



CHARDHAM YATRA 2024

HELICOPTER SERVICE

BADRINATH, KEDARNATH, GANGOTRI, YAMUNOTRI

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Chardham Helicopter Yatra

THE CHAR DHAM YATRA IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HINDU PILGRIMAGES IN INDIA, AND ATTRACTS MILLIONS OF DEVOTEES EVERY YEAR.

Yamunotri is a sacred Hindu pilgrimage site located in the Uttarkashi district of the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand. It is situated at an altitude of approximately 3,293 meters (10,804 feet) above sea level, at the source of the Yamuna river. The temple of Yamunotri is dedicated to Goddess Yamuna, who is the personification of the holy river Yamuna. The temple is believed to have been built in the 19th century by the king of Tehri, and has since been renovated several times. The temple is open to pilgrims from May to November, and is closed during the winter due to heavy snowfall in the region.

Gangotri is a sacred town and pilgrimage site located in the Uttarkashi district of the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand. It is situated at an altitude of approximately 3,415 meters (11,204 feet) above sea level, on the banks of the Bhagirathi River. Gangotri is considered to be the source of the holy river Ganges, which is also known as the Ganga. The Gangotri temple, dedicated to Goddess Ganga, is the main attraction of the town. The temple is believed to have been built in the early 18th century by a Gorkha commander, and has since been renovated several times. The temple is open to pilgrims from May to November, and is closed during the winter due to heavy snowfall in the region.

Kedarnath is a sacred town and pilgrimage site located in the Rudraprayag district of the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand. It is situated at an altitude of approximately 3,583 meters (11,755 feet) above sea level, in the Garhwal Himalayas. The Kedarnath temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is the main attraction of the town. The temple is believed to have been built in the 8th century by Adi Shankaracharya, and has since been renovated several times. The temple is open to pilgrims from April to November, and is closed during the winter due to heavy snowfall in the region.

Badrinath is a sacred town and pilgrimage site located in the Chamoli district of the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand. It is situated at an altitude of approximately 3,133 meters (10,279 feet) above sea level, in the Garhwal Himalayas. The Badrinath temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, is the main attraction of the town. The temple is believed to have been built in the 8th century by Adi Shankaracharya, and has since been renovated several times. The temple is open to pilgrims from April to November, and is closed during the winter due to heavy snowfall in the region. The town of Badrinath is also surrounded by several natural hot springs, which are believed to have medicinal properties. These hot springs are a popular attraction for pilgrims and tourists alike.

Chardham Helicopter Yatra Itinerary

DAY 1 - DEHRADUN

Our services will start with pickup, either from the airport or Railway station. Our tour starts from next day, however today's stay in DEHRADUN is a complimentary sojourn organized by the company for the guests. We will drive to the hotel to check in. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or explore the city of DEHRADUN.

Overnight stay — DEHRADUN

DAY 2 DEHRADUN TO YAMUNOTRI

Our journey starts early in the morning as the weather tends to stay stable in the morning. We will take pack breakfast from the hotel & will check out and drive to the helipad for our flight. Load being an essential part of the helicopter flying logistics, we only allow maximum 5kgs of luggage to be carried by each passenger. The reshuffling of the luggage can be done the previous night

itself so that you are not in a rush to leave for the charter. The extra baggage can be stored in the hotel. It takes around 10 mins drive from the hotel to the sahastradhara helipad. We take off for Kharsali helipad. Our staff at Kharsali will receive you and take you to your hotel to check in and later we will begin our journey for Yamunotri Dham. We can take Palkis or ponies as per availability. The trek is approximately 6 kms long and takes around 5 - 6 hours to complete the round trip. We will be back to the resort by afternoon and stay overnight at the hotel.

Overnight stay – Kharsali

DAY 3 - YAMUNOTRI TO GANGOTRI

Today after breakfast we will check out from the hotel and head towards the helipad to catch our flight to Gangotri. The helipad we land at is called Harsil, one of the most beautiful and scenic site in the Chardham sector. Our staff will lead you to the hotel for check in. The Gangotri Dham is around 25 kms from Harsil and takes around an hour to drive. We will head out in our cars for Gangotri Dham. The round trips takes around 3 to 3.5 hours. Once back you can explore the beautiful localities like the shiv temple in Harsil, walks to villages like Bagodi and Mukwa.

Overnight at — Harsil

DAY 4 - GANGOTRI TO KEDARNATH

After Night Halt at Harshil, Today Early morning, we drive to Harsil Helipad. Then yatra will continue to Kedarnath Temple The Temple is very near from helipad , After Reaching at Kedarnath temple all the activities like darshan, Poojan and all auspicious rituals devotee will fly back to Phata/ Guptkashi helipad. We will have lunch and Passengers can visit ancient Triyuginarayan or Kalimath/ Vishwanath Mandir & Overnight stay at Guptkashi located at the banks of the river Mandakini.

