

HOLY CHARDHAM YATRA

11 Nights / 12 Days

covering Srinagar, Gulmarg, Pahalgam & Jammu

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive Delhi – Transfer to Haridwar (05 to 06 Hrs)

Upon your morning arrival at the airport, railway station, or designated pickup point, meet our driver who will assist you with your transfer to Haridwar. Upon reaching Haridwar, check in to your hotel and relax. Later in the day, visit the iconic Har Ki Pauri, a revered ghat along the Ganges. In the evening, experience the enchanting Ganga Aarti, a spiritual ceremony that captivates with its devotion and beauty. Return to the hotel afterward for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Haridwar – Mussoorie – Barkot (07 to 08 Hrs)

Depart from Haridwar early in the morning and embark on your journey to Barkot. Stop enroute for lunch and take a refreshing break to visit the famous Kempty Falls near Mussoorie. Continue your scenic drive, arriving in Barkot by evening. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel, enjoy a delicious dinner, and relax with an overnight stay.

Day 3: Barkot – Yamunotri – Barkot (36 kms Drive and 06 Kms Trek – One Way)

Begin your day with a drive to Jankichatti or Phoolchatti, the starting point for your trek to Yamunotri (6 km). The trek can be undertaken on foot, horseback, or by Doli at your own expense. Upon arrival at Yamunotri, you can participate in unique rituals, such as cooking rice by wrapping it in a cloth and immersing it in the hot waters of Surya Kund. This cooked rice is often taken home as "Prasad."

At Yamunotri, pilgrims can perform "Pooja" at Divya Shila, a sacred rock pillar. After bathing in the warm waters of Jamunabai Kund and seeking the blessings of the revered goddess Yamuna, return to Jankichatti. Later, drive back to Barkot for an overnight stay at the hotel.

Yamunotri Temple: Originally built by Maharani Gularia of Jaipur in the 19th century, the temple has been rebuilt multiple times due to destruction.

Surya Kund: Among the numerous hot springs near the temple, Surya Kund is the most significant, known for its high-temperature waters.

Divya Shila: This sacred rock pillar is worshipped before entering the Yamunotri Temple, symbolizing devotion and sanctity.

Day 4: Barkot – Uttarkashi (04 Hrs)

After a leisurely breakfast, depart for Uttarkashi, covering a scenic drive of approximately 100 kilometers. En route, visit the Prakateshwar Cave, a fascinating natural formation. Upon reaching Uttarkashi, check in to your hotel and relax. In the evening, visit the revered Vishwanath Temple, known for its majestic iron trident and spiritual ambiance. Enjoy an overnight stay at the hotel in Uttarkashi.

Uttarkashi: Nestled along the banks of the Bhagirathi River, Uttarkashi is a sacred town renowned for the Lord Vishwanath Temple, where devotees come to seek blessings and admire the ancient iron trident erected on the temple grounds.

Day 5: Uttarkashi – Gangotri – Uttarkashi (03 to 04 Hrs one way)

Begin your day with an early morning drive to Gangotri, situated at an altitude of 3,048 meters. En route, take in the beauty of the picturesque Harsil village, the tranquil Bhagirathi River, and the majestic views of the Himalayas. Upon reaching Gangotri, visit the sacred temple and immerse yourself in its spiritual atmosphere. After offering prayers and exploring the area, return to Uttarkashi for an overnight stay.

Gangotri Temple: Built in the 18th century, this temple is dedicated to Goddess Ganga and is located near a sacred stone where King Bhagirath is believed to have worshipped Lord Shiva. According to legend, Ganga descended here during the "Deva Yagna" to absolve the sins of King Bhagirath's ancestors. The 20-foot-tall temple, constructed from white granite, stands as a symbol of devotion and purity.

Submerged Shivling: This natural rock formation, submerged in the river, is said to be the spot where Lord Shiva received Ganga into his matted locks. It becomes visible during the winter months when the water level recedes.

