

12 JYOTIRLINGA YATRA · CENTRAL & NORTH ITINERARY

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 by day

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**

Inclusions

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%

Indicative cost

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. 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 Srisailem 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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