Overnight at – Phata/ Guptkashi

DAY 5 - KEDARNATH TO BADRINATH

Post breakfast we check out from the hotel and head out to the helipad for our next flight to Phata or Guptkashi. Once there we, as per the guidelines of the state govt, change the helicopter and switch to the shuttle service, which will take us to the Kedarnath Temple. The temple is only around 500mts from the helipad at Kedarnath dham. It approximately takes around 2 hours to do the darshan at temple. If time permits then you can also visit the Bhairon mandir (Optional). Later we fly back in the shuttle service to Phata/guptkashi and head to the hotel.

Overnight at - Phata/Guptkashi

DAY 6 - BADRINATH TO DEHRADUN (SAHASTRADHARA)

After breakfast we will head to the Phata/ Guptkashi helipad to catch our flight to Badrinath ji. We land at helipad close to Badrinath. We will take the cars and drive to our hotel in Badrinath to check in. Later in the day we will head out to visit the temple. It takes approximately around 1 - 2 hours to do the Darshan. Other attractions at Badrinath are hot springs, evening arti and if time permits then we can also visit mana village, the last village on the indian side before the Tibet border. This would be the completion of our Chardham yatra and next day we head back to DEHRADUN, Our estimated time of arrival in sahastradhara would be around 0815 AM. Once there we can drive to the hotel to collect the baggage and then head to airport or railway station.

End of services

Guidelines for Passenger

1. Each passenger is only permitted to carry 5kg of luggage due to limited space in the helicopter. Therefore, passengers are advised to only carry handbags as suitcases cannot be accommodated in the helicopter.
2. All temples in Dodham Yatra are situated in high-altitude areas, so passengers with breathing problems should consult a doctor before undertaking the journey. It is also advisable for all passengers to carry a small oxygen bottle, which can be purchased locally at medical shops.
3. Passengers are recommended to book evening flights/trains when returning from Dehradun, as there may be delays due to weather or operational reasons when reaching back from Badrinath to Dehradun.
4. Although daytime temperatures are normal, it becomes cold at night, so passengers should bring warm clothes with them.
5. The altitude of Kedarnath temple is 11500 feet, and Badrinath temple is 10000 feet. Passengers may experience a lack of oxygen, especially at Kedarnath, so it is recommended that passengers walk slowly and keep portable oxygen bottles in case of breathlessness.
6. The distance from Kedarnath helipad to the temple is around 500 meters. For passengers who are unable to walk this distance, we can arrange pithu (shoulder carriage) on request (at an additional cost).
7. All passengers arriving by helicopter are allowed to do VIP darshans inside the temple. However, during the heavy rush period, administration may not allow passengers to go inside the sanctum sanctorum for puja, and darshans are done from outside only.
8. Dangerous goods are not allowed on board the helicopter. If passengers have any doubts about an item, please clarify in advance.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Helicopters have strict weight restrictions at high altitudes. Passengers weighing above 75 kg will be charged INR 3000 per kg over and above 75 kg.
2. Passengers are advised to mention their correct weight in the booking form. If the weight is found to be incorrect at the time of travel, the pilot has the right to deny boarding to the passenger.
3. Due to the limited weight-carrying capacity of helicopters, we may have to shuffle passengers between helicopters for safe flying in the hills. Therefore, as per the pilot's recommendation, passengers traveling together may not be accommodated on the same helicopter flight.
4. The helicopter schedule mentioned in the itinerary is fixed, but helicopter flying in hills is dependent on many factors like weather, etc. Sometimes, we may have to change the timings due to operational and technical reasons.
5. Only 5 kg baggage per passenger will be permitted. Passengers are advised not to carry big suitcases as there is very little baggage space inside the helicopter. Passengers bringing excess baggage might not be allowed to take the same in the chopper by the pilot.
6. For a separate single occupancy room, extra charges will be INR 15,000 per person (inclusive of taxes).
7. Children above the age of 2 years will be considered as full ticket, and there is no provision of concession for children or senior citizens.
8. Rescheduling of booking to the next date will be done subject to availability and on payment of 10% of the cost. This will be permitted only if applied seven days before the journey date. In case the rescheduling is requested with less than seven days to the journey, then the booking will be treated as canceled, and a fresh booking will be given subject to availability.
9. Bookings are to be done in advance with a deposit of 50% of the charter amount, and the balance payment has to be paid on the time of Yatra.
10. Weather Conditions: Helicopter services can be impacted by weather conditions such as heavy rain, fog, or strong winds. In such cases, the company may cancel the flight to ensure the safety of passengers and crew.
11. Technical Issues: Helicopters are complex machines and require regular maintenance and servicing. If any technical issues are detected, the company may need to cancel flights to address these issues and ensure the safety of passengers.
12. Force Majeure: Events beyond the control of the company, such as natural disasters, civil unrest, or other unforeseeable circumstances, may also lead to the cancellation of flights.