Kedar Ganga Sangam: Located about 100 yards from the Ganga Temple, this is where the Kedar Ganga, originating from the Kedar Valley, merges with the Bhagirathi River on its left bank, creating a divine confluence.

Day 6: Uttarkashi – Guptkashi (08 to 09 Hrs)

Begin your day with an early breakfast before departing for Guptkashi. En route, stop at Molgarh for a late lunch. Afterward, continue your journey, and for the first time on this trip, witness the stunning Mandakini River. Travel alongside the river, enjoying its serene beauty, before reaching Guptkashi in the late evening. Check in to your hotel and relax with an overnight stay.

Day 7: Guptkashi – Gaurikund – Kedarnath (35 kms Drive + 18 kms Trek)

After an early breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Gaurikund, the starting point for your 18 km trek to Kedarnath. For your trek, you can hire a Doli or a horse at your own expense. The Mandakini River, a major tributary of the Ganges, originates at Kedarnath and flows through Gaurikund, adding to the spiritual ambiance. Along the trek, you will find yourself accompanied by fellow pilgrims chanting "Jai Bholenath," their devotion echoing through the mountains. At times, mist may veil the peaks, only to lift and reveal dazzling white summits piercing the skies. Upon arrival, check in at the government-provided camps or lodges for dinner and an overnight stay.

(Accommodation and meals at Kedarnath are arranged by the Uttarakhand Government on direct payment basis.)

Day 8: Kedarnath – Gaurikund – Guptkashi (18 kms Trek + 35 kms Drive)

Start your day early, rising before dawn to prepare for the sacred 'Abhishek' ceremony at the Kedarnath temple by 4:45 AM. At the temple, you'll have the rare privilege of entering the Garbha Griha to touch the idol and offer your prayers. You may also prostrate before the deity, immersing yourself in the divine atmosphere. After completing your darshan and puja, return to the government camps or lodges to refresh yourself.

Later, begin your return trek of 20 km from Kedarnath to Sonprayag. Upon arrival at the Sonprayag car parking area, your vehicle will be ready to transfer you back to your hotel in Guptkashi. Relax and enjoy a hearty dinner before retiring for the night with an overnight stay at the hotel.

Special Services:

We provide VIP darshan slips at Kedarnath Temple to help you avoid long queues, priced at ₹2,100 per person (not included in the package). Passengers can also arrange other special pujas directly with the temple committee at additional costs.

Travel Tips:

Tour members are advised to carry essential items, including personal medications, heavy woollens, toiletries, and appropriate clothing for the journey.

Kedarnath Temple: The Kedarnath shrine, one of the 12 sacred Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva, is set against the breathtaking backdrop of the majestic Kedarnath range. "Kedar" is another name for Lord Shiva, revered as both the protector and the destroyer. According to legend, after emerging victorious in the Kurukshetra war, the Pandavas sought Lord Shiva's blessings to absolve their guilt for killing their kin. To evade them, Lord Shiva transformed into a bull and took refuge at Kedarnath. When pursued, he submerged into the ground, leaving only his hump visible. The other parts of his body appeared at four separate locations, now worshipped as the Panch Kedar: Tungnath (arms), Rudranath (face), Madhmaheshwar (belly), and Kalpeshwar (locks).

The present Kedarnath temple, built in the 8th century AD by Adi Guru Shankaracharya, stands near the site of an ancient temple constructed by the Pandavas. The temple enshrines a unique conical lingam and draws countless pilgrims and visitors annually. Over 1,000 years old, the temple also marks the final resting place of Adi Guru Shankaracharya, whose Samadhi lies behind it. It is believed that after establishing the four Dhams across India, Adi Shankaracharya attained Samadhi here at the young age of 32.

