

Char Dham Yatra Ex-Delhi 12 Days Char Dham Yatra

Embark on a divine 12-day pilgrimage from Delhi covering the sacred Char Dham temples. Enjoy hassle-free travel with Jipanditji's trusted arrangements, combining devotion and comfort for an unforgettable spiritual experience.

Yatra Highlights – Your Journey at a Glance

- Complete darshan of the four sacred Char Dham temples: Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri
- Comfortable and safe road travel from Delhi with expert drivers
- Well-planned itinerary ensuring ample time at each pilgrimage site
- Accommodation in clean, comfortable hotels and guesthouses
- Experienced support team for spiritual guidance and assistance

Day-wise Itinerary

Day 01 : DELHI – RISHIKESH (244 Km / 6-7 hrs)

Upon arrival in Delhi, meet our JiPanditji representative for assistance. Travel by road to Rishikesh. Check-in at your hotel and spend the evening relaxing and attending the briefing session. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

About Rishikesh:

Rishikesh is located just 24 kilometers from Haridwar, nestled in the foothills of the lower Himalayas and surrounded on three sides by the scenic beauty of the hills, with the sacred Ganga flowing gracefully through it. The entire area is considered holy, as it is believed that meditating here can lead to the attainment of salvation.

The riverbanks are lined with numerous temples—some ancient, others more recent—adding to the spiritual charm of the town. Rishikesh holds immense significance not only as a pilgrimage site closely linked to the Ramayana, but also as a center for Hindu philosophy and spiritual wisdom. It is widely renowned as one of the greatest hubs for Yoga and meditation in the world.

With a multitude of ashrams and yoga institutes, Rishikesh offers seekers a serene and transformative environment. It also serves as the gateway to the revered Char Dham Yatra, marking the starting point for pilgrimages to Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri.

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Day 02: RISHIKESH – BARKOT (185 Km / 7-8 hrs)

Depart for Barkot via scenic Mussoorie with a visit to Kempt Falls (time permitting). Check-in to your hotel/camp in Barkot and relax for the day, preparing for your Yamunotri trek tomorrow. Dinner and overnight stay at Barkot.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

About Barkot:

Barkot is a serene town nestled in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, situated along the tranquil banks of the Yamuna River. Surrounded by lush green hills, it serves as the base town for pilgrims journeying to the sacred Yamunotri Dham, located just 48 kilometers away.

This peaceful town, classified as a Nagar Palika, is both spiritually significant and naturally beautiful. It is well-connected by major highways—NH-123 and NH-94—making it easily accessible while maintaining its untouched Himalayan charm.

Note: On Day 2, expect 3-4 hours for hill permit clearance and transport arrangements for the Chardham Yatra.

Day 03 :BARKOT / KHRSHALI – YAMUNOTRI – BARKOT (36 Km / 2 hrs + 5 Km trek each way)

After breakfast, proceed towards Hanuman Chatti (40 km) and then to Janki Chatti (8 km), the starting point of your first Pahad Yatra to Yamunotri—a 5 km trek. You may hire a Doli or a horse for the journey (at additional cost).

The trek offers a picturesque route through lush green valleys adorned with conifers, rhododendrons, cacti, and diverse Himalayan flora.

Upon arrival in Yamunotri by afternoon, take a holy dip in the Yamuna River, perform puja rituals, and soak in the spiritual ambiance. Later, return via the same route to Barkot, check-in at your hotel or camp, and enjoy dinner and an overnight stay.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

About Yamunotri:

Yamunotri Temple is nestled in the serene western region of the Garhwal Himalayas, at a height of 3,291 metres above sea level, is the westernmost shrine of the Char Dham circuit and lies in the shadow of the majestic Bandarpunch peak (6,361 meters). in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. Dedicated to Goddess Yamuna, this sacred shrine marks the origin of the holy Yamuna River, which is revered as the divine daughter of Surya Dev (the Sun God) and sister of Yama (the God of Death).

The temple houses a beautiful black marble idol of Goddess Yamuna, and is one of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites of Uttarakhand, attracting thousands of devotees during the yatra season. The temple was originally built in the 19th century by Maharani Guleria of Jaipur, though it has been reconstructed several times due to damage from natural calamities.

The actual source of the Yamuna River lies 1 km ahead of the temple, at the Champasar Glacier, situated at an altitude of approximately 4,321 metres. However, due to its inaccessibility, pilgrims worship at the temple itself.

Surrounding the temple are natural thermal springs, most notably the Surya Kund, where devotees cook rice and potatoes tied in cloth, which is later offered as prasad. The entire region is infused with spiritual energy and set against the backdrop of majestic snow-clad peaks and thick alpine forests, creating a deeply tranquil and divine atmosphere.

A visit to Yamunotri is not only a spiritual journey but also a rewarding experience of natural beauty, faith, and inner peace.

