

PILGRIMAGE · COMPLETE TRAVEL GUIDE

12 Jyotirlinga Yatra

All twelve Jyotirlingas, planned from Ahmedabad — as one 18-night circuit or four separate trips you can finish over a year or two.

BEST MONTHS	FROM AHMEDABAD	IDEAL DURATION	VEG & JAIN FOOD	GOOD FOR
October–March for most of the route; Kedarnath only opens late April/May to late Oct/early Nov (exact dates announced each year, usually around Akshaya Tritiya to Bhai Dooj)	Starts from Ahmedabad — by road for Somnath/Dwarka (5–7 h) and the Maharashtra cluster (8–9 h), by flight or train for Ujjain, Varanasi, Deoghar, Kedarnath (via Dehradun), Srisailam (via Hyderabad) and Rameshwaram (via Madurai)	Complete circuit 18–19 nights; shorter regional trips 6–8 nights each	Easy in Gujarat, Ujjain and Varanasi; workable with planning in Nashik and Aurangabad; limited at Srisailam, Deoghar and en route to Kedarnath, where we carry supplementary food	Devout families, groups doing a sankalp yatra, senior parents (with adjusted pace at Kedarnath and the hill temples)

The twelve Jyotirlingas are spread across eight states, from Somnath on our own Saurashtra coast to Rameshwaram at the southern tip of Tamil Nadu, so no single trip covers them comfortably without either a very long holiday or a lot of flying. In order they are usually visited: Somnath and Nageshwar (Dwarka) in Gujarat; Trimbakeshwar, Bhimashankar and Grishneshwar in Maharashtra; Omkareshwar and Mahakaleshwar in Madhya Pradesh; Kashi Vishwanath in Uttar Pradesh; Baidyanath in Jharkhand; Kedarnath in Uttarakhand; Mallikarjuna at Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh; and Ramanathaswamy at Rameshwaram in Tamil Nadu.

Most of our families do this in parts rather than one go — Gujarat's two are a weekend away, the Maharashtra three suit a week's road trip, and Kedarnath needs its own dedicated visit within the May–October window when the temple is even open. We run all four combinations below: the full 18-night circuit for those with the time and the will, and three shorter trips that group the Jyotirlingas by geography so nobody is flying back and forth across the country. Every group leaves from Ahmedabad; where a leg is impractical by road we say so and book the flight or train instead.

What to see

Somnath & Nageshwar (Gujarat)

The first of the twelve and the nearest to home — Somnath on the Arabian Sea coast, Nageshwar 17 km from Dwarka. Both can be covered on a single weekend from Ahmedabad.

Grishneshwar (Ellora)

The smallest and least crowded of the twelve, right next to the Ellora Caves — an easy add-on if you are already travelling for the caves.

Kashi Vishwanath (Varanasi)

The holiest of the twelve for most pilgrims, rebuilt into the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor in 2021 with direct ghat access; combine with the Ganga aarti at Dashashwamedh and a half-day at Sarnath.

Kedarnath

The most physically demanding stop: a 16 km trek (or pony, doli or helicopter) at 3,583 m, open only about six months a year, and requiring online registration before you travel.

Trimbakeshwar & Bhimashankar (Maharashtra hills)

Trimbakeshwar near Nashik, source of the Godavari, and Bhimashankar in the Sahyadri hills 110 km from Pune — both have a genuine trishul-shaped linga and a strict, simple darshan process.

Omkareshwar & Mahakaleshwar (Madhya Pradesh)

Omkareshwar sits on an island shaped like the Om symbol in the Narmada; Mahakaleshwar in Ujjain is the only Jyotirlinga facing south, and its 4 am Bhasma Aarti is the single most-asked-about ritual on this whole yatra.

Baidyanath (Deoghar)

One of the harder Jyotirlingas to reach from Gujarat — no direct flights, so it is usually combined with Varanasi via Patna or Kolkata.

Mallikarjuna & Rameshwaram (South)

Srisailam on the Krishna river in Andhra Pradesh and Rameshwaram at land's end in Tamil Nadu, where the 22 theerthams ritual bath is unique to this temple among all twelve.

Getting there from Ahmedabad

Road: Ahmedabad connects well by road only to the Gujarat pair — Somnath (400 km, 7 h) and, via Somnath, Dwarka (a further 240 km, 5 h). Beyond Gujarat, road distances become impractical for a family trip (Ahmedabad–Nashik alone is 450 km/8 h, and Ahmedabad to any of the remaining eight Jyotirlingas is 900 km or more), so we use flights or trains for every other leg.