Day 9: Guptkashi – Joshimath – Badrinath (07 to 08 Hrs)

After breakfast, depart for Badrinath via Joshimath. Enjoy a scenic drive along the winding Ghat roads, eventually arriving at Badrinath. Upon arrival, check into your hotel for some rest and refreshments. Later in the evening, head to the Badrinath Temple for darshan. Before entering the temple, visit the Tapt Kund (hot spring) to bathe, as is customary. The Shri Badrinath Ji Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, stands 15 meters tall, designed in the shape of a cone, with a gilt bull and spire on top. After your darshan, return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Badrinath:

Nestled between the twin mountain ranges of Nar and Narayan, Badrinath is one of the holiest shrines in India, located on the left bank of the Alaknanda River. The majestic Neelkanth Peak serves as a stunning backdrop. The area was once covered in "Badri" (wild berries), which is why it was known as Badrivan.

Legend has it that when the Ganga was invited to descend to Earth to help humanity, the force of her descent was too great for the Earth to bear. To mitigate this, the Ganga was split into twelve holy channels, one of which became the Alaknanda, the sacred river that now flows past Badrinath, the abode of Lord Vishnu.

Badrinath, one of the four Dhams, stands at an altitude of 3,133 meters and is a major pilgrimage site. The name "Badri Van" translates to "forest of berries," reflecting the area's history.

Tapt Kund: These natural thermal springs, located on the banks of the Alaknanda River, are considered sacred, and it is customary to bathe in them before visiting the Badrinath Temple.

Narad Kund: A small pool formed in the Alaknanda River near Tapt Kund, Narad Kund is where the Badrinath idol was originally discovered.

Brahma Kapal: A flat platform on the banks of the Alaknanda River, where Hindus perform rituals to honour their deceased ancestors.

Sheshnetra: Located 1.5 km away from Badrinath, this boulder bears an impression believed to be that of the legendary serpent, Sheshnag's eye.

Charanpaduka: A beautiful meadow 3 km from Badrinath, home to a boulder bearing the footprint of Lord Vishnu.

Mata Murty Temple: This temple is dedicated to the mother of Lord Badrinath. Other significant temples in the area include the Sesh Netra Temple, Urvashi Temple, and Charanpaduka Temple.

Mana Village: Located near the Indo-Tibetan border, this village is inhabited by the Indo-Mongolian tribe and is the last village in India before Tibet.

Vasundhara: A magnificent waterfall, located 5 km from Badrinath, with 2 km of the route being accessible by vehicle up to Mana.

Bhim Pul: On the other side of Mana Village lies Bhim Pul, a massive rock that forms a natural bridge over the roaring Saraswati River. It is believed that Bhim, the second eldest of the Pandava brothers, placed the rock here.

Vyas Gufa (Cave): Near Mana Village, this cave is believed to be the site where Ved Vyas composed the Mahabharata and various Puranic commentaries.

Day 10: Badrinath – Joshimath – Pipalkoti – Rudraprayag (07 to 08 Hrs)

In the early morning, after bathing in the Taptkund, pilgrims proceed to have darshan of Badrivishal. Brahmakapal is an important site for performing Pinddan Shraddh for one's ancestors (Pitrus). Nearby, there are several fascinating sightseeing spots, including Mana, Vyas Gufa, Maatamoorti, Charanpaduka, Bhimkund, and the source ("Mukh") of the Saraswati River, all within a 3 km radius of Badrinath.

In the afternoon, begin your drive back to Rudraprayag, with a stop at Karanprayag on the way. Rudraprayag is a small pilgrimage town located at the confluence of the Alaknanda and Mandakini rivers. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the town of Rudraprayag. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay at the hotel.

Joshimath: Situated on the slopes above the confluence of the Alaknanda and Dhauliganga rivers, Joshimath is one of the four 'Maths' established by Adi Shankaracharya. It serves as the primary base for pilgrims visiting Badrinath. The town is home to several temples, with the most significant being the temple of Nir Singh, a manifestation of Lord Vishnu. According to local belief, when the left arm of this deity fully withers, the Badrinath valley will cease to exist, and the Gods will move to the nearby Niti Valley at Bhavishya Badri. Joshimath is well connected by regular bus services to Rishikesh, Haridwar, Badrinath, and other destinations in the region.