Day 04 : BARKOT – DHARALI (HARSIL) (165 Km / 7-8 hrs)

Drive to Harshil, a tranquil valley on the banks of the Bhagirathi River. Evening at leisure to enjoy the serene Himalayan environment. Dinner and overnight at Harshil.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

Harsil – The Unexplored Gem of Uttarakhand

Tucked away in the pristine folds of the Garhwal Himalayas, Harsil is a hidden jewel of Uttarakhand, offering a tranquil retreat for those in search of peace, natural beauty, and spiritual connection. Located at an elevation of 2,620 meters above sea level, Harsil rests gracefully on the banks of the sacred Bhagirathi River—one of the primary headstreams of the Ganga.

Unlike the more frequented tourist spots, Harsil remains untouched by commercialization, making it a perfect escape for nature lovers, spiritual seekers, and adventure enthusiasts alike. The valley is enveloped by dense deodar forests, where the crisp mountain air carries the soft rustle of leaves and the melodic songs of Himalayan birds.

The gushing waters of the Bhagirathi, the snow-clad peaks in the distance, and the serene, unpolluted environment come together to create an atmosphere of pure bliss. Harsil is not only a scenic stopover en route to Gangotri but also a destination in itself—ideal for meditation, leisurely walks, or simply unwinding in nature's lap.

Whether you're seeking solitude, spiritual enrichment, or breathtaking landscapes, Harsil welcomes you with its untouched charm and timeless serenity.

Day 05 :DHARALI (HARSIL) – GANGOTRI – UTTARKASHI (155 Km / 6-7 hrs)

After an early morning breakfast at the hotel, embark on a scenic drive to Gangotri, nestled in the majestic Garhwal Himalayas at an altitude of 3,048 meters. Upon arrival, take a holy dip in the sacred river Ganges, known here as the Bhagirathi at its origin.

Visit the revered Gangotri Temple, an 18th-century sanctuary dedicated to Goddess Ganga. The temple stands near a sacred stone where King Bhagirathi is said to have worshipped Lord Shiva, marking the spot where the Ganges is believed to have touched the earth. This exquisite white granite temple rises about 20 feet high, embodying both spiritual significance and architectural beauty.

After performing the pooja, enjoy the serene surroundings before driving back to Uttarkashi in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight stay will be at Uttarkashi.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

Uttarkashi & Vishwanath Temple

Located on the banks of the sacred Bhagirathi River, Uttarkashi is a revered pilgrimage center often regarded as the northern counterpart to Kashi (Varanasi). Situated at an elevation of 1,150 meters, this town draws devotees especially during the Megh Mela, when pilgrims gather to take a holy dip in the Bhagirathi along with their village deities.

The Kashi Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is one of the oldest and most famous temples in Uttarkashi. According to tradition, the temple was originally constructed by Sage Parshuram and later renovated in 1857 by Maharani Khaneti, wife of King Sudarshan Shah. The temple houses a Shivling measuring 60 centimeters in height and 90 centimeters in circumference.

This shrine holds immense spiritual significance and is a must-visit for anyone traveling through this sacred region.

Day 06 :UTTARKASHI – GUPTKASHI / SITAPUR (190 Km / 8-9 hrs)

After an early morning breakfast, check out from the hotel and proceed to Guptkashi, Rampur, or Sitapur. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore the charming town of Guptkashi. Dinner and overnight stay will be at your hotel or camp in Guptkashi, Rampur, or Sitapur

Lunch: On direct payment basis

Uttarkashi & Vishwanath Temple

Nestled on the banks of the sacred Bhagirathi River, Uttarkashi stands as a revered pilgrimage center, often considered the northern counterpart to Kashi (Varanasi). Situated at an elevation of 1,150 meters, this serene town attracts countless devotees, especially during the Megh Mela, when pilgrims gather to take a holy dip in the Bhagirathi alongside their village deities.

The ancient Kashi Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is among the most significant and historic temples in Uttarkashi. Tradition holds that the temple was originally built by Sage Parshuram and later renovated in 1857 by Maharani Khaneti, wife of King Sudarshan Shah. The temple enshrines a sacred Shivling, measuring 60 centimeters in height and 90 centimeters in circumference.

Steeped in deep spiritual significance, this temple is a must-visit for all travelers seeking divine blessings and a profound connection with the sacred.