Flight: The practical hubs are Indore (for Omkareshwar/Ujjain), Varanasi (for Kashi Vishwanath), Kolkata or Patna (for Deoghar/Baidyanath, connecting onward by road), Dehradun (for Kedarnath, connecting by road to Haridwar/Guptkashi), Hyderabad (for Srisailam) and Madurai (for Rameshwaram) — Ahmedabad has direct or one-stop flights to all of these.

Train: Ahmedabad has direct or convenient connecting trains to Ujjain, Indore and Varanasi, which suit travellers who prefer not to fly; the Kedarnath, Srisailam and Rameshwaram legs still need a flight plus a long road transfer regardless of how you reach the nearest railroad.

Getting around. A private AC vehicle with driver covers every road sector; for the flight sectors we arrange airport/station transfers at each end. Kedarnath itself has no vehicle access beyond Sonprayag — it is on foot, pony, palki/doli or helicopter only from there. Srisailam and Rameshwaram temple complexes are walkable once you arrive, though Srisailam's approach road within the temple town is steep in stretches.

When to go

SEASON	MONTHS
Best overall window	October – March

Kedarnath season	Late April/May – late October/early November (exact opening and closing dates set by the temple committee each year, usually around /
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Srisailam and Rameshwaram heat	April – June
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Monsoon	July – September
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Permits, rules and packing

Kedarnath requires mandatory online yatra registration before travel (register.uttarakhandtourism.gov.in), checked at Sonprayag along with photo ID — carry printouts, not just phone screenshots, as network coverage is unreliable there. Mahakaleshwar's Bhasma Aarti needs a separate online booking 3–4 weeks ahead with a strict dress code (no leather items inside, men often required to wear a dhoti supplied at the counter); Kashi Vishwanath's paid Sugam Darshan can be booked online or at the counter and does not allow phones, bags or leather past security — use the paid locker facility outside. Trimbakeshwar requires men to remove their shirt and wear a dhoti for the inner sanctum. Photography is prohibited inside the sanctum at all twelve temples; phones must usually be deposited or kept switched off well before the queue.

What to pack

- Layered woollens for Kedarnath even in season — 5–10°C is common even in June, colder at night
- A separate cotton dhoti for men (Trimbakeshwar, Bhasma Aarti and several other sanctums require it; some temples rent them, but carrying your own avoids the queue)
- Comfortable trekking shoes with grip if attempting the Kedarnath trek on foot
- Sun protection — hat, sunscreen, sunglasses — for the Srisailam ghat road and Rameshwaram's open courtyards
- A printed copy of Kedarnath yatra registration and photo ID for every traveller
- Basic medication for altitude and motion sickness, plus any regular prescriptions in original packaging
- A small dry-food kit (khakhra, thepla, dry fruit) for the Srisailam and Deoghar sectors where familiar food is limited

Veg and Jain food

- Somnath, Dwarka, Ujjain and Varanasi are the easy sectors — Gujarati thali restaurants and Jain-friendly kitchens are common in all four, and most hotels there will cook to order.
- Nashik and Aurangabad have reasonable North Indian/Gujarati options in the main towns, though choices thin out at Bhimashankar and Trimbakeshwar themselves — eat before or after the temple visit rather than counting on food at the temple town.
- Deoghar and Srisailam are genuinely limited — mostly South/East Indian vegetarian thalis with no dedicated Gujarati kitchens; we brief every group to carry some dry snacks for these two stops.
- Kedarnath and the Guptkashi/Sersi belt serve simple vegetarian dhaba food along the route — adequate but basic; do not expect Jain-specific preparation without asking well in advance, and carry your own snacks for the trek or helicopter wait.

What it costs

Indicative per-person costs on twin sharing for 2026, covering hotels, private vehicle, listed flights, breakfast and dinner. The Kedarnath helicopter and any doli/pony hire are the biggest swing items on this yatra and are quoted separately in each itinerary.

VALUE

₹26,000 – 45,000 per trip segment

3★ hotels, economy flights booked 6+ weeks ahead, Kedarnath done by trek/pony rather than helicopter

COMFORT

₹42,000 – 78,000 per trip segment

4★ hotels, flexible flights, helicopter for Kedarnath, Sugam/Shighra darshan tickets included

PREMIUM

₹1,05,000 – 2,70,000 for the full circuit

5★ or best-available hotels throughout, helicopter and VIP darshan wherever offered, private guide at each major temple

Where the money goes

- Kedarnath helicopter: ₹7,800–8,600 per person round trip in 2026 (indicative; prices and operators change every season and slots sell out weeks ahead) — the single largest variable cost on the whole yatra.
- Internal flights: Indore, Varanasi, Deoghar/Patna, Dehradun, Hyderabad and Madurai sectors together typically add ₹35,000–55,000 per person if the full circuit is flown rather than done in shorter regional trips.
- Bhasma Aarti and Sugam/Shighra darshan tickets: individually modest (₹200–500 each) but add up across twelve temples, and some require booking weeks ahead regardless of price.
- Doli or pony hire at Kedarnath for those who cannot trek: ₹4,500–7,500 for a pony, ₹8,000–12,000 for a doli, one way, negotiated with the local union at Gaurikund.