Rudraprayag: Rudraprayag is the sacred confluence of the Mandakini and Alaknanda rivers, a site of great religious significance.

Day 11: Rudraprayag – Shivpuri – Rishikesh – Haridwar (07 to 08 Hrs)

After an early breakfast, begin your drive downhill to Rishikesh, a spiritual city known as the Yoga capital of the world. Upon arrival, you have the option to enjoy adventurous activities such as river rafting. Following that, explore the key sights of Rishikesh, including the iconic Ram Jhula and Lakshman Jhula. In the evening, drive to Haridwar. Upon arrival, check into your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Rishikesh:

Located 25 km upstream on the banks of the Ganga, where it is joined by the Chandrabhaga River, Rishikesh is a revered town. Its name, meaning "Locks of the Rishis" (holy men), refers to its sacred connection with the ancient sages. The Ganges here flows forcefully over massive boulders, creating expansive stretches of white sandy beaches. The banks of the river are dotted with ashrams, where saints and spiritual seekers gathered before embarking on pilgrimages to the snow-covered mountains. Rishikesh is a blend of five distinct areas: the commercial center of Rishikesh, the tranquil Muni-ki-reti, Shivananda Nagar to the north, Lakshmanjhula with its sacred shrines, and Swarg Ashram, which hosts the majority of the ashrams.

Swarg Ashram, a vibrant area filled with ashrams, food stalls, and shops, is a popular destination for those seeking spiritual insights. The newly constructed Ram Jhula spans the Ganga, providing a beautiful view, and ferries are available for river crossings throughout the day. Notable shrines and ashrams in Swarg Ashram include Kali Kumbliwale, founded by Swami Vishudhananda, Parmarth Niketan with its grand statues of deities, and Gita Bhavan, which has an Ayurvedic dispensary and sells religious books and khadi cotton goods.

About 2 km upstream lies the historic Lakshmanjhula, a footbridge named after Lord Rama's brother. Temples line both sides of the river here.

Further northeast is Muni-ki-reti, a serene area along the banks of the Chandrabhaga River. Its secluded white sand beaches are perfect for swimming. Boat rides near Swarg Ashram offer a pleasant diversion, where pilgrims often feed fish that gather around the balls of wheat flour tossed into the river.

Day 12: Haridwar – Delhi (05 to 06 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Delhi. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the airport, railway station, or your designated dropping point.

Tour Ends.

Hotels Envisaged:

Destination	Night	STANDARD	DELUXE	LUXURY
Haridwar	2	Hotel Parmila / Hotel Prem Bihari or similar	Hotel Ganges Rivera / Hotel Madhuban or similar	Hotel Regenta Orchid / The Fern / Hotel Gardenia Spa Resort or similar
Barkote/ Ranachatti	2	Hotel Anil / Hotel Raturi / Hotel Akshat or similar	Hotel Pine Woods / Hotel Shri Krishna / Jayara Resort or similar	Camp Adhvanta Resort / Rig Veda Resort or similar
Uttarkashi	2	Hotel Srawasthi Home Stay / Hotel Assi Ganga or similar	Hotel Anant Villa / Hotel Prosperity or similar	Hotel Shiv Dham / Hotel Shakshi /Hotel Great Ganga or similar
Guptkashi	2	Hotel City Palace/ Hotel Mandakin or similar	Shivay Kingdom Eco Cottages / Rudra Cottages or similar	Hotel Gauri Mai Cottages / Hotel Sun Inn / Himalaya Orchid or similar
Kedarnath	1	Punjab Sindh Awas / Government Accommodation or similar	Punjab Sindh Awas / Government Accommodation or similar	Punjab Sindh Awas / Government Accommodation or similar
Badrinath	1	Bholgiri Assram/Swami Narayan or similar	Hotel Urwashi / Jalla Ram / Hotel Govind or similar	Hotel New Snow Crest/Hotel K D House/Hotel Amatara Avdha or similar
Rudraprayag	1	Sangrila Resort/ Hotel Suri or similar	Hotel CP Residency / Hotel Blue Orchid or similar	Hotel Monal Resort / Hotel Samrat Resort or similar

