



## Do Dham Yatra

<b>Trip code</b>	
<b>Package name</b>	Do Dham Yatra
<b>Duration</b>	9
<b>Max. elevation</b>	3580 m
<b>Level</b>	MODERATE
<b>Transportation</b>	All grounded vehicals depending on group size.
<b>Accomodation</b>	Hotel and Lodge twin sharing bed basis during the Tour.
<b>Starts at</b>	Delhi
<b>Ends at</b>	Delhi
<b>Trip route</b>	Delhi - Haridwar - Kedarnath - Guptkashi - Badrinath - Rudrapraga - Haridwar - Delhi
<b>Cost</b>	USD 1,650 per person

## Highlights

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- Visiting Har ki Paudi in Haridwar.
- Visiting Devprayag.
- Darshan at Kedarnath temple.
- Visiting Rudraprayag.
- Darshan at Narsimha temple at Joshimath.
- Darshan at Badrinath temple.

## Overview

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**Badrinath-Kedarnath is the most revered shrines located at high hills of Uttarakhand and visited by lakhs of devotees every year.**

Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva are two of three most revered Lords in Hinduism. Offering prayers to these two Gods holds high significance in this religion. Badrinath and Kedarnath are the two shrines holding great importance in Hinduism and are dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva respectively. As per Hindu mythology, these two destinations are imperative shrines with a rich past and extreme prominence in the religion. Thus swarms of devotees throng here every year. The major destinations in the trip are Haridwar, Rishikesh, Guptkasi, Gaurikund, Kedarnath, Joshimath, Badrinath, Rudraprayag, and Devprayag. The tour starts with a holy dip in Ganga water in Haridwar. It is a 19 kms of trek to Kedarnath from Sonpryag. It is a drive to Badrinath where a tourist can enjoy nature's beauty as well. Whole tour takes the tourists to an engrossing blend of spirituality, holiness, and unparalleled beauty of nature.

## **Trip Itinerary**

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### **Day 1 : Arrival in Delhi**

Upon arrival to Delhi airport, meet our representative and transferred to hotel. And later in the day sightseeing of the regal Red fort, Jama Masjid, India Gate – The War Memorial, Qutub Minar, Lotus Temple (also known as Bahai Temple) and Humayun's tomb before retiring to the opulence of one of the heritage hotels. Delhi is also fabulous place to eat in India. One can join in a local feast, or enjoy Moghul – inspired delights in lavish surrounding. Overnight stay at hotel.

### **Day 2 : Delhi-Haridwar**

After breakfast in the morning, drive to Haridwar: The holy city of Haridwar translates to "Gateway to God," and the breathtaking city, replete with temples, is a magnet for religious pilgrims from all over the globe. Religious festivals hold even further draw, and tourists can't help but be compelled by the city's aura of intense spirituality. Haridwar is one of the seven holiest places of the Hindus, located on the banks of River Ganges. The sheer numbers of people gathering around Har-ki-Pairi Ghat give Haridwar a chaotic but reverent feel. Upon arrival to Haridwar, check in to hotel and get relax and take rest for a while. In the evening, get ready to experience the mesmerizing Aarti on Har ki Paudi. This evening Aarti is extremely popular and is one of the major highlights. Haridwar, known as the Gateway to the Gods, is the starting point to the further pilgrim destinations.

### **Day 3 : Haridwar – Guptkashi (220kms/8-9hr).**

Morning after breakfast, drive to Guptkashi via Rudraprayag & Devoprayag. Enroute you can see the beautiful river Mandakini at Tilwara. The Mandakini river comes from Kedarnath, drive alongside the river to reach Guptakashi, visit Ardh Narishwar Temple in Guptakashi. Check into the hotel arrival in Guptakashi. Overnight stay at Guptakashi.

Guptakashi:- The name Gupt Kashi means “Hidden Benares. Mythology describes how when the Pandava brothers were searching for a glimpse of Shiva, Shivji first concealed himself at Guptkashi, but later fled from them further up the valley to Kedarnath, where the Pandavas finally got their wish fulfilled. There are more tangible connections as well-the Kedarnath pandas (priests) live in Guptkashi during the winter months, and after the Kedarnath temple closes for the winter, the image of Kedarnath passes through Gupt Kashi on its way to Ukhimath (across the valley), where it stays for the winter.

#### **Day 4 : Guptkashi – Kedarnath (30kms by road & 19kms Trek one way)**

Morning after breakfast departure for kedarnath dham. Our driver will drop you at Sonprayag then you have to take local jeep for Gaurikund & then your trek start for kedarnath ji. Overnight stay in hotel in kedarnath.

Kedarnath: The Kedarnath shrine, one of the 12 jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva, is a scenic spot situated, against the backdrop of the majestic Kedarnath range. Kedar is another name of Lord Shiva. According to legend, the Pandavas after having won over the Kaurava in the Kurukshetra war, felt guilty of having killed their own brothers and sought the blessings of Lord Shiva for redemption. He eluded them repeatedly and while fleeing took refuge at Kedarnath in the form of a bull. On being followed he dived into the ground, leaving his hump on the surface. The remaining portions of Lord Shiva appeared at four other places and are worshipped there as his manifestations. The arms appeared at Tungnath, the face at Rudranath, the belly at Madhmaheshwar and his locks (hair) with head at Kalpeshwar. Kedarnath and the four above-mentioned shrines are treated as Panch Kedar. Due to its high altitude the weather in Kedarnath remains cold for most part of the year. Summer here is cool and pleasant while winter is severe. During summer season the temperature varies around 20°Celsius. Light woolen wear is recommended. Winter season in Kedarnath is severe with mercury falling to as low as 0°Celsius. During this time the place experiences snowfall as well. Due to the extreme climatic conditions, this time is usually avoided by tourists.