Travelling with parents and children

- Kedarnath is the one stop where age and fitness genuinely decide the plan — discuss pony, doli or helicopter with us before booking rather than deciding at Gaurikund, since slots for all three fill up in season.
- Bhimashankar's sanctum is reached down several hundred steps with no lift; anyone with knee problems can wait comfortably at the temple entrance while the rest of the group goes down.
- Srisailam's ghat road has continuous hairpin bends for the last hour — seat anyone prone to motion sickness in front, and avoid a same-day return drive after a full darshan day if you can help it.
- Split the circuit rather than attempting all 18 nights at once if anyone in the group is over 70 or has a cardiac or respiratory condition — the Kedarnath altitude and the Srisailam/Rameshwaram heat are the two sectors we most often recommend doing separately.
- Carry printed photo ID for every traveller, not just the group leader — Kedarnath registration checks, hotel check-ins and some temple entries (Kashi Vishwanath Sugam Darshan in particular) ask for it individually.
- Build in the buffer day we schedule around Kedarnath — helicopter delays for weather are common, not exceptional, and a trip with no slack around it risks missing the rest of the circuit.

Questions families ask us

Is there a correct order to visit the twelve Jyotirlingas?

No single order is prescribed by scripture and pilgrims follow different sequences; the order that matters practically is geographic, to avoid unnecessary backtracking. Our complete circuit runs Gujarat → Maharashtra → Madhya Pradesh → Uttar Pradesh → Jharkhand → Uttarakhand → Andhra Pradesh → Tamil Nadu, which is the most efficient loop out from and back towards Ahmedabad.

Can we do this in parts instead of one long trip?

Yes, and most of our groups do exactly that — the four itineraries here are designed to be booked independently over a year or two, in any order, rather than as one 18-night trip. There is no requirement to finish the twelve in one yatra.

What is the best season to plan the whole circuit?

October to March suits everything except Kedarnath, which is only open roughly late April/May to late October/early November. If you want to do the complete 18-night circuit in one trip, May or October are the two months where both windows overlap comfortably.

How far ahead should the Kedarnath helicopter be booked?

As early as tickets open for the season, often months ahead for popular dates — slots for Phata, Guptkashi and Sersi heliports sell out quickly once the yatra season is announced. We recommend booking the moment your travel dates are fixed and always keeping the trekking/pony option as a fallback in case of cancellation.

Can Somnath and Dwarka be done in a single day from Ahmedabad?

Not comfortably as a day trip with proper darshan at both — the drive alone is close to 7 hours each way to Somnath, and Dwarka is a further 5 hours beyond that. We run this as a minimum 2-night, 3-day trip so both temples get an unhurried visit.

Can you arrange a formal sankalp or pooja at each temple?

Yes — we can pre-arrange a sankalp, abhishek or a specific pooja at most of the twelve temples through local panda/priest contacts, particularly at Somnath, Ujjain, Varanasi, Srisailam and Rameshwaram where this is common practice. Tell us at the time of booking so timings and the priest's fee can be confirmed in advance rather than negotiated on the spot.

The Complete Circuit

All twelve Jyotirlingas in one continuous yatra, built as a loop out from Ahmedabad and back via the south. Long, and only for a group with 19 days to give — but genuinely completes the circuit in one go, which most families find they cannot repeat.

18 nights / 19 days

Route: **Ahmedabad – Somnath – Dwarka – Nashik – Bhimashankar – Shirdi – Ellora – Omkareshwar – Ujjain – Varanasi – Deoghar – Haridwar – Guptkashi – Kedarnath – Hyderabad – Srisailem – Rameshwaram – Madurai**

