

12 JYOTIRLINGA YATRA · REMAINING THREE ITINERARY

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 by day

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

Day
9

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

Inclusions

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%

Indicative cost

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. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. 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.

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.

Permits and rules. 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.

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

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