Day 07 :GUPTKASHI / SITAPUR – SONPRAYAG – KEDARNATH (Drive + 20 Km Trek)

Early morning, after breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Sonprayag. From here, you will begin your 20 km trek to Kedarnath. You may choose to hire a doli or a horse for your journey (cost not included). The Mandakini River, a major tributary of the Ganges, originates at Kedarnath and flows through Gaurikund. Along the trail, pilgrims chant "Jai Bholenath," as mist occasionally shrouds the mountains before unveiling the dazzling, snow-capped peaks piercing the sky. Upon arrival, check in at government camps or lodges. Dinner and overnight stay will be arranged at the government camps or lodges.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

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About Kedarnath:

Kedarnath Mandir, one of the holiest Hindu temples, is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is located in the Garhwal Himalayan range near the banks of the sacred Mandakini River in Kedarnath, Uttarakhand. Situated at an altitude of approximately 3,583 meters (11,755 feet), it is one of the highest and most remote temples in India.

The temple is part of the revered Char Dham pilgrimage circuit and holds a special place as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, which are considered the most sacred abodes of Lord Shiva. According to legend, the Pandavas from the epic Mahabharata sought Lord Shiva to absolve themselves of the sins committed during the war. Shiva is said to have evaded them repeatedly and finally took refuge in Kedarnath in the form of a bull. The temple's unique architecture and spiritual significance draw thousands of devotees every year, especially during the summer months when the pilgrimage season opens.

Surrounded by snow-capped peaks and dramatic valleys, Kedarnath offers a deeply spiritual experience enhanced by the pristine natural beauty of the Himalayas. The temple itself is built from large, heavy, and evenly cut grey slabs of stones, showcasing ancient craftsmanship that has withstood centuries of harsh weather.

Pilgrims often undertake a challenging trek of about 16 kilometers from the base town of Gaurikund to reach Kedarnath, passing through dense forests, waterfalls, and rugged terrain. Many choose to hire ponies or palanquins (doli) for the journey.

The annual pilgrimage culminates with the winter closure of the temple, when the idol of Lord Shiva is moved to Ukhimath for worship until the next season. The temple's remote location, combined with its profound religious importance, makes Kedarnath a unique destination that inspires devotion, peace, and reverence.

Day 08 : KEDARNATH – SONPRAYAG – GUPTKASHI / SITAPUR (Return Trek & Drive)

Early in the morning, rise before dawn and, after a refreshing bath, arrive at the Kedarnath Temple by 4:45 am to witness the sacred Abhishek ceremony of Lord Shiva. Devotees are welcomed inside the Garbha Griha (sanctum sanctorum) where they can personally touch the idol and offer their prayers, including prostrating with their heads touching the deity.

Following the darshan and puja, you will exit the temple and return to your Camps or Lodges to freshen up. Later, begin the return trek of approximately 20 kilometers from Kedarnath to Sonprayag. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting in the Sonprayag car parking area to drive you back to your hotel in Sitapur, Guptkashi, or Rampur.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at your hotel in Rampur, Sitapur, or Guptkashi.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

Day 09 :SITAPUR / GUPTKASHI – JOSHIMATH – BADRINATH (240 Km / 8-9 hrs)

This morning, after checking out of the hotel, you will drive to Badrinath via Joshimath. Enjoy the scenic journey along the beautiful Ghat roads until you reach Badrinath. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and take some time to rest and refresh.

In the evening, prepare for your visit to the sacred Badrinath Temple. Before entering the temple, take a holy bath in the nearby Tapt Kund, a natural hot spring believed to have healing powers. The temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, stands 15 meters tall and is uniquely designed in the shape of a cone, topped with a small gilded bull and spire.

After completing your darshan, return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

Badrinath Temple

Badrinath, also known as Badrinarayan Temple, is a revered Hindu shrine dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Located in the picturesque town of Badrinath in Uttarakhand, India, this temple holds immense spiritual significance as one of the four sacred Char Dham pilgrimage sites, as well as one of the Chota Char Dham destinations.

Nestled in the Garhwal Himalayas at an altitude of approximately 3,300 meters, Badrinath Temple attracts thousands of devotees every year who come to seek blessings and experience the divine presence of Lord Vishnu. The temple's unique architecture features a striking 15-meter tall structure shaped like a cone, crowned with a gilded bull (Nandi) and a spire.

The temple's sanctum houses the iconic black stone idol of Lord Badrinarayan, considered to be self-manifested (Swayambhu) and exquisitely adorned with colorful garments and flower garlands. According to legend, the name Badrinath is derived from the 'Badri' or berry trees that once flourished abundantly in the area.

Badrinath is not only a spiritual haven but also a symbol of faith and devotion, offering visitors breathtaking Himalayan views and an unforgettable pilgrimage experience.

Day 10 :BADRINATH – JOSHIMATH – RUDRAPARYAG – SRINAGAR (185 Km / 7-8 hrs)

This morning, proceed for the sacred darshan at Badrinath Temple. After the darshan, return to the hotel for breakfast. Post breakfast, embark on a local sightseeing tour of Badrinath, visiting the charming Mana Village, the historic Vyas Gufa (cave), Ganesh Gufa, and the Mata Murti Temple.

