

Char Dham
Special

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Chardham Yatra By Helicopter

5 Nights / 6 Days



*Our Chardham Yatra starts in the lap of luxury, surrounded with nature. Nestled on the foothills of Queen of Hills Mussoorie, amidst picturesque Malsi forest and majestic Himalayan range, lies the sprawling campus of **Hyatt Regency, Dehradun** the first **5-star deluxe** hotel of Dehradun. Our journey for Chardham Yatra starts here and makes the yatra filled with everlasting memories.*

Heritage Aviation is the pioneer of the Chardham Yatra by helicopter. This 5 Nights Chardham helicopter tour was conceptualized by us for the first time in the year 2011. Over the years we have developed expertise in conducting this yatra. We have deep knowledge of this sector. We operate a fleet of Airbus H130 and Airbus H125 helicopters which are the best in the world for high-altitude flying. Our highly experienced team of helicopter pilots will not just give you a safe and comfortable ride but also make your trip unforgettable with their live commentary on all snow-clad peaks and all places of historical and mythological importance that fall in the route.



We take pride in ensuring the best darshans and puja experience at all temples. This is our forte and also our USP. We also take special care of all senior citizens and look after their every comfort and needs. We make sure that we provide each and every passenger unforgettable experience in this yatra which is full of lifetime memories.

Day

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Arrival in Dehradun

The excitement begins with your arrival in Dehradun. Our teams will arrange your pickup from Dehradun airport or Railway station. Your stay in Dehradun is arranged at the **Luxurious Hyatt Regency Hotel**. This is not just the best hotel in Dehradun but also one of the most premium 5-star properties in entire North India.



- Pickup from Dehradun Airport / Railway station in Toyota Innova Crysta / Similar Cars
- Dinner and Breakfast are included in the hotel package. All other extras have to be paid directly.

IMPORTANT - ONLY 5 kg baggage per passenger is allowed hence guests are advised to stick to this weight limit. Excess baggage may not be allowed to go onboard the helicopter. Heritage Aviation will be providing handbags to each guests.

Day

1

Dehradun - Yamunotri

Early morning takeoffs are key in this yatra as morning weather is very good for helicopter flying. Our take-off will be sharp at 6 and so guests are advised to leave the hotel latest by 5.15 am.

After a short briefing passengers will board their helicopters for the onward journey. Passengers will get a glimpse of the entire range of snow-clad peaks of the Garhwal Himalayas as they take off from Dehradun. The Bandarpunch peak on which Yamunotri glacier and shrine are located looks simply majestic as we head closer to it.

6:00 AM

Departure Sahastradhara helipad, Dehradun

6:30 AM

Arrival Kharsali helipad, Yamunotri



Kharsali is the village from where the trek starts for Yamunotri temple. This village is at an altitude of 8500 feet. After getting down from the helicopter passengers will be taken to the nearby Hotel Yamunakriti for check-in. Hot breakfast will be available at the hotel. After completing breakfast palkis will be ready to take passengers to the temple. The trek is tough and takes about 6 hours to finish darshans and return back.

Hotel: Kharsali is a very small and remote village. Hotel quality here is basic with neat and clean linen and rooms. Food is pure and homely. All essential amenities are available in the hotel. This is also the best accommodation in this place.

Sightseeing: All passengers are advised to visit the nearby Shani temple in the evening. As per the Legend, God Shani is the son of the Sun God and brother of Goddess Yamuna and this temple is supposedly the first and oldest Shani temple anywhere in the world. Local people believe that the temple deity regularly demonstrates divine powers to them.

Day

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Yamunotri - Gangotri

A helicopter ride from Yamunotri to Gangotri will take you over some amazing bugyals and snow-clad peaks. Bugyals are essentially meadows or large green patches found in the Himalayas at 10,000 feet and above altitude. Passengers may get to see the Swargarohini group of peaks during this ride.

