

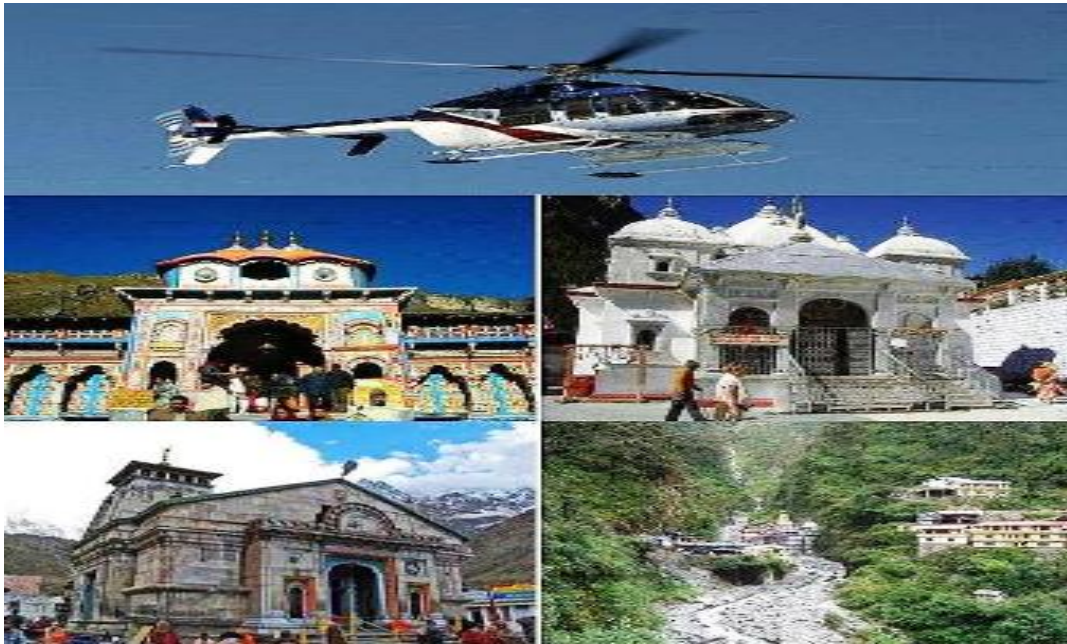


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## CHARDHAM BY HELICOPTER

5 Days/ 4 Nights- 1 night Yamunotri, 1 night Gangotri, 1 night Kedarnath, 1 night Badrinath



### Description

In the folds of the snow-covered reaches of the lofty Garhwal Himalayas in Uttarakhand are located the sacred Hindu shrines of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri. They together form the Char Dham or the Four Holy Shrines.

The region is referred as the land of the gods in the ancient Puranas. Scores of pilgrims visit the shrines by trekking arduously along the mountain paths, all for a communion with the divine. Over the centuries, these sites have been described in sacred scriptures as the very places where devotees could earn the merits of all the pilgrimages put together. Subsequently, temples were built at these sanctified sites for all and sundry.

### Tour Highlights

#### **Badrinath**

Snuggled between two famous mountain ranges, Nar and Narayan, Badrinath is situated in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. It is the famous Char Dham pilgrimage in Uttarakhand. The term 'Badrinath' means 'the place where berries grow in abundance'. Legend has it that two sages, Nar and Narayan, performed severe penance to please Lord Shiva. Famous for the holy shrine of Lord Badri, this holy abode of Lord Vishnu is visited by people for its omnipresent spirituality and beauty.

#### **Kedarnath**

Kedarnath located in the district Chamoli of Uttarakhand at an altitude of 3581 meters surrounded by mountains cape.

Kedarnath is one of the most important pilgrimages for the devout Hindus as it is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Kedar or Lord Shiva. Also visit Panch Kedar the five shrines on your visit to Kedarnath.

### **Gangotri**

Gangotri is one of the origin sources of Holy River Ganga (Ganges), and one of the important Char Dham pilgrimage in Hindu Religion. The main origin of river is “*Gaumukh*” which is a glacier located 19 km away from gangotri temple. Ganga river is the longest and most sacred river in world.

### **Yamunotri**

Yamunotri is the original source of Yamuna River surrounded by lofty peaks forest and large valley. Yamuna is the second largest holiest river in India after Ganga. It is part of the four holy abodes in Chardham pilgrimage yatra. Pilgrims also get to enjoy a number of hot water springs in the vicinity of the temple.

## **Attractions and Shopping Tips**

### **Badrinath**

Vasundhara Falls, Badrinath Temple, Charanpaduka ,Brahma Kapal

### **Kedarnath**

Kedarnath Temple, Samadhi of Adi Shankaracharya , Bhairav Nath Temple, Chorabari Tal, Vasuki Tal , Gaurikund

### **Gangotri**

Gangotri Temple, Tapovan, Bhairon ghati , Submerged Shivling

### **Yamunotri**

Yamunotri Temple, Janki Chatti, Surya Kund, Divya Sillha

## Itinerary

### Entry/Exit point of Tour:

- **Entry: Dehradun**
- **Exit: Dehradun**

### Day 01 : Dehradun - Yamunotri

Departure from Sahastradhara helipad, Dehradun

Arrival at Kharsali helipad, Yamunotri

Assemble at the State government helipad on Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun, the starting and concluding point of this yatra. The ground staff briefs you about the do's and don'ts of the trip. The helicopter departs from here at around 7'o clock in the morning. As you arrive at the Kharsali helipad for Yamunotri, you are transferred to your hotel.

