# **CHARDHAM YATRA**

Covering: Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath & Badrinath (Tour Start and End in Delhi)

12 Nights / 13 Days



The majestic and enchanting Himalayas have since time immemorial inspired saints and sages from all over India. This sublime spectacle has attracted tourists and pilgrims' world over to experience its blissful beauty. Char Dham, which literally translates to "the four abodes or seats" refers to the four pilgrimage sites or holy shrines of Hindus - Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.

All of these temples are situated within the Garwhal region of Uttarakhand state in North India and are widely revered by Hindus. A visit to Char Dham during one's lifetime is considered highly sacred.

The four dhams receive holy water in the form of four streams -Yamuna, Bhagirathi, Mandakini and Alaknanda.

#### Day 01: Arrival in Delhi

Meet our representative upon arrival in Delhi and check-in at the hotel. India's capital & a major gateway to the country, Delhi is a contemporary and bustling metropolis which successfully combines in its fold the ancient & the modern. New Delhi also reflects the legacy the British left behind. Stay overnight in Delhi.

#### Day 02: Delhi to Haridwar - 05 Hrs. Drive

After breakfast, drive to Haridwar – the most popular holy city of India, placed in the foothills of the Himalayas. It is also the entry point of the 'Ganges' into the plains of Northern India. Hindu pilgrims and devotees gather at Haridwar to offer prayers on auspicious occasions. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and later visit Har-Ki-Pauri to bathe in the holy waters or witness the evening Aarti, which is the most spectacular and spiritual ritual of Haridwar. Stay overnight in Haridwar.

#### Day 3: Haridwar to Barkot – 6 Hrs

After breakfast, proceed to Barkot. Barkot is a place of great scenic beauty with spectacular views of snow-capped mountains all around. A magnificent view of the eternal snow peaks of Bandar punch can be seen from here. Have a lovely dinner and stay overnight at The Chardham Camp, Barkot.

#### Day 4: Barkot – Yamunotri – Barkot (38Kms/2hrs, local taxi drive 7 Kms/1hrs, 6 Kms/3hrs trek one side)

After early breakfast, proceed to Hanumanchatti via Syanachatti (5 Kms. Before Hanumanchatti). From here local taxis are available to go to Jankichatti. From Jankichatti begin our trek to Yamunotri (6 km/3 hrs) to visit the temple of Goddess Yamuna, situated on the bank of the river. You can take a holy dip in the nearby tank filled by hot springs and cook rice in its water - the common rituals performed by devotees. Return to Barkot in the evening. Have a lovely dinner and stay overnight at the Chardham Camp, Barkot.

#### Day 5: Barkot - Harsil (151 Kms, 6-7hrs)

After breakfast, proceed to Harsil – one the most beautiful valleys in the world. En-route stop at Gangnani for a hot water spring dip. Enjoy your dinner and stay overnight at The Chardham Camp, Harsil.

## Day 6: Harsil – Gangotri –Harsil- (44 kms + 70 Kms)-6 hrs Drive total

After breakfast, we proceed to Gangotri (22 Kms/1 hr). On arrival take a holy dip in the sacred Ganges, also called Bhagirathi at its origin. Perform a pooja and relax, taking in the lovely surrounding. After darshan return to The Chardham Camp Harsil, have lunch and then proceed onwards to Uttarkashi. Stay overnight at The Chardham Camp Harsil.

## Day 7: Harsil to – Guptakashi (270 Kms/ 8-9 Hrs.)

After early breakfast, proceed to Guptakashi (270 Kms). Have a packed lunch en route and enjoy your dinner and overnight stay at The Chardham Camp, Guptakashi.

## Day 8: Guptakashi – Kedarnath - Guptkashi

After breakfast, take a Helicopter as per the designated helipad - the closest one is 500 yards from the camp site - to Kedarnath . Return on the same day to Guptkashi.

## Day 9: Guptakashi – Joshimath by Chopta (141 Kms / 5-6 Hrs.)

After breakfast, proceed to Joshimath (141 Kms / 5-6 hrs), one of the most beautiful sites on the whole trip. Enjoy the picturesque drive through the medicinal forest. On arrival check in to your Chardham camp. The evening is free for you to explore and enjoy Joshimath on your own. Post this enjoy your dinner and overnight stay at The Chardham Camp, Joshimath.

## Day 10: Joshimath – Badrinath – Joshimath (45 Kms drive one way/ 2 Hrs)

After breakfast, proceed to Badrinath. On arrival take holy Darshan and spend time visiting Mana Village. Return to Joshimath in the evening. Enjoy your dinner and overnight stay at The Chardham Camp, Joshimath.

## Day 11: Joshimath - Rishikesh (250 Kms/ 8-9 Hrs.)

After breakfast, proceed to Rishikesh and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. Dine and stay overnight at Rishikesh.

# Day 12: Drive back from Rishikesh – Delhi (225 kms / approx. 5.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive back from Rishikesh to Delhi. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure and stay overnight in Delhi.

# Day 13: Departure from Delhi

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Delhi airport for your return flight home.





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