From **₹1,45,000** per person, indicative

Day 1	AHMEDABAD → SOMNATH The first Jyotirlinga Leave Ahmedabad by 6 am for Somnath (400 km, about 7 hours) with a breakfast stop near Rajkot. Check in and rest through the afternoon heat. Evening darshan at Somnath Temple followed by the 45-minute Sound and Light Show on the temple grounds (7:45 pm, ticketed). Stay: Somnath · Meals: Dinner
Day 2	SOMNATH → DWARKA Second Jyotirlinga: Nageshwar Early darshan at Somnath (queues build after 8 am), then a short stop at Triveni Sangam and Bhalka Tirth before the drive to Dwarka via Porbandar (240 km, about 5 hours). Nageshwar Temple, 17 km before Dwarka town, is a quick, uncrowded darshan — visit this on arrival. Evening aarti at Dwarkadhish Temple. Stay: Dwarka · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 3	DWARKA → NASHIK Crossing to Maharashtra Morning darshan at Dwarkadhish and Rukmini Devi Temple, then drive to Rajkot (230 km, 4 hours) to fly Rajkot–Mumbai (about 1 hour) — the road distance to Nashik is over 900 km and not sensible to drive. From Mumbai airport it is a further 4-hour drive to Nashik; you arrive late evening, so this is a travel day with no sightseeing. Stay: Nashik · Meals: Breakfast
Day 4	NASHIK Third Jyotirlinga: Trimbakeshwar Trimbakeshwar Temple is 28 km from Nashik; go early, before 8 am, as darshan queues on weekends can run 2–3 hours. The temple sits at the source of the Godavari and men are required to enter bare-chested with a dhoti (available for hire outside). Afternoon at Panchavati and Kalaram Temple in Nashik town; rest for tomorrow's drive. Stay: Nashik · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 5	NASHIK → BHIMASHANKAR Fourth Jyotirlinga Drive to Bhimashankar (about 210 km via Ghoti and Manchar, 5 hours) through the Sahyadri ghats — the last stretch is a steep, winding climb, so keep motion-sickness tablets handy. Bhimashankar Temple sits inside a wildlife sanctuary at 1,230 m; darshan involves a walk down several hundred steps to the sanctum, which is the hardest physical stretch of the whole yatra for elderly members. Overnight near Bhimashankar or continue to Pune if the group prefers a proper hotel. Stay: Bhimashankar / Pune · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 6	BHIMASHANKAR → SHIRDI Towards Ellora Drive to Shirdi (about 220 km via Ahmednagar, 5 hours). This is not one of the twelve but sits directly on the route to Ellora and almost every family wants to stop. Evening darshan queue at Sai Baba Temple; the temple runs a separate faster line for senior citizens and the differently-abled. Stay: Shirdi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 7	SHIRDI → AURANGABAD (ELLORA) Fifth Jyotirlinga: Grishneshwar Morning darshan at Shirdi, then drive to Ellora (about 130 km, 3 hours). Grishneshwar Temple, the smallest of the twelve, sits right at the entrance to the Ellora Caves complex — a simple, quick darshan compared to the others. Spend the afternoon at the Ellora Caves (UNESCO World Heritage, 34 rock-cut caves; allow 3 hours, closed Tuesdays). Stay: Aurangabad · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8	AURANGABAD → INDORE → OMKARESHWAR Into Madhya Pradesh: sixth Jyotirlinga Fly Aurangabad–Indore (via Mumbai, about 3 hours total with the connection) then drive to Omkareshwar (140 km, 3 hours). Omkareshwar Temple sits on Mandhata Island in the Narmada, shaped like the Om symbol; cross by the footbridge for evening darshan and, if time permits, a short Narmada boat ride. Stay: Omkareshwar · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 9	OMKARESHWAR → UJJAIN Seventh Jyotirlinga: Mahakaleshwar Morning Narmada parikrama walk and a second darshan before the crowds build, then drive to Ujjain (140 km, 3 hours). Mahakaleshwar is the only south-facing Jyotirlinga and the only one with a daily Bhasma Aarti — book the online slot at least a month ahead (mahakaleshwar.nic.in), reach the temple by 3 am, and note the aarti itself has a modified dress code (no leather, men often asked to wear dhoti). Sleep is short tonight. Stay: Ujjain · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 10	UJJAIN → VARANASI Eighth Jyotirlinga: Kashi Vishwanath After the pre-dawn Bhasma Aarti, rest through the morning, then visit Kal Bhairav Temple and the Mahakal Lok corridor before an afternoon flight Indore–Varanasi (via Delhi or Mumbai, 3–4 hours total). Evening Ganga aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat — arrive by 5:30 pm for a good spot or book a boat. Stay: Varanasi · Meals: Breakfast
Day 11	VARANASI Kashi Vishwanath and Sarnath Sunrise boat ride on the Ganga, then Sugam Darshan (paid, faster-queue ticket) at Kashi Vishwanath Corridor — carry no bags, phones or leather items past the security check, everything is deposited outside. Afternoon half-day trip to Sarnath (13 km, where the Buddha gave his first sermon). Kaal Bhairav and Annapurna temples nearby if energy allows. Stay: Varanasi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 12	VARANASI → DEOGHAR Ninth Jyotirlinga: Baidyanath Fly Varanasi–Kolkata–Deoghar, or Varanasi–Patna with a 4-hour road transfer — Deoghar has no direct flight from Varanasi, so check current connections when booking. Evening arrival; walk through the Kanwar bazaar around the temple. Baidyanath is one of the busier temples on the circuit, particularly during Shravan month. Stay: Deoghar · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 13	DEOGHAR → HARIDWAR Baidyanath darshan, then north Early darshan at Baba Baidyanath (queue lines open around 4 am; a separate paid Shighra Darshan counter cuts the wait to under an hour). Fly Deoghar or Patna to Delhi, then road or train to Haridwar (about 5–6 hours from Delhi). Register online for the Kedarnath yatra tonight if not already done — it is mandatory and checked at Sonprayag. Stay: Haridwar · Meals: Breakfast
Day 14	HARIDWAR → GUPTKASHI/SERSI Towards Kedarnath Drive via Rudraprayag to Guptkashi or Sersi (about 210 km, 8–9 hours on hill roads with landslide-prone stretches, so start by 6 am). This is also your acclimatisation stop before Kedarnath's altitude; a short evening walk is enough, no exertion. Confirm your helicopter slot (Phata, Guptkashi or Sersi heliports) or trekking/pony arrangements for tomorrow. Stay: Guptkashi/Sersi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 15	GUPTKASHI → KEDARNATH Tenth Jyotirlinga: Kedarnath Either the helicopter (about 8 minutes each way from Phata/Guptkashi/Sersi, booked online via IRCTC well in advance, weather-dependent and often rescheduled) or the 16 km trek from Gaurikund/Sonprayag (a full day on foot, or by pony/palki for those who cannot walk it). Darshan at Kedarnath Temple, elevation 3,583 m; the air is thin and cold even in season, so seniors should not rush the last stretch. Stay: Kedarnath / back to Guptkashi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 16	KEDARNATH → HARIDWAR Descent and buffer day This day is built in deliberately as a buffer — Kedarnath helicopters are cancelled for weather more often than people expect, and this slot absorbs a delay without wrecking the rest of the trip. If day 15 went to plan, use today to descend fully to Haridwar or Dehradun and rest. Stay: Haridwar/Dehradun · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
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HARIDWAR → HYDERABAD

