaar filled with food carts, sweets shops and spice stalls.
- Overnight stay at Delhi Hotel.**

Day
02

Delhi Sightseeing

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & get ready for Delhi Sightseeing.
- Places to visit:- **India Gate, Parliament House, Qutub Minar, Lotus Temple.**
- **India Gate:**The India Gate is a war memorial located near the Rajpath on the eastern edge of the "ceremonial axis" of New Delhi.
- **Qutub Minar:** The Qutb Minar, also spelled Qutub Minar and Qutab Minar, is a minaret and victory tower comprising the Qutb complex, which lies at the site of Delhi's oldest fortified city, Lal Kot, founded by the Tomar Rajputs. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Mehrauli area of South Delhi, India.
- **Lotus Temple:**The Lotus Temple is a Bahá'í House of Worship located in New Delhi, India. It was completed in December 1986. Notable for its lotus-like shape, it has become a prominent attraction in the city. Like all Bahá'í Houses of Worship, the Lotus Temple is open to all, regardless of religion or any other qualification.
- **After sightseeing back to the hotel and rest.**
- **Overnight stay at Delhi Hotel.**

Day
03

Delhi – Haridwar (222 kms /04-05 Hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from the hotel, leave for Haridwar.
- **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 to the hotel and rest.**
- **Evening Ganga Aarti Har ki Pori.**
- **Overnight stay at Haridwar Hotel.**

Day
04

Haridwar – Barkot (210 Kms/07-08 Hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from 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
- **About 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.
- **Overnight stay at Barkot Hotel.**

Day
05

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** **warm 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 hotel and rest.
- **Overnight stay at Barkot Hotel.**

Day
06

Barkot – Uttarkashi (81.9kms/03-04hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for **Uttarkashi and Rest day and day for leisure.**
- 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 hotel and relax.**
- **Overnight stay at Uttarkashi Hotel.**

Day
07

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 drive back to hotel.**
- **Overnight stay at Uttarkashi Hotel.**

Day
08

Uttarkashi – Guptkashi (200kms/07-08hrs)

- 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 hotel & rest.
- Evening visit **Ardh Narishwar Temple**
- 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.
- **Overnight stay at Guptkashi Hotel.**

Day
09

Guptkashi – Kedarnath (Gorikund to Kedarnath trek 16km)

- 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**.
- **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**.
- **Check in hotel & rest.**
- **Overnight stay at Kedarnath Hotel.**

Day
10

Kedarnath – (Kedarnath to Gorikund trek 16km) – Guptkashi

- 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 **Guptkashi**.
- **Check in hotel & rest.**
- **Overnight stay at Guptkashi Hotel.**

Day
11

Guptkashi – Badrinath (215kms/07hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for **Badrinath (Via Joshimath)**
- **Check in hotel & rest**, later at evening visit **Badrinath Temple** for **Aarti**.
- **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 puranic commentaries.
- **Overnight stay at Badrinath Hotel.**

Day
12

Badrinath – Rudraprayag (150kms/04/05hrs)

- Early morning pilgrims after having a bath in the Taptkund have the Darshan of Badrivishal. Brahamakapal is significant for Pindan 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
- **Check in hotel & rest.**
- **Overnight stay at Rudraprayag Hotel.**

Day
13

Rudraprayag – Rishikesh (140kms/04-05 hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from hotel, leave for Rishikesh.
- Drive to Rishikesh, the 'place of sages' is a celebrated spiritual town on the bank of Ganga and is surrounded by Shivalik range of the Himalayas on three sides. It is said that when Raibhya Rishi did hard penances, God appeared by the name of "Hrishikesh" and this area hence forth came to be known as Rishikesh.
- Check in to the hotel and rest.
- **Evening visit Ganga Arti at Parmarth Ashram.**
- **Overnight stay at Rishikesh.**

Day
14

Rishikesh – Haridwar (01 Hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from the hotel, leave for Rishikesh Sightseeing..
- Places to visit at Rishikesh– **Laxman Jhulla, Ram Jhulla, Triveni Ghat, Bharat Mandir, Shivananda Ashram.**
- **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.
- **Ram Jhula:** Ram Jhoola connects Swargashram with Shivananda Ashram. Several ashrams are located near Ram Jhoola. Ram Jhoola is bigger than Laxman Jhula and even more picturesque.
- **Bharat Mata 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'.
- After sightseeing drive to Haridwar.

Day
15

- Reach Haridwar check in to the hotel and rest.
- **Overnight stay at Haridwar Hotel.**

Haridwar Sightseeing

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & get ready for Haridwar Sightseeing.
- **Places to visit:- Mansa Devi Temple, Chandi Devi, Daksha Mahadev Temple, Maya Devi, Bhimgoda Tank, Pawn Dham, Bharat Mata Temple.**
- Haridwar, lying at the feet of Shiva's hills, i.e., Shivaliks, in the Haridwar district of Uttaranchal Pradesh, is a doorway. Suryavanshi prince Bhagirath performed penance here to salvage the souls of his ancestors who had perished due to the curse of sage Kapila. The penance was answered and the river Ganga trickled forth forms Lord Shiva's locks and its bountiful water revived the sixty thousand sons of king Sagara. In the traditional of Bhagirath, devout Hindus stand in the sacred waters here, praying for salvation of their departed elder. It is doorway to the sources of the Ganga and the Yamuna, 3000 to 4500 meters up into the snowy ranges of the central Himalayas.
Har ki Pauri: It is also known as Brahmakund and it is believed to be the place where divine nectar fell from the pitcher. It is the site for the famous Kumbh Mela which is celebrated in 12 years. Large number of devotees comes especially to Haridwar to take a holy dip in the Ganga River. At twilight, when evening aarti is performed the reflection of the golden diyas that keep floating on the river offers an enchanting view of the ghat to the visitors. This sacred Ghat was built by King Vikramaditya in memory of his brother Bhatrihari, who is said to have meditated on the banks of Ganga in Haridwar.
- **Chandi Devi Temple:** Situated on the top of the Neel Parvat, Chandi Temple was built in 1929 by Suchat Singh, the King of Kashmir. The temple can be reached after a 3km trek from Chandi Ghat. The main statue of Chandi Devi Temple is said to be established by the Adi Shankaracharya in 8th century. Cable car has also been introduced upto Chandi Devi Temple.
- **Mansa Devi Temple:** Mansa Devi temple is perched on the top of the Bilwa Parwat and it is dedicated to Goddess Mansa Devi. Mansa Devi can be reached either by a ropeway that carries pilgrims to the temple or on foot. A statue of the Goddess here has three mouths and five arms, while the other one has eight arms. The temple affords bird's eye view of Haridwar.
- **Daksha Mahadev Temple:** This ancient Dsksha Mahadev Temple (Daksheswara Mahadev Temple) is located in the south Kankhal with Lord Shiva as its residing deity. According to mythology, this temple is supposed to have been the site of a yagna conducted by Daksha.
- **Evening back to hotel and rest.**
- **Overnight stay at Haridwar Hotel.**

Day
16

Haridwar – Delhi (230Km/06-07hrs)

- Morning wake up with new excitement, get relaxed & fresh n up.
- Have breakfast at restaurant & check out from the hotel and leave for **Delhi**.
- **Reach Delhi check on to the hotel and rest.**
- **Overnight stay at Delhi Hotel.**

Day
17

Delhi Departure

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