6:30 AM

Departure Kharsali helipad

7:00 AM

Arrival Harsil Helipad



A hidden jewel near Gangotri Dham, Harsil is a serene Himalayan hamlet nestled on the banks of river Bhagirathi at 8500 feet altitude and surrounded by snow-clad mountains, pine forests, and apple orchards. Popularly referred to as the mini Switzerland of India, time seems to have stopped at this poetic hill station dotted with traditional houses and ancient temples. Some parts of the famous Raj Kapoor movie **Ram Teri Ganga Maili** were shot in Harsil.

- After landing we will first go to Himalayan Nature Resort, which is 2 km from the helipad.
- After check-in and breakfast, we will leave for Gangotri temple which is 22 km and takes about 45 mins by car. We provide Innova Cars for temple visits.
- There is a walk of about 300-400 meters at Gangotri from car parking to the temple. Our teams will receive passengers and assist them in visiting the temple
- Passengers should return to the resort by lunch time and relax in the natural surroundings.

Hotel: Himalayan Nature Resort is a small and beautiful resort nestled between apple orchards and Bhagirathi and Jalandhari rivers. The rooms are very good and the best part is the amazing view of snow-clad peaks which one gets from this hotel.

Sightseeing : According to the local legend, the Harsil got its name from the rivers Bhagirathi and the Jalandhari as once they had an argument over their significance. Lord Vishnu also known as Hari, was asked to intervene. He turned himself into a great stone, a shila, and absorbed their anger. Even today, after Hari-shila (or Harsil), the waters of the two rivers have become a little less turbulent. Guests must visit the ancient Lord Vishnu temple and Hari Shila which is walking distance from the resort . Enjoy the bonfire on the river side in the evening at the resort . The sheer experience of staying at this small resort is simply mesmerizing due to its amazing location and surroundings .



Day

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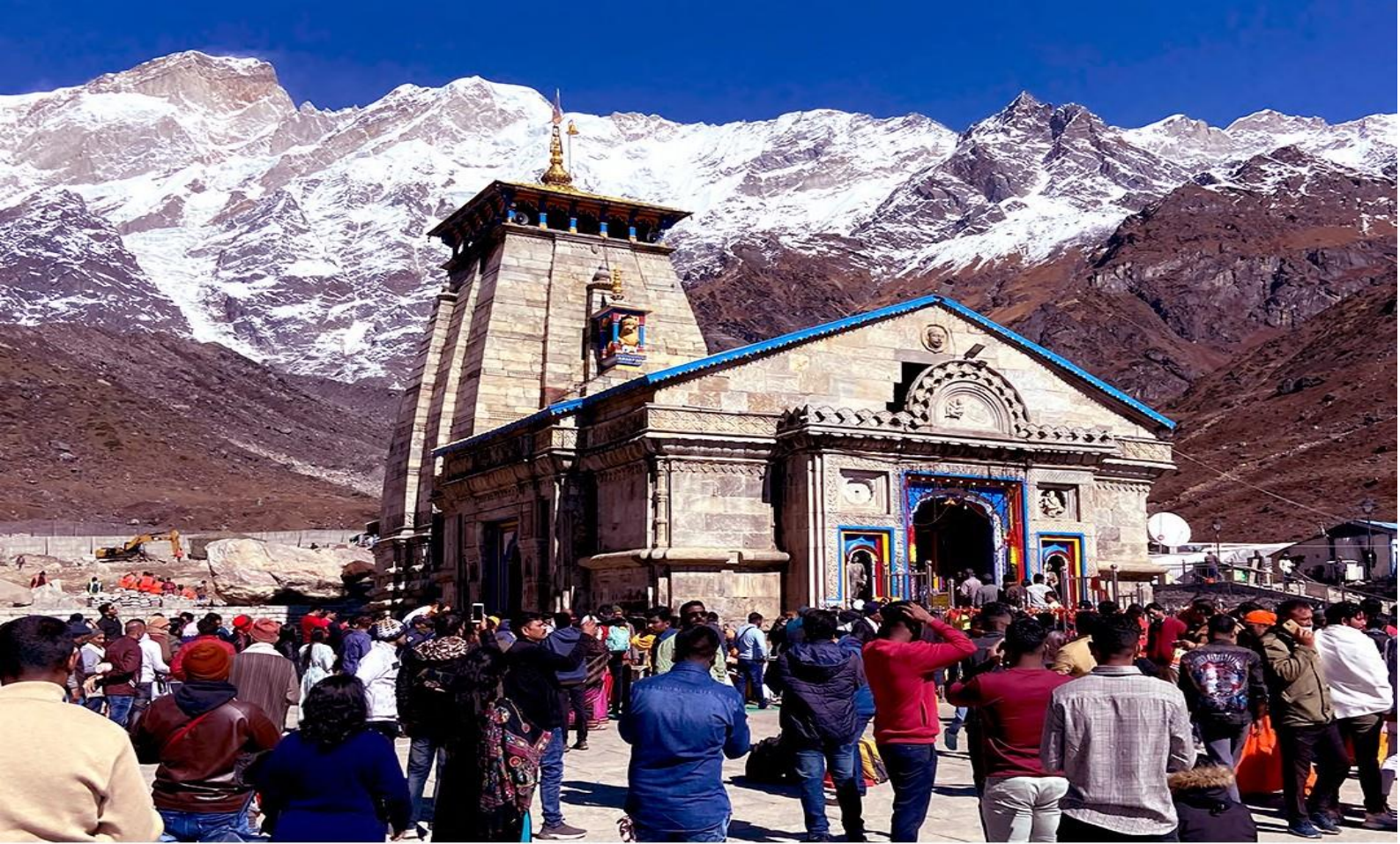
Gangotri - Kedarnath