Flying south

Fly Dehradun–Hyderabad (via Delhi or Mumbai, about 4–5 hours total). This is purely a travel day — land in the evening and rest before tomorrow's ghat-road drive.

Stay: Hyderabad · Meals: Breakfast

Day
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HYDERABAD → SRISAILAM

Eleventh Jyotirlinga: Mallikarjuna

Drive to Srisailem (about 210 km via the Nagarjunasagar or Kollapur route, 5 hours on a winding ghat road through the Nallamala forest). Mallikarjuna and Bhramaramba darshan (temple timings roughly 4:30 am–10 pm with a midday closure 1–2 pm); Sarva Darshan queues move steadily, Special Entry darshan is available for a fee. Short visit to Patala Ganga on the Krishna river.

Stay: Srisailem · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
19

SRISAILAM → HYDERABAD → MADURAI → RAMESHWARAM

Twelfth Jyotirlinga: Rameshwaram, and home

Early drive back to Hyderabad (5 hours) to fly to Madurai (about 1.5 hours), then road to Rameshwaram (170 km, 3.5 hours) — arriving late evening. This effectively closes the loop but the Rameshwaram darshan itself needs its own day; groups on a tight schedule fly home from Madurai the next morning after an early-morning Ramanathaswamy visit, or add a 20th day to do it properly. We build this as day 1 of your onward flight home, timed around the Rameshwaram temple's 5 am opening.

Stay: Rameshwaram · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Included

- + Private AC vehicle for all road sectors
- + All internal flights as listed (Rajkot–Mumbai, Aurangabad–Indore, Indore–Varanasi, Varanasi–Deoghar/Patna, Deoghar/Patna–Delhi, Dehradun–Hyderabad, Hyderabad–Madurai)
- + 18 nights in inspected hotels, pure-veg or Jain breakfast and dinner daily
- + Kedarnath helicopter booking assistance and yatra registration
- + Mahakaleshwar Bhasma Aarti and Kashi Vishwanath Sugam Darshan booking
- + Dedicated tour manager for the full circuit

Not included

- Airfare Ahmedabad–Somnath sector and return Rameshwaram/Madurai–Ahmedabad flight
- Lunches
- Helicopter fare to Kedarnath (₹7,800–8,600 per person round trip, subject to change)
- Temple donation counters, VIP/Shighra darshan tickets beyond the ones listed
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

STANDARD

₹1,45,000–1,70,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹2,10,000–2,70,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including internal flights and hotels but excluding the Ahmedabad–Somnath and Rameshwaram–Ahmedabad legs. The single largest variable is the Kedarnath helicopter, which can double or halve this cost depending on availability and season.

