

Char Dham  
*Special*

# Chardham Yatra(II) By Helicopter

5 Nights / 6 Days

🕒 09:30 AM 📍 Kedar Stay



# Day

# 0

## Arrival in Dehradun

The excitement begins with your arrival in Dehradun. Our teams will arrange pickup from Dehradun Airport or Railway station . 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 Hotel 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.



Passengers can relax in the hotel on Day Zero or plan any local sightseeing on their own on this day. Our teams will meet all passengers at 7.30 PM in hotel lobby and brief them about travel plans.



**IMPORTANT** – All passengers **MUST** note that **ONLY 5 KG** baggage is allowed per passenger in the helicopter. Excess baggage will not be allowed to go onboard. Heritage Aviation will provide small duffle bags for each passenger in which the luggage will have to be shifted. No other bags or suitcases will be permitted to go on board.

# Day

## Dehradun to Yamunotri

# 1

Helicopter flying starts in the morning at 09.30AM. All passengers for the Package II are advised to positively leave their hotel by 08:30AM.

After a short briefing passengers will board their helicopters for onward journey. Our pilots are specially trained to give exciting commentary to passengers about the mesmerizing views of Snow clad Himalayan peaks and all the important sites falling enroute the helicopter route. Some of them will also tell you mythological stories about Chardham yatra during the helicopter ride.

09:30 AM

**Departure Sahastradhara helipad, Dehradun**

10:00 AM

**Arrival Kharsali helipad, Yamunotri**



**Kharsali** is a small and beautiful village from where trek starts for Yamunotri temple. This village is at an altitude of 8500 feet. After getting down from helicopter passengers will be taken to the nearby Hotel Yamunakriti for check in. After Check-in passengers will get the palki ( carried by 4 persons ) which will take them to the temple. The trip by palki takes around 3 hours in going and nearly 2 hours on return. Our tour guide will escort the passengers at temple for darshan.

**Hotel:** Kharsali is a small and remote village. Hotel quality here is basic but we ensure that rooms and linen are very clean. Food is pure and homely. All essential amenities are available in the room.

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

## Day

# 2

### Yamunotri - Gangotri

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

10:00 AM

Departure Kharsali helipad

10:30 AM

Arrival Harsil Helipad



A hidden jewel near Gangotri Dham, Harsil is a serene Himalayan hamlet nestled on banks of river Bhagirathi at 8500 feet altitude and surrounded by snow clad mountains, pine forests and apple orchards. Often 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 Malli*** were shot in Harsil.

- Our teams will receive passengers at Harsil helipad and take them straight to temple or the hotel as per passengers choice.
- Hotel in Harsil is 2 Kms from helipad and the temple is nearly 22 Kms from the helipad and the drive to temple takes nearly 1 hour.
- There is a walk of about 400 meters at Gangotri from car parking to temple. Our team will escort the passengers for temple darshan.
- Passengers are advised to return to hotel by lunch time and relax in the natural surroundings.



**Hotel:** Khili Resort is a small and beautiful hotel located near Bhagirathi and Jalandhari rivers. Rooms are very good and the best part is the amazing view of snow-clad peaks which one gets from this resort.



**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 riverside 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. They can also visit nearby Bhutia village .

10:30 AM

Departure from Harsil Helipad

11:15 AM

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

**Due to heavy traffic of helicopters at Kedarnath the charter helicopter may not get permission to fly direct and we may have to go via shuttle operators**

- ❖ 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. From Sersi, passengers will be transferred to Kedarnath by helicopter shuttle. Upon arrival at the Kedarnath Helipad, our dedicated team will be present to assist you with check-in to your Hotel at Kedarnath.



- ❖ Later all passengers will be taken for Special darshan at the Kedarnath temple. Our teams will guide passengers when to go for darshans depending on crowd situation at the temple.
- ❖ The Distance from helipad to Kedarnath temple is about 500 meters. The altitude at 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 helipad to temple.

- ❖ Later in the day everyone must see the renovated Shankaracharya Samadhi which is now converted in to a Shankaracharya memorial. More adventurous ones can also do a climb of Bhairon Mandir which is approx. 500-600 meters of steep trek from temple Kedarnath temple is seeing very large number of visitors now a days.
- ❖ In the evening our teams will organize Rudrabhishek/Special Puja which takes place at the temple throughout the night. Our teams will discuss the schedule with you and accordingly arrange Rudrabhishek inside the temple in coordination with temple committee. Visitors should expect a waiting time of 30–45 minutes outside the temple before the special Puja .