7:00 AM

Departure from Harsil Helipad

7:45 AM

Arrival at Sersi Helipad to changeover of Helicopter to reach Kedarnath Helipad



- ❖ The journey from Harsil to Kedarnath by helicopter takes you through one of the most enchanting peaks of this yatra. One can see majestic Himalayan peaks like Shivling, Thalaysagar, Bhrigupanth, Meru, Sumeru, and Kedar dome or Kedar peak.
- ❖ We will land at Sersi helipad in Kedar valley. This is our base point for Kedarnath. You have arrived at one of the most exciting accommodations of the trip, **The Tailwind Resort, Sersi.**



This resort is run and managed by the Heritage Aviation team. We have very high-end exclusive rooms and are surrounded by lush green forests and mountains.

- ❖ After breakfast passengers will be taken to Kedarnath. We generally give 3 hours at Kedarnath for darshans. Our teams at Kedar will arrange VIP darshans and Puja inside the temple.
- ❖ The distance from the helipad to Kedarnath temple is about 500 meters. The altitude at the temple is 11500 feet. It is advised to walk slowly at Kedarnath. It normally takes 15-20 mins for an average person to walk from the helipad to the temple.
- ❖ Kedarnath temple is seeing a very large number of visitors nowadays. Sometimes during the heavy rush period administration stops yatris from doing the Puja inside the garbh grah and only darshans are permitted. However, we ensure that we arrange the best possible darshans and Puja for our guests but sometimes we also have to follow administrative dictates.

Sightseeing: Post lunch in the afternoon we take all guests for sightseeing to **Triyuginarayan temple**. This is a very ancient Lord Vishnu temple and it is believed that Lord Shiva and Goddess Parawati were married in this temple. There is a fire inside the temple which is said to be burning for the last three Yugas. This temple is about 18 km from our helipad and by car, it takes about 35-40 mins one-way trip. Must visit during the trip.