Package Cost: (Per Person)

	STANDARD	DELUXE	LUXURY
Per Person on DBL Sharing	62300	72300	82300
Extra Adult	43600	50600	57600
Child With Bed (06 to 11 Years)	31200	36200	41200
Child Without Bed (06 to 11 Years)	18700	21700	24700
Infant (Below 05 Years)	Complimentary		

GST @ 5% additional on above rate.

Package Cost Includes:

- Accommodation in above mentioned hotels or similar category hotels
- Daily breakfast and dinner except at Kedarnath.
- All transfers and sightseeing by A/C vehicle as per itinerary. AC will be switched off during hilly areas
- Assistance on Arrival and Departure
- 02 Bottle of 500 ml Packaged Drinking Water per person per day
- All Toll taxes, parking charges, driver allowances.

Package Cost Excludes:

- Any Airfare / Railway Fare
- Any other meal
- Any accommodation or food at Kedarnath
- Any other destination
- Any other water sports other than mentioned in itinerary.
- Personal Expense Such Telephonic calls, Camera, Laundry charges, Internet, Tips, etc.
- Anything not specified in inclusion list.

Payment Terms:

- **Booking Deposit (Non-Refundable):** INR 30000 PP
- **Balance Amount:** To be collected 30 days prior to departure date

Cancellation Policy:

Period	Cancellation Policy
Booking date – 60 Days Prior to Departure	INR 5000 per person
59 Days to 30 Days Prior to Departure	50% of the Tour Cost
29 Days to 16 Days Prior to Departure	75% of the Tour Cost
Within 15 Days of Departure	100% of the Tour Cost

Notes:

- Prices are subject to change without prior notice
- Please carry original ID Proof (Aadhar Card/Voter ID card /Passport/Driving License) etc. for security purpose & hotel policy
- Early check in and late checkout subject to availability. Itineraries are subject to change
- Cancellation charges applicable as per company policy
- In case we are not able to provide the same hotels as mentioned, then we shall provide similar alternate properties, change in the cost if any will be advised
- We will not be liable for claims or expenses arising from circumstances beyond our control such as accidents, injuries delayed or cancelled flights & acts or forces of nature

- The activity for the second day will be determined subject to availability upon arrival.
- Extra cost will be levied by the guest due to flight or Train cancellation/ delay
- Any services/items/inclusions promised to the guest apart from the inclusions mentioned in the package needs to be paid by the Agent who promised the guest. Swan Voyages and Holidays LLP is not responsible for the same.
- Services/Inclusions promised apart from the package will be charged to the agent, if the agent fails to pay then the guest will be charged for the same.
- Swan Voyages and Holidays LLP reserves the rights to interchange the properties booked or change the guest stay to an equivalent property until the last minute for whatsoever reasons.
- Check in time is 1400 Hrs and check out time is 1100 Hrs. Any extension may attract extra charges subject to availability.
- In case of amendments/cancellations due to unforeseen conditions like flight cancellation, train cancellation, delays etc. the itinerary will be interchanged or amended as per availability. This will be at Swan Voyages and Holidays LLP's discretion.
- Any dietary restrictions (Vegetarian, Jain food, allergies etc) needs to be mentioned at the time of booking for Swan Voyages and Holidays LLP to check and book suitable property if it can be arranged. If failed to do so please let the guest know that the same will be subject to availability.
- Excursions apart from mentioned in inclusions will be operated on extra charges (not part of the package) if weather permitting and must be booked with direct payment only.

We wish you a happy holiday!!