Gujarat & Maharashtra: Five Jyotirlingas

The five nearest Jyotirlingas by road, with Shirdi and the Ellora Caves as natural add-ons. The most-booked of our four Jyotirlinga trips, and the only one that needs no flight at all if your group is willing to do one long highway hop.

6 nights / 7 days		Route: Ahmedabad – Somnath – Dwarka – Nashik – Bhimashankar – Shirdi – Ellora – Ahmedabad	From ₹26,000 per person, indicative
Day 1	AHMEDABAD → SOMNATH	First Jyotirlinga Leave by 6 am for Somnath (400 km, about 7 hours) with a breakfast halt near Rajkot. Afternoon rest, evening darshan at Somnath Temple and the 7:45 pm Sound and Light Show. Stay: Somnath · Meals: Dinner	
Day 2	SOMNATH → DWARKA	Second Jyotirlinga: Nageshwar Early morning darshan at Somnath, then drive to Dwarka via Porbandar (240 km, 5 hours). Nageshwar Temple, 17 km short of Dwarka, first; then Dwarkadhish and Rukmini Devi temples, and the evening aarti. Stay: Dwarka · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner	
Day 3	DWARKA → RAJKOT → NASHIK	Crossing to Maharashtra Morning darshan, then drive to Rajkot (230 km, 4 hours) to fly Rajkot–Mumbai — the direct road distance to Nashik exceeds 900 km, so this is the one flight in an otherwise road-based trip. From Mumbai airport, a further 4-hour drive to Nashik; you arrive late evening. Stay: Nashik · Meals: Breakfast	
Day 4	NASHIK	Third Jyotirlinga: Trimbakeshwar Trimbakeshwar Temple, 28 km from Nashik, best visited before 8 am to avoid the day's queue build-up. Men enter bare-chested in a dhoti (available on hire). Afternoon at Panchavati and, for those interested, a short visit to the Sula vineyards. Drive on to Bhimashankar (210 km, 5 hours) or stay overnight in Nashik and go early next morning depending on group energy. Stay: Nashik / Bhimashankar · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner	
Day 5	BHIMASHANKAR → SHIRDI	Fourth Jyotirlinga: Bhimashankar Bhimashankar Temple sits inside a wildlife sanctuary at 1,230 m; the last stretch is a steep ghat drive and the sanctum is reached down several hundred steps — the toughest walk on this itinerary for elderly travellers, who can wait at the base while others go down. Afterwards drive to Shirdi (about 220 km via Ahmednagar, 5 hours) for the evening. Stay: Shirdi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner	
Day 6	SHIRDI → ELLORA (AURANGABAD)	Fifth Jyotirlinga: Grishneshwar Morning darshan at Shirdi Sai Baba Temple (a separate, faster queue exists for seniors), then drive to Ellora (130 km, 3 hours). Grishneshwar, the smallest of the twelve Jyotirlingas, sits at the entrance to the Ellora Caves — a short, simple darshan. Spend the afternoon touring the Ellora Caves (closed Tuesdays). Stay: Aurangabad · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner	
Day 7	AURANGABAD → AHMEDABAD	Fly home Morning flight Aurangabad–Ahmedabad (via Mumbai, about 3 hours total) or, for groups without a flight booked, a full-day drive back (about 800 km, best split into two days if driven). Stay: — · Meals: Breakfast	

Included

- + Private AC vehicle for all road sectors
- + One-way flight Rajkot–Mumbai for the group
- + 6 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Temple darshan arrangements at all five Jyotirlingas plus Shirdi
- + Return airport transfers

Not included

- Return flight Aurangabad–Ahmedabad
- Lunches
- Ellora Caves entry ticket and guide
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

STANDARD

₹26,000–32,000

PREMIUM

₹40,000–52,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, excluding the Aurangabad–Ahmedabad return flight. A pure road version (no flight, driving the full Dwarka–Nashik stretch over two long days instead) runs about ₹4,000–6,000 less but adds a full extra day.

Ujjain, Omkareshwar & Kashi

The central and northern four — Omkareshwar, Mahakaleshwar with its Bhasma Aarti, Kashi Vishwanath, and Baidyanath at Deoghar — done by flight and train rather than road, since these four are not close to each other.