Day 4 Kedarnath - Badrinath

8:00 AM

Departure Sersi helipad

8:40 AM

Arrival Badrinath Helipad

One gets a very close view of the mighty Chaukhamba Peak moments after taking off for Badrinath. Chaukhamba is one of the most attractive peaks of Garhwal and the highest and best peak on our route. We will also get to see the aerial darshan of the famous **Tungnath temple**. The highest Lord Shiva temple on earth is also one of the main temples of the Panch Kedar circuit. If the weather is clear we may get to see the majestic Nanda Devi peak near Joshimath which is the second-highest peak in India and is also worshipped as the protector of the Himalayas by the people of Uttarakhand.





- ❖ Badrinath is the main dham in Chardham Yatra. Located at 10,000 feet altitude on the banks of river Alaknanda, and in the middle of Nar and Narayan Parvat this Lord Vishnu temple was established by sage Adi Guru Shankaracharya in the 8th century
- ❖ Badrinath is a beautiful small temple town. After landing first we will go and check in at Hotel Sarovar Portico. This is the biggest and best hotel in Badrinath.
- ❖ Our teams will take everyone and arrange VIP darshans at the temple. Prefer visiting the temple around 1200 noon so that you can also have darshan of bhog aarti and take Bhog Prasad.
- ❖ **MANA Village** After temple darshans we suggest to visit MANA village which is the last village in India. Mana is a very ancient village with huge mythological importance. It is believed that Maharishi Ved Vyas composed the epic Mahabharata with help from Lord Ganesh in a small cave which is known as Vyas Cave or Vyas Gufa in Mana Village.
- ❖ **BHIM PUL** The Pandavas after the Mahabharata war while going to Heaven passed through Mana Village. After a 15 min walk inside the village, there is a small stone bridge which is known as Bhim Pul. It is believed that when Draupadi was not able to jump across the river Bhim pulled this huge stone and made a bridge for her. One will be surprised to see that this bridge stands without any support.
- ❖ **MAHABHISHEK PUJA** This is the highlight of our Chardham Yatra. This Puja starts at 4 am and lasts for 2.5 hours. Only 40-50 people are allowed to sit inside the temple for this Puja and we guarantee that all our guests will get tickets for this Puja. The shringar of the deity is changed in the morning as per the ancient traditions and this is a very rare sight to witness. We suggest everyone should have an early dinner and sleep early in order to get up at 2:30-3:00 am for Mahabhishek Puja. Our teams will pick you up around 3.30 am from the hotel and take you to the temple to attend Mahabhishek Puja.



Day 5 *Badrinath-Dehradun*

8:00 AM

Departure Badrinath helipad

9:45 AM

Arrival Sahastradhara helipad, Dehradun

On reaching Dehradun our teams will arrange to drop you at the Airport or Railway station for your onward journey.

Package Cost :

INR 2,10,000/- + 5% Service Charge Per Person

If GST bill required then 5% GST extra per person will be applicable

Highlights & Inclusions of Chardham Yatra by Helicopter

- Pickup and drop off from Dehradun Airport/Railway Station or Place of Stay in Dehradun.
- Stay in Dehradun at **Hotel Hyatt Regency** with Dinner and Breakfast
- Accommodation at All four Dhams is at the best available properties inclusive of all meals.
- Palki for a 5.5 km trek at Yamunotri.
- Local sightseeing of popular places at each Dham.
- All local transport by Toyota Innova/similar cars.
- Personalized VIP darshans at all Dhams.
- Maha Abhishek Puja, at Badrinath.
- Special care for Senior Citizens at all times during the Yatra.
- Well-equipped to Handle any kind of contingency in ensuring client's Safety.



