

UTTARAKHAND · PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

Char Dham Pilgrimage

The full Kedarnath–Badrinath yatra for families and pilgrimage groups. Online registration is mandatory for both shrines; we handle this along with helicopter or pony bookings once your dates are confirmed. Runs only May to October — the shrines are closed the rest of the year.

8 nights / 9 days

Route: **Haridwar – Rishikesh – Guptkashi – Kedarnath – Badrinath – Rudraprayag/Rishikesh**

From **₹42,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

HARIDWAR

Arrive and Ganga Aarti

Arrive by flight into Dehradun or overnight train, drive to Haridwar (35 km, 1 hour). Rest, then attend the evening Ganga Aarti at Har-ki-Pauri. This is also when we hand over your Char Dham registration confirmation and ID cards, which every pilgrim must carry throughout the yatra.

Stay: **Haridwar** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

HARIDWAR → RISHIKESH

Rishikesh and preparation

Morning temple visits in Haridwar, then a short drive to Rishikesh (25 km). Afternoon at Ram Jhula and Laxman Jhula, evening aarti at Triveni Ghat. Use today to buy any warm clothing or trekking essentials you're missing — Rishikesh has better shops for this than the towns ahead.

Stay: **Rishikesh** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
3

RISHIKESH → GUPTKASHI

Towards Kedarnath

Long mountain drive to Guptkashi (or Sonprayag/Sitapur, closer to the trek base), about 200 km, 8–9 hours through Rudraprayag and Ukhimath. Roads are narrow with hairpin bends; we schedule an early 6 am start and a lunch halt at Rudraprayag. Overnight to be fresh for the Kedarnath leg.

Stay: **Guptkashi/Sitapur** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

GUPTKASHI → KEDARNATH

Kedarnath darshan

Drive to Sonprayag then a shared taxi to Gaurikund (5 km), the actual trek start. From Gaurikund it is 16 km to Kedarnath (3,583 m) — on foot (6–8 hours for a fit adult), by pony/palki (₹4,000–8,000 one way, arranged locally), or by helicopter from Phata or Guptkashi (20–25 minutes each way, seats limited and booked months ahead in season). Darshan at the temple, overnight near the shrine in basic pilgrim accommodation or a GMVN guesthouse.

Stay: **Kedarnath** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

KEDARNATH → GUPTKASHI

Return from Kedarnath

Early darshan if not done the previous evening, then descend the same way you came up — trek, pony or helicopter. Groups walking down should start by 7 am to reach Gaurikund before dark. Drive back to Guptkashi/Sitapur for a comfortable night's rest.

Stay: **Guptkashi/Sitapur** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

GUPTKASHI → BADRINATH

On to Badrinath

Drive to Badrinath, about 200 km, 8–9 hours via Joshimath, passing Vishnuprayag and the Alaknanda valley. Unlike Kedarnath, Badrinath temple sits right by the road, so no trek is needed — a significant relief after the previous two days. Evening darshan and aarti at the temple.

Stay: **Badrinath** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
7

BADRINATH → RUDRAPRAYAG/RISHIKESH

Descend towards the plains

Early morning darshan at Badrinath (queues build quickly after 8 am), a stop at Mana village — the last Indian village before the Tibet border — and then a long drive down to Rudraprayag or straight through to Rishikesh (about 290 km, 9–10 hours from Badrinath to Rishikesh; most groups break the drive at Rudraprayag or Srinagar-Garhwal).

Stay: **Rudraprayag or Rishikesh** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
8

RISHIKESH

Rest day and Rishikesh sightseeing

A deliberately light day after the yatra. Ram Jhula, Parmarth Niketan ghat, and an optional short rafting stretch for those who want it (Brahmpuri to Rishikesh, mild grade, suitable for most ages). Evening aarti at Triveni Ghat or Parmarth Niketan.

Stay: **Rishikesh** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
9

RISHIKESH/HARIDWAR → AHMEDABAD

Fly or train home

Drive to Dehradun airport (about 45 km from Rishikesh, 1–1.5 hours) or to Haridwar railway station. We schedule this around your confirmed flight or train once booked.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Private vehicle for the entire yatra, including mountain-rated driver
- + 8 nights: hotels in Haridwar/Rishikesh, pilgrim guesthouses near Kedarnath and Badrinath
- + Char Dham registration and ID card processing
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Assistance booking pony/palki or helicopter for Kedarnath (paid separately)
- + Airport/station pickup and drop

Not included

- Ahmedabad–Dehradun/Delhi flights or train fare
- Kedarnath pony, palki or helicopter fare
- Lunches
- Travel and yatra insurance (strongly recommended for high-altitude sections)
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹42,000–52,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹65,000–85,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative, excluding flights, and excluding Kedarnath pony/helicopter fare which is paid locally. Helicopter seats push the trip up by ₹8,000–15,000 per person one way but save two demanding trek days — we recommend it for anyone over 55 or with knee or breathing concerns. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: direct Ahmedabad–Dehradun flights run a few days a week (check current days before booking), about 2 hours — Jolly Grant Airport is 35 km from Haridwar and 55 km from Mussoorie. When there's no direct flight on your dates, fly Ahmedabad–Delhi (1 h 40 m, multiple daily) and drive 5–6 hours to Haridwar or Rishikesh (about 220 km via the Delhi–Dehradun expressway once it's fully open, otherwise via Meerut and Roorkee).

Food. Haridwar and Rishikesh are pure-veg towns by municipal law — no meat, egg or alcohol is sold within their limits, which suits Gujarati and Jain travellers perfectly. Gujarati dharamshalas and bhojanalayas are common in Haridwar (many run by Gujarati trusts near Har-ki-Pauri) and in Rishikesh; ask us to book one if you specifically want a Gujarati kitchen.

Permits and rules. Char Dham yatra registration is mandatory for every pilgrim visiting Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri or Yamunotri — done online on the official Uttarakhand tourism portal or biometric registration counters at Haridwar/Rishikesh; carry a photo ID and the registration slip at every checkpoint. Corbett National Park safaris require permits booked in advance online (zones fill up during weekends and holidays in season); we book these once dates are fixed. No special permit is needed for Mussoorie, Nainital, Dehradun or Auli.

Pack

- Warm layers for evenings even in summer — hill towns drop to 10–15°C after sunset
- Sturdy walking shoes with grip for temple steps, ghats and the Kedarnath trek
- Rain jacket or poncho, essential June–September and useful any month in the hills
- Woollens, gloves and a cap for Char Dham (Kedarnath can be near freezing even in May) and for Auli in winter
- A walking stick for seniors on the Kedarnath trek if walking rather than using pony/helicopter
- Basic medicines including something for altitude discomfort and motion sickness on winding roads
- Photocopies of ID for every traveller — needed at Char Dham registration and most hotel check-ins

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