## Day

### Kedarnath - Badrinath

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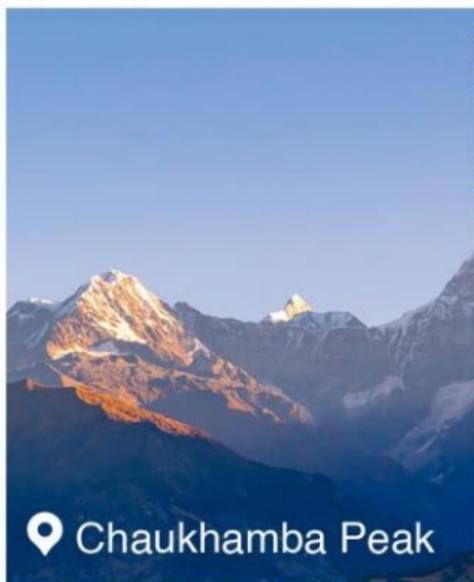
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Departure Kedarnath helipad (Via Sersi)

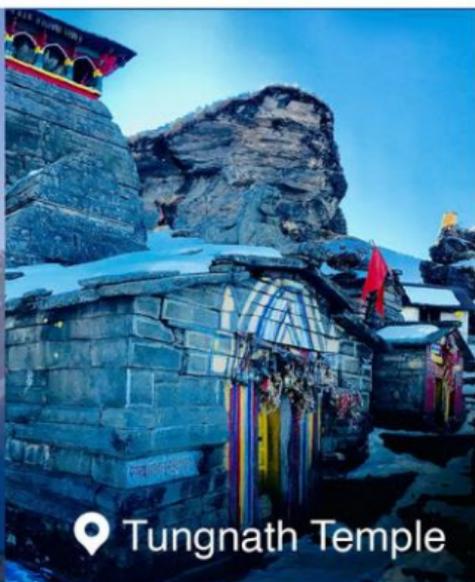
08:15 AM

Arrival Badrinath Helipad

One gets a very close view of 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 famous **Tungnath temple**. The highest Lord Shiva temple on earth which is also one of the main temples of Panch Kedar circuit. If the weather is clear we may get to see majestic Nanda Devi peak near Joshimath which is the second highest peak of India and also worshipped as protector of Himalayas by people of Uttarakhand.



📍 Chaukhamba Peak



📍 Tungnath Temple



- ❖ Badrinath is the main Dham in Chardham Yatra. Located at 10,000 feet altitude on the banks of river Alaknanda, and in middle of Nar and Narayan Parvat. This Lord Vishnu temple was established by sage Adi Guru Shankaracharya in the 8th century.
- ❖ Badrinath is a small picturesque town. After landing first we will go and check in into Hotel Dikesh Inn/Similar.
- ❖ Our teams will take everyone and arrange Special darshans at the temple.
- ❖ Visit to **MANA Village** is must for every passenger we will organize a day trip to Mana. Mana is a very ancient village with huge mythological significance . It is believed that Maharishi Ved Vyas composed the epic Mahabharata with help from Lord Ganesha in a small cave which is known as Vyas Cave or Vyas Gufa in Mana Village. Also the Pandavas after the Mahabharat returned to heaven via Mana village . We advise that everyone should visit Mana Village in afternoon . It is 3 kms from the hotel.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **SANDHYA ARTI** - This is the highlight of our Chardham Yatra, In the evening our teams will organize Sandhya Arti between 04PM to 07 PM. Here you will able to experience the divine experience of Arti inside the Badrinath Temple.



# Day

# 5

## Badrinath - Dehradun

On reaching Dehradun our teams will arrange to drop you at Airport or Railway station for your onward journey. Kindly book your return flight or train tickets after 1400 hrs.

08:15 AM

**Departure Badrinath Helipad**

09:00 AM

**Arrival Sahastradhara helipad, Dehradun**

**INR 2,35,000/- + 5% GST Per person**

### Hotel Detail :

Dehradun	Hyatt Regency (Dinner and Breakfast)
Yamunotri	Yamuna Kriti
Gangotri	Khili Resort/Similar
Kedarnath	Gayatri Sadan/Similar
Badrinath	Dikesh Inn/Similar

# Highlights and inclusions of Chardham Yatra

- All our helicopters are less than 3 years old and in excellent condition.
- All our pilots are very experienced in this sector.
- We use Toyota Innova for transportation at all places.
- Our hotels in this yatra are best across the industry.
- We ensure personal care for elderly persons.
- Our ground staff at all places is very helpful.