Guidelines For Passengers



- ❖ There is very limited space for luggage in the helicopter. Only 5 kgs luggage per passenger will be permitted.
- ❖ Passengers should carry only handbags provided by Heritage Aviation as suitcases cannot be kept in the helicopter.
- ❖ All temples in Chardham are located in high-altitude areas. Passengers having breathing problems should take advice from a doctor before undertaking this yatra.
- ❖ **Passengers are advised to book evening flights/Trains while returning back from Dehradun. Due to weather/Operational reasons, there might be a delay in reaching back from Badrinath to Dehradun.**
- ❖ Although day temperatures at these locations are normal it becomes cold at the night and so passengers must carry woolen clothes with them.
- ❖ The altitude of Kedarnath temple is 11500 Feet and Badrinath temple is 10000 Feet. Sometimes passengers may experience lack of oxygen, especially at Kedarnath, hence they are advised to walk slowly.
- ❖ Kedarnath helipad to the temple is nearly 500 meters distance. We can arrange pithu (Shoulder Carriage) on request (on a payable basis) for those passengers who are unable to walk this distance.
- ❖ All passengers coming by helicopters are permitted to do VIP darshans inside the temple however sometimes during the heavy rush period administration does not allow passengers to go inside the sanctum sanctorum for puja and darshans are done from outside only.
- ❖ Please Don't Carry Dangerous goods on Board the Helicopters. In case of any doubt regarding any item, please clarify from us in Advance.

Terms & Conditions



- ❖ Our package includes accommodation on twin sharing basis. For a separate single occupancy room, **extra charges will be INR 20,000/person** (Inclusive of Taxes).
- ❖ Helicopters have strict weight restrictions at high altitudes. Passengers weighing above **75 kgs** will be charged **Rs 1000 per kg** over and above **75 kgs**. If 2 or more passengers in a group have an average weight of **75 Kg** then extra charges will not be applicable.
- ❖ Passengers are advised to mention the correct weight in the booking form. If weight is found incorrect at the time of travel pilot has the right to deny boarding to the passenger.
- ❖ Helicopters' have limited weight-carrying capacity, to manage the weight for safe flying in the hills, we might have to shuffle passengers between helicopters Therefore, as per the Pilot's recommendation passengers traveling together may not be accommodated in the same helicopter flight.
- ❖ The quality of accommodation available at Yamunotri is reasonably good but at Harsil Sersi and Badrinath, the accommodation standard is 03 to 04 stars.
- ❖ The Helicopter Schedule mentioned in the Itinerary is Fixed. However, 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.
- ❖ Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included in all hotels except Dehradun. At the Dehradun hotel, only Dinner and Breakfast is included in the package. Any extras will have to be paid directly by the guest.
- ❖ Children above the age of 2 years will be considered full ticket
- ❖ **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 7 days before the journey date. In case the rescheduling is requested with less than 7 days to the journey then the booking will be treated as canceled and a fresh booking will be given subject to availability.

- ❖ **Payment Terms:** Bookings are to be done in advance with a deposit of 50% of the charter amount, and the balance payment has to be deposited 07 days prior to the date of arrival in Dehradun.
- ❖ **CANCELLATION POLICY:** If passengers wish to cancel their booking, then they will have to pay the following cancellation charges

<i>Upto 28 days before the journey</i>	<i>10% of the total Package cost</i>
<i>Between 28 Days to 14 Days Before the Journey</i>	<i>20% of the total Package cost</i>
<i>Between 14 Days to 07 Days Before the Journey</i>	<i>30% of the total Package cost</i>
<i>Between 07 Days to 03 Days Before the Journey</i>	<i>50% of the total Package cost</i>
<i>Less than 3 Days before the journey</i>	<i>100% of the total Package cost</i>

- ❖ **BAD WEATHER SITUATION:** If we are stuck in a bad weather situation on any particular day out of the 5 days, we will still try to finish the darshan on the next day. Suppose there is bad weather on the 3rd day and we are unable to fly to Kedarnath then we will try and do both Kedarnath and Badrinath on the 4th day. In case we are completely unable to visit any Dham due to bad weather situation we will refund proportionate money. This means that if due for any reason we are unable to do 2 dhams then we will refund 50% payment.
- ❖ In case of bad weather if the stay gets extended beyond 5 nights, then passengers will have to bear the cost of an additional night stay. **The cost applicable for an Additional night stay will be INR 5000 Per person per Night.**



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