

# ITINERARY

**Duration:** 11 Nights / 12 Days (Ex-Delhi)

**Destinations Covered :** Delhi- Haridwar - Janakichatti Yamunotri -Janakichatti- Uttarkashi - Gangotri - Uttarkashi - Rudraprayag - Gaurikund - Kedarnath - Birahi - Badrinath - Kirtinagar - Rishikesh – Delhi.

## **Day 1: Delhi / Haridwar**

Welcome Drink & Mini refreshments at Airport / Railway Station. Meet & greet and introduction of Your Manager on Coach. Later, embark on your transformational journey to Chardham. In route break for Lunch at Midway. Arrive Laxmi Sadan Pilgrim Habitat by evening for Hi Tea. Dinner & overnight stay at Haridwar. Post Dinner, Trip Leader's brief on Holy Chardham Yatra.

Day's engagement

Evening Arti at Har Ki Paudi - The evening prayer at dusk (Arti) offered to Goddess Ganga at Hari-Ki-Pairi (steps towards God Hari) is an enchanting experience for any visitor. A spectacle of sound and colour is seen when, after the ceremony, pilgrims float diyas (floral floats with lamps) and incense on the river, commemorating their deceased ancestors. Thousands of people from all round the world do make a point to attend this prayer on their visit to Hardwar.

## **Day 2: Haridwar / Janaki chatti (210 Kms/ 10 Hrs.)**

Early morning wake up call for ganges bathing and Surya Namaskar at Saptrishi Ghat, breakfast and later leave for journey to first of your Dham, Yamunotri, daughter of The daughter of the Sun god, Surya and consciousness, Sangya. The Yamuna, like the Ganges, has been elevated to the status of a divine mother for the Hindus and has been held responsible for nurturing and developing the Indian civilization. Lunch in route. Another journey breaks before Barkot to continue our final overnight destination Janakichatti. Bonfire, Dinner & overnight stay at Janakichatti.

## **Day 3: Janaki chatti / Yamunotri (05 Kms trek / 06 Hrs.)/ Janaki chatti**

Wake up call, leave with packed breakfast / fruits for trek to Yamunotri, your first of Himalayan Chardham. Free time for leisure post lunch. Evening, bonfire followed by Dinner. Stay overnight at Janakichatti.

Day's Engagement -

Yamunotri, First of The Chardham: The chief attraction at Yamunotri is the temple devoted to the Goddess Yamuna. The temple of Yamuna, on the left bank of the Yamuna, was constructed by Maharaja Pratap Shah of Tehri Garhwal. The deity is made of black marble. Yamunotri was the home of an ancient



sage Asit Muni. Yamuna is the daughter of the Sun just like Yama who is considered his son. It is believed that Yama would not torment any person at the time of death who bathes in Yamuna, his sister. It is Yamuna, who being a holder of infinite love and compassion can grant us freedom from even death, in the realm of her elder brother.

#### **Day 4: Janakichatti / Uttarkashi (06 Hrs.)**

Post leisurely wakeup call and breakfast, leave for Uttarkashi, literally meaning Kashi of north. In route Journey breaks at Brahamkhal and Dharasu band. Later reach Uttarkashi in time for Lunch. Rest of the evening at leisure. Early dinner & stay overnight at Uttarkashi.

#### **Day 5: Uttarkashi / Gangotri / Uttarkashi (200 Kms / 10 Hrs.)**

Early morning wakeup call and light breakfast proceed for Gangotri. In route journey break at Gangnani, hot water spring, later continue for Gangotri temple. Post Puja, lunch at Gangotri. Later leave for Uttarkashi. Dinner & stay overnight at Uttarkashi.

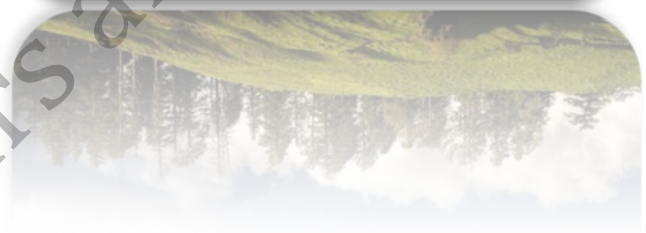
Day's Engagement -

Gangotri, second of Chardham: Gangotri, the origin of the River Ganges and seat of the goddess Ganga, is one of the four sites in the Char Dham pilgrimage circuit. The river is called Bhagirathi at the source and acquires the name Ganga (Ganges) from Devprayag onwards where it meets the Alaknanda. The origin of the holy river is at Gaumukh, set in the Gangotri Glacier, and is a 19 km trek from Gangotri.