6 nights / 7 days Route: Ahmedabad – Indore – Omkareshwar – Ujjain – Varanasi – Deoghar From ₹42,000 per person, indicative		
Day 1	AHMEDABAD → INDORE → OMKARESHWAR Sixth Jyotirlinga: Omkareshwar Morning flight Ahmedabad–Indore (about 1 hour 15 minutes), then drive to Omkareshwar (140 km, 3 hours). Omkareshwar Temple sits on Mandhata Island in the Narmada, shaped like the Om symbol; cross the footbridge for evening darshan. Stay: Omkareshwar · Meals: Dinner	
Day 2	OMKARESHWAR → UJJAIN Narmada parikrama and onward Early second darshan and a short Narmada boat ride, then drive to Ujjain (140 km, 3 hours). Evening at Ram Ghat and Kal Bhairav Temple — offer liquor as prasad here, a local custom that surprises most first-time visitors. Stay: Ujjain · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner	
Day 3	UJJAIN Seventh Jyotirlinga: Mahakaleshwar Bhasma Aarti Reach Mahakaleshwar Temple by 3 am for the 4 am Bhasma Aarti — the slot must be booked online at least 3–4 weeks ahead at mahakaleshwar.nic.in (limited daily quota), and the aarti has its own dress rule: no leather belts, wallets or shoes inside, men are often asked for a dhoti. Rest through the late morning, then visit the Mahakal Lok corridor and Harsiddhi Temple in the evening. Stay: Ujjain · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner	
Day 4	UJJAIN → INDORE → VARANASI Eighth Jyotirlinga: Kashi Vishwanath Drive to Indore (55 km, 1.5 hours) for an afternoon flight to Varanasi (via Delhi or Mumbai, 3–4 hours total, or a direct flight when the seasonal route runs). Evening Ganga aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat — go by 5:30 pm for a spot on the steps, or book a boat for a better view. Stay: Varanasi · Meals: Breakfast	
Day 5	VARANASI Kashi Vishwanath and Sarnath Sunrise Ganga boat ride past the ghats, then Sugam Darshan (paid fast-track ticket) at the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor — no phones, bags or leather goods are allowed past security, and everything must be deposited outside. Afternoon half-day trip to Sarnath (13 km). Stay: Varanasi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner	
Day 6	VARANASI → DEOGHAR Ninth Jyotirlinga: Baidyanath Fly Varanasi–Kolkata–Deoghar or Varanasi–Patna with a road transfer (about 4 hours from Patna) — check current flight connections, as Deoghar's airport has limited direct routes. Evening arrival; walk through the Kanwar bazaar surrounding the temple complex. Stay: Deoghar · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner	
Day 7	DEOGHAR → AHMEDABAD Baidyanath darshan and fly home Early darshan at Baba Baidyanath — the queue opens around 4 am, and a paid Shighra Darshan counter cuts the wait considerably. Fly Deoghar or Patna to Ahmedabad (via Delhi or Kolkata, 4–5 hours total, arriving evening). Stay: — · Meals: Breakfast	

Included

- + Flights Ahmedabad–Indore, Indore–Varanasi, Varanasi–Deoghar (or Patna) and Deoghar/Patna–Ahmedabad
- + Private AC vehicle for all road sectors
- + 6 nights in inspected hotels, veg breakfast and dinner daily
- + Mahakaleshwar Bhasma Aarti booking assistance
- + Kashi Vishwanath Sugam Darshan and Baidyanath Shighra Darshan tickets
- + Airport and station transfers throughout

Not included

- Lunches
- Ganga boat ride fare
- Sarnath entry and guide
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

STANDARD

₹42,000–50,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹62,000–78,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including all flights listed at normal advance-purchase fares. Shravan month (roughly July–August) sees very heavy crowds at both Ujjain and Deoghar and pushes both hotel prices and darshan queue times up sharply — we generally advise against this trip in that period.

Kedarnath, Srisailam & Rameshwaram

For families who have already done the western and central Jyotirlingas and are left with the three hardest-to-combine ones — Kedarnath, Srisailam and Rameshwaram — which share nothing geographically except that each needs its own dedicated flight leg from Ahmedabad.