After freshening up, you visit the Yamunotri temple for darshan. One of the four sites of Chhota Chardham Yatra of Uttarakhand, Yamunotri (3293 m) is the seat of Rive Goddess Yamuna. Yamunotri, lying on the top of Bandar Poonch Parvat, is the source of Yamuna River.

The main attractions here are Goddess Yamuna and the thermal springs at Janki Chatti, which are around 7 km away. The actual Champasar glacier is at an altitude of 4421 m above the seal level and is inaccessible. The temple, placed on the left bank of Yamuna River, was erected by Maharaja Pratap Shah of Tehri Garhwal. The idol of the Goddess here is in black marble. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### Day 2 : Gangotri-

Departure from Yamunotri helipad

Arrival at Harsil Helipad

On day 2, depart from Yamunotri helipad and arrive at Harsil Helipad, lying amidst the beautiful lush Uttarakhand valleys. The day is scheduled for visiting the next Chardham destination of Uttarakhand- Gangotri. It is advisable that you visit the Gangotri temple, right from the helipad. The temple is located at a distance of 22 km from here. Arrive at the temple around 50 minutes later.

This religious town of the Hindu devotees is placed on the banks of Bhagirathi River and is the originating point of the holy River Ganga. The temple is located at an altitude of 3100 m. the river here is known as Bhagirathi and it gets the name Ganga from Devprayag where it meets Alaknanda River. Gaumukh in the Gangtori Glacier is the originating point of Ganges River. This glacier is a 19 km trek away from here.

Have Darshan at Gangotri temple, which was constructed by Amar Singh Thapa, the Gurkha General. The temple was constructed in 18th century. After Darshan, get transferred to your hotel in the afternoon. After completing the check-in, have your lunch. Later, you can relax for some time. The evening is at leisure. If you want, you can embark on an evening walk to the nearby villages where you can also buy some fine-quality woolens. Stay overnight.

### Day 3 : Kedarnath-

Departure from Harsil helipad

Arrival Kedarnath helipad

The helicopter takes off from Harsil helipad at 9'o clock in the morning and lands at Kedarnath helipad, around 500 meters from the Kedarnath temple. If you start walking from here, you end up at the temple after around 20 minutes. Located at an altitude of 3584 meters above the sea level, Kedarnath temple is one of the destinations of the most revered Chhota Chadham Yatra. Devoted to an incarnation of Lord Shiva, Kedarnath is also one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of the Lord. Hindu devotees believe that the Lord fulfills all the desires of his devotees. The temple was originally constructed by the

Pandava brothers of the Hindu epic Mahabhrata. The temple that we see today was constructed by Adi Shankaracharya during the 8th century when he was on the mission of reviving Hinduism. At the temple's entrance gate, there is a Nandi bull statue (the divine bull of the Lord). Behind the temple, the Samadhi of the sage exists. There is no facility of staying at night in Kedarnath, so it is advisable that one must have darshan quickly so that they are back to helipad, on-time. The evening is scheduled for visiting the ancient Triyuginarayan temple. This Hindu temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. It is believed that the temple has been built on the site where Lord Vishnu had witnessed the wedding ceremony of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The perpetual fire that burns in the front of the temple, is one of the highlight here. Because of this, the temple is also called Akhand Dhuni temple. Stay overnight.

#### **Day 4 : Badrinath**

Departure from Kedarnath / Guptkashi helipad

Arrival at Badrinath helipad

After you arrive at Badrinath helipad, get transferred to the hotel for check-in. as you settle, get all set to visit the Badrinath temple. Badrinath is the holy abode of Lord Vishnu, also known as Lord Badri here. Have Darshan at the temple, which is nestled between the mountain ranges of Nar and Narayan.

The temple is located on the left bank of River Alaknanda. Badrinath is also one of the 108 Divya Desams, the shrines for Vaishnavites. In the evening, you can visit to Mana village, around 3 km from Badrinath, it is the last village before Indo-China border. It is inhabited by an Indo-Mongolian tribe.

In the village, you can visit Bhim Pul, a rock bridge over Saraswati River that was probably built by Bhim, one of the Pandava brothers and Vyas Gufa, known for being the site where the Hindu epic of Mahabharata was written Stay overnight.

#### **Day 5 : Return to Dehradun**

Departure from Badrinath helipad

Arrival at Sahastradhara helipad



## Hotel Used

## Inclusions

- Accommodation on twin share basis
- Daily breakfast & dinner
- All sightseeing and transfer by a.c/ non a.c. vehical (ac does not work on hill area) as per the itinerary.

## Exclusions

- Any air fare, train fare, airport taxes
- charges of any additional meals, entrance fees in the places of interests
- early check in/late check out
- charges for camera/video, tips/porterage & expenses in personal nature
- any items or services not specified in the package inclusion
- gst as applicable
- no refund & no cancellation

## Cancellation Policy