This small town is centered around a temple of the goddess Ganga, which was built by the Nepalese General, Amar Singh Thapa in the early 18th century. The temple is closed on Diwali day every year and is reopened in April/ May. According to Hindu mythology, Goddess Ganga took the form of a river to absolve the sins of King Bhagiratha's predecessors, following his severe penance of several centuries. No other river is wound as closely with the warp and weft of Hinduism as the Ganga in India. Venerated since time immemorial as spiritual purifier, and the giver of health and prosperity, it is part of the country's social and religious fabric. The irresistible attraction of these sacred waters, enhanced by the myths and legends woven around the river and its origins, has drawn ascetics and adventurers alike since mythical times. The pilgrimage to Gangotri, the temple dedicated to the Goddess Ganga near the source of the river, and one of the Char Dham of Uttarakhand, is among the most sanctifying experiences of a Hindu's life; and as uplifting and inspiring for the traveller. Millions of pilgrims and travellers have undertaken the Yatra to Gangotri for centuries in search of salvation and the sacred river has provided them succor and hope.

#### **Day 6: Uttarkashi / Rudraprayag (10 Hrs.)**

Leisurely wakeup call and post breakfast leave for special Jalabhishek at Kashi Vishwanath



temple before leaving for Kedarnath, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas. En route Picnic Set up Lunch at Chamba. Dinner & stay overnight Rudraprayag.

### **Day 7: Rudraprayag / Gaurikund / Kedarnath (10 Hrs.)**

Very Early morning wakeup call and breakfast proceed to Gaurikund with packed lunch to later trek for Kedarnath. Stay overnight at Kedarnath.

Day's Engagement - Kedarnath Temple, third of Chardham: Kedarnath, the remotest and the most magnificent of the Chardham, is located in Lord Shiva's own country. The sheer majesty of the shrine's natural setting – the towering mountains mantled in snow, the tumbling streams and rivers, and green meadows and forests and the arduous trek that gets you to it, serve to further cement the deep-rooted faith that this temple inspires in the devout. This is one sacred site that has remained almost unchanged for centuries and has a spiritual energy all its own. For the devotee of Lord Shiva, this is the last frontier, the ultimate path to salvation.

### **Day 8: Kedarnath / Birahi (10 Hrs.)**

Early morning wakeup call and breakfast proceed to Gaurikund to continue your journey to Birahi. Lunch en route at Midway. Overnight at Birahi.

### **Day 9: Birahi / Badrinath (10 Hrs.)**

Leisurely Morning Wake Up call and post breakfast drive for Badrinath. Evening Darshan & Puja at Badrinath Temple. Stay overnight at Badrinath.

Day's Engagement- Badrinath - and its route is, for the newcomer, a journey of initiation. For those who are visiting the shrine, the landmarks and vistas forever provide a newer view, a different emotion, a further nuance to an experience in memory. The journey to Badrinath can sometimes be unforgiving, but only to a closed mind. The people visiting the shrine are but the faces of the country. Journey from Rishikesh to Badrinath, to borrow from one of Sir Edmund Hillary's expeditions, is, in many ways, a journey from the ocean to the sky, as much mental as physical. Another route to heaven and spiritual liberation.



### **Day 10: Badrinath / Kirtinagar (8-10 Hrs.)**

Leisurely morning wakeup call and post breakfast leave for Kirtinagar. In route lunch at Birahi. Later leave for Kirtinagar.

### **Day 11: Kirtinagar / Rishikesh (8-10 Hrs.)**

Leisurely wakeup call and leave for after breakfast proceed to Rishikesh en route visit Devprayag.

### **Day 12:- Rishikesh / Delhi**

After breakfast depart from Haridwar to Delhi for your return journey.

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