In the afternoon, begin your journey back to Srinagar, passing through the scenic towns of Karanprayag and Rudraprayag. Rudraprayag, a quaint pilgrimage town, is located at the holy confluence of the rivers Alaknanda and Mandakini, adding spiritual significance to your journey.

Upon arrival in Srinagar, check in at your hotel. Enjoy dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

Mana Village:

Mana is a serene village located in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, perched at an altitude of 3,200 meters. It holds the distinction of being the last Indian village situated near the Indo-China border, offering a unique glimpse into the remote Himalayan landscape and culture.

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Vyas Gufa:

Located 5.5 km from the Badrinath Bus Stand, Vyas Gufa is an ancient cave on the banks of the Saraswati River in Mana Village, Chamoli district. It is traditionally believed to be the sacred spot where sage Vyas composed the epic Mahabharata with the divine assistance of Lord Ganesha. One of the temple's unique features is its roof, which resembles the pages from the sage's holy manuscripts, adding to the spiritual aura of the place.

Ganesh Gufa:

Ganesh Gufa is a revered cave located near Mana Village, believed to be the meditation site of Lord Ganesha. This sacred cave is a popular pilgrimage spot, attracting devotees who come to seek blessings and experience the spiritual energy associated with the elephant-headed deity.

Mata Murti Temple:

Mata Murti Temple, situated near Mana Village, is dedicated to Goddess Mata Murti, revered as the divine mother. The temple is known for its tranquil surroundings and spiritual significance, drawing pilgrims who come to pay homage and seek the blessings of the goddess.

Day 11 :SRINAGAR – DEVPRAYAG – HARIDWAR (145 Km / 5-6 hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Haridwar with an en-route visit to Devprayag, the sacred confluence where the Alaknanda and Bhagirathi rivers merge to form the holy Ganga. Arrive in Haridwar by afternoon and check in to your hotel. After some rest, visit the revered Mansa Devi and Chandi Devi temples. In the evening, attend the famous Ganga Aarti at Har Ki Pauri, a mesmerizing spiritual ritual on the banks of the river. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Lunch: On direct payment basis

About Haridwar:

Haridwar, nestled at the foothills of the Shivaliks in Uttarakhand's Haridwar district, holds deep spiritual significance. According to legend, the Suryavanshi prince Bhagirathi performed intense penance here to rescue the souls of his ancestors, who had perished due to the curse of sage Kapil. His prayers were answered when the sacred river Ganga emerged from Lord Shiva's locks, its life-giving waters reviving the sixty thousand sons of King Sagar. Following this tradition, devout Hindus stand in Haridwar's holy waters, praying for the salvation of their departed elders. Haridwar is considered the gateway to the origins of the Ganga and Yamuna rivers, which rise at altitudes of 3,000 to 4,500 meters in the snow-capped central Himalayas. The evening 'Aarti' ceremony on the banks of the Ganga, where floating diyas (lamps) illuminate the river, is a profoundly moving and sacred ritual.

Day 12 :HARIDWAR – DELHI (220 Km / 6-7 hrs)

After breakfast at the hotel, you begin the final leg of your Chardham Yatra journey with a drive back to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi, you will be transferred to the railway station or airport for your onward journey.

Includes/Excludes

Trip Inclusions

- Accommodation: 11 Nights / 12 Days in Comfortable Hotels
- Convenience: Easy accessibility with pick-up and drop-off from Delhi
- Value: Cost-effective and comfortable Chardham Yatra experience
- Begin your spiritual journey from Delhi with convenient transfers
- Visit Yamunotri and explore the scenic Rawai Valley, also known as Barkot
- Discover the pristine and serene beauty of the Harshil Valley
- Experience the adventurous and breathtaking treks to Kedarnath and Yamunotri
- Visit Kedarnath, one of the Panch Kedar temples and among the 12 Jyotirlingas
- Pay homage at Badrinath, and explore India's first village, Mana, along with the mystical Bheempul
- Witness the sacred Sangam at Devprayag and visit the revered Dhari Devi Temple on the way
- End your pilgrimage with unforgettable memories and drop-off back at Delhi

Trip Exclusions

- 5% GST as applicable
- Lunch for all days during the Yatra
- Any kind of insurance or medical expenses
- Entry fees, camera/video charges, or guide fees at monuments and pilgrimage sites
- Personal expenses such as drinks, tips, laundry, and other incidental costs
- Charges for pony, palki, or doli during Yamunotri and Kedarnath trekking
- Kedarnath shuttle helicopter ticket (optional)
- Any additional sightseeing or transportation costs beyond the mentioned itinerary
- Extra night accommodation, if required
- Additional expenses for Puja, Prasad, and Aarti
- Any other items or services not specifically mentioned in the inclusions