#### **Day 5 : Kedarnath – Guptkashi (19 kms Trek one way & 30kms by road)**

Morning after Pooja & breakfast, check out of Kedarnath hotel and start your journey back to Sonprayag. Our driver will be there at designated place. Drive back to Guptkashi hotel for night stay.

#### **Day 6 : Guptkashi – Badrinath (160kms/7hr)**

Morning after breakfast, drive to Badrinath. Check in to the hotel upon arrival in Badrinath. Pilgrims after having a bath in the Tapkund have the Darshan of Badrivishal & Aarti in evening. Brahamakapal is significant for Pinddan Shraddh of ancestors (Pitris). There are other interesting sightseeing spot like Mana, Vyas Gufa, Maatamoorti, Charanpaduka, Bhimkund and the “Mukh” of the Saraswati River. Just within the three kms of Badrinathjee. Overnight stay at Badrinath.

Badrinath: one of the 'Ancient Four Dhams' is one of the most celebrated pilgrimage spots of the country and is situated at an elevation of 3,133 meters, guarded on either side by the two mountain ranges known as Nar & Narayan with the towering Neelkanth Peak providing a splendid backdrop. This revered spot was once carpeted with wild berries. Thus the place got the name "Badri van", meaning "forest of berries".

Tapt Kund : Natural thermal springs on the bank of the river Alaknanda, where it is customary to bath before entering the Badrinath temple.

Mana Village: Inhabited by an Indo-Mongolian tribe, it is the last Indian village before Tibet.

Vasundhara : As the name suggests, vasundhara is a magnificent water fall. This place is 5 km from Badrinath out of which 2 km is motor able up to Mana.

Bhim Pul : On the other side of Mana village, a massive rock forming a natural bridge, lies over the roaring Saraswati river. It presents a spectacular view of water thundering down through the narrow passage under the rock and is believed to have been placed there by Bhim, the second eldest among the five Pandava brothers.

### **Day 7 : Badrinath – Joshimath – Rudraprayag (160kms/7hr)**

Morning after breakfast, driver for Rudraprayag via Joshimath. On the way visit Narsingh Temple in Joshimath later drive back to Rudraprayag via Joshimath. Check into the hotel upon arrival in Rudraprayag. Overnight stay at Rudraprayag.

Joshimath is situated on the slopes above the confluence of the rivers Alaknanda and Dhauliganga. Of the four 'Maths' established by Adi Shankaracharya, Joshimath is the winter seat of Badrinath. The idol is brought down to Joshimath and installed in the temple for people to worship. There are many other temples in the township. The most important is the temple of Nar Singh with the idol of Lord Vishnu. The left arm of this deity is getting destroyed with time and the popular belief holds that the day the arm completely withers Badrinath valley will cease to exist and the Gods will transfer the residence into the neighboring Niti Valley at Bhavishya Badri.

Rudraprayag is one of the Panch Prayag (five confluences) of Alaknanda River. It is confluence of rivers Alaknanda and Mandakini. Kedarnath, a Hindu holy town is located 86 km from

Rudraprayag.

## Day 8 : Rudraprayag – Haridwar (165kms/5-6hr)

Morning after breakfast, drive for Haridwar via Rishikesh. Rishikesh 'place of sages' is a celebrated spiritual town on the bank of Ganga and is surrounded by Shivalik range of the Himalayas on three sides. It is said that when Raibhya Rishi did hard penances, God appeared by the name of "Hrishikesh" and this area henceforth came to be known as Rishikesh. Later visit Rishikesh Temples & Sight Seeing – Laxman Jhulla, Ram Jhulla. And continue drive to Haridwar. Overnight stay at Haridwar.

Rishikesh: Named after the Lord Vishnu, Rishikesh is a holy city for Hindus. Located in the foothills of the Himalaya in northern India it is also known as the yoga center of the world and is home to many world renowned ashrams. Rishikesh styles itself as the 'Yoga Capital of the World', with masses of ashrams and all kinds of yoga and meditation classes. The fast-flowing Ganges is surrounded by forested hills inside the city. Apart from temples and ashrams Rishikesh is now a popular white-water rafting centre, backpacker hang-out, and gateway to treks in the Himalaya.

## Day 9 : Haridwar – Delhi (220Kms / 6-7hr)

Morning after breakfast, drive for Delhi. Upon arrival to Delhi check in to hotel and get freshen up. You will be transferred to the international airport for the flights to onward destinations.

## Inclusions

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### What is included?

- Accommodation in Hotel and Lodge twin sharing bed basis during the trek.
- All Transportation AC / Quilise, Innova / Xylo / Mini Tourist Bus
- Guide/ leader (Experienced Tour and Trek Guide will lead the tour).
- All monument fees, Permit arrangement, All taxes and VAT.
- All meals (lunch, Dinner and Breakfast) during the trek.
- Basis medical kit.

### What isn't included?

- Entry Visa fees India.
- Travel and medical insurance.

Personal expenses (laundry, bar bills, snacks, phone calls, internet.)

Tips for guide and driver (tipping is expected)

Loss, theft or damage to baggage and personal effects. (We strongly advise you to get personal travel insurance.)

## **Complimentary**