8 nights / 9 days Route: **Ahmedabad – Haridwar – Guptkashi – Kedarnath – Hyderabad – Srisailam – Madurai – Rameshwaram**

From **₹68,000** per person, indicative

Day 1	AHMEDABAD → DEHRADUN → HARIDWAR Start of the Kedarnath leg Morning flight Ahmedabad–Dehradun (via Delhi, about 3 hours total), then drive to Haridwar (35 km, 1 hour). If you have not already registered online for the Kedarnath yatra (mandatory, done at register.uttarakhandtourism.gov.in), complete it tonight — it is checked again at Sonprayag. Stay: Haridwar · Meals: Dinner
Day 2	HARIDWAR → GUPTKASHI/SERSI Into the hills Drive via Rudraprayag to Guptkashi or Sersi (about 210 km, 8–9 hours on hill roads, so leave by 6 am). This town at about 1,319 m is also your acclimatisation base before Kedarnath's 3,583 m — take it slow this evening, no exertion, drink plenty of water. Stay: Guptkashi/Sersi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 3	GUPTKASHI Acclimatisation day A deliberately light day: a short walk to Ukhimath or the local Vishwanath Temple, confirming your helicopter booking (Phata, Guptkashi or Sersi heliports, booked in advance via IRCTC and weather-dependent) or arranging pony/doli/palki if trekking. Seniors and anyone with breathing or heart concerns should use this day to rest fully rather than sightsee. Stay: Guptkashi/Sersi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 4	GUPTKASHI → KEDARNATH Tenth Jyotirlinga: Kedarnath Helicopter (about 8 minutes each way) or the 16 km trek from Gaurikund/Sonprayag on foot, pony, or palki/doli for those who cannot walk it — the trek takes 7–9 hours uphill for a fit adult, considerably longer with a pony or doli. Darshan at Kedarnath Temple; the air is thin and cold even in season, so keep the visit unhurried and layer up regardless of the month. Stay: Kedarnath or back to Guptkashi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 5	KEDARNATH → HARIDWAR Descent and buffer day This day is a deliberate buffer, since Kedarnath helicopter flights are frequently delayed or cancelled for weather — if day 4 went as planned, use today to descend fully to Haridwar or Dehradun and rest before the flight south. Stay: Haridwar/Dehradun · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 6	DEHRADUN → HYDERABAD → SRISAILAM Eleventh Jyotirlinga: Mallikarjuna Fly Dehradun–Hyderabad (via Delhi, about 4–5 hours total), then a further drive to Srisailam (about 210 km on a winding ghat road through the Nallamala forest, 5 hours) — this is a long travel day, so keep it light on the arrival end. Evening darshan if you arrive before the 10 pm closing; otherwise first thing tomorrow. Stay: Srisailam · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 7	SRISAILAM Mallikarjuna darshan Mallikarjuna and Bhramaramba darshan (temple open roughly 4:30 am–10 pm with a midday closure around 1–2 pm); Sarva Darshan queues move steadily most days, and a paid Special Entry darshan is available for those short on time. Short visit to Patala Ganga on the Krishna river below the temple. The ghat drive up and the temple's own steps make this a moderately tiring day for seniors — plan a slow pace. Stay: Srisailam · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 8	SRISAILAM → HYDERABAD → MADURAI → RAMESHWARAM Towards the twelfth Jyotirlinga Drive back to Hyderabad (5 hours), fly to Madurai (about 1.5 hours), then a final road transfer to Rameshwaram (170 km, 3.5 hours) — a long day, arriving late evening. This is purely a travel day; save your energy for tomorrow's temple. Stay: Rameshwaram · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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RAMESHWARAM → MADURAI → AHMEDABAD

Twelfth Jyotirlinga: Ramanathaswamy, and home

Early darshan at Ramanathaswamy Temple (opens 5 am) and, for those who want the full ritual, a bath at the 22 theerthams inside the temple complex — priests assist and it takes about an hour. A short visit to Dhanushkodi if time allows, then drive to Madurai (170 km, 3.5 hours) for the evening flight home to Ahmedabad (via Chennai or Bengaluru).

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Included

- + Flights Ahmedabad–Dehradun, Dehradun–Hyderabad and Madurai–Ahmedabad
- + Private AC vehicle for all road sectors
- + 8 nights in inspected hotels, veg breakfast and dinner daily
- + Kedarnath yatra registration assistance and helicopter booking support
- + 22 theerthams bath arrangement at Rameshwaram
- + Dedicated tour manager for the hill sector

Not included

- Helicopter fare to Kedarnath (₹7,800–8,600 per person round trip, indicative, subject to change and weather cancellation)
- Pony/doli charges if trekking (₹4,500–7,500 pony, ₹8,000–12,000 doli, one way, negotiated locally)
- Lunches
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

STANDARD

₹68,000–82,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹1,05,000–1,35,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights at normal advance-purchase fares but excluding the Kedarnath helicopter, which is the single biggest swing factor in this trip's cost.

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