# Guidelines For Passengers



- ❖ ONLY 5KG luggage per person is 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 advise from doctor before undertaking this yatra.
- ❖ **Passangers are advised to book evening flights/Trains departing after 06:00PM, while returning back from Dehradun as due to weather/Operational reasons there might be delay in reaching back Badrinath to Dehradun.**
- ❖ Although day temperatures at these locations are normal but it becomes cold in the night and so passengers must carry wollen clothes with them.
- ❖ The altitude of Kedarnath temple is 11500 Feet and Badrinath temple is 10000 Feet. Sometimes passengers may experience lack of oxygen specially at Kedarnath, hence they are advised to walk slowly .Portable oxygen bottles are available at all stations on requirement basis .
- ❖ Kedarnath helipad to temple distance is nearly 500 meters. Pithu (Shoulder Carriage) is available on payment basis .
- ❖ All passengers coming by helicopters are permitted to do Special darshans inside the temple however sometimes during the heavy rush period administration does not allow passengers to go inside sanctum sanctorum for puja and darshans are done from a little distance .
- ❖ Please don't carry Dangerous goods on board the Helicopters. In case of any doubt regarding any item, please clarify with our team in advance.

# Terms & Conditions



- ❖ **EXTRA WEIGHT CHARGES** Helicopters have strict weight restriction at high altitudes. Passengers weighing more than 75 Kgs will have to pay 2000 Rs per Kg for additional weight.
- ❖ Extra weight charges will be applicable on the additional weight coming over and above the average weight. For example: If two persons are weighing 60kg and 95kg then their total weight is 155kgs whereas average weight of 2 persons is 150kg. Hence in this case they will be charged additional weight charges of 5kg.
- ❖ If additional average weight is more than 25kgs then the passenger will be charged for two seats. For example: If one passenger weight is 60kgs and second passenger weight is 120kgs then total weight becomes 180kgs and in this case additional average weight is 30kg. Hence the passenger will have to pay for additional seat and this cost will be charged INR 125,000.
- ❖ Passengers are advised to mention correct weight in booking form. If weight is found incorrect at the time of travel boarding will be denied. Only a maximum variation of 2 Kgs will be permitted and that too at an extra cost.
- ❖ 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 Pilot's recommendation passengers travelling together may not be accommodated in same helicopter flight.
- ❖ The quality of accommodation available at Yamunotri is above average but at Harsil Sersi and Badrinath the accommodation standard is 03 to 04 star.
- ❖ The Helicopter Schedule mentioned in the Itinerary is Fixed. However, mountain flying is tricky and we can encounter delays due to weather or technical reasons.
- ❖ Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included in all hotels. At Dehradun hotel only Dinner is included in the package. Any extras will have to be paid directly by guest.
- ❖ The package price is for twin occupancy rooms. **For a separate single occupancy room, extra charges will be INR 25,000 per person** (Inclusive of Taxes).
- ❖ Children above the age of 2 years will be considered full ticket. **The Charges applicable for infant (below 02 Years) will be 15,000 per infant.**
- ❖ **Rescheduling of booking** to a next date will be done subject to availability and on payment of 5 % of the cost. This will be permitted only if applied **15 days** before journey date. In case the rescheduling is requested with less than **15 days** to the journey then booking will be treated as cancelled and a fresh booking will be given subject to availability.

❖ **Payment Terms:** Bookings 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 following cancellation charges

Upto 20 days before Journey	INR 10,000 Per Person
Between 20 Days to 07 Days Before Journey	50% of total Package cost
Less than 07 Days before Journey	100% of total Package cost

❖ **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 next day. Suppose there is bad weather on 3rd day and we are unable to fly to Kedarnath then we will try and do both Kedarnath and Badrinath on 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 to any reason we are unable to do 2 dhams **then we will refund 50% payment after deducting Dehradun accommodation, meals or any other consumed services.**

❖ In case of bad weather if the stay gets extended beyond 5 nights, then passengers will have to bear the cost of additional night stay. **Cost applicable for Additional night stay will be INR 7500 Per person per Night.**

We assure you of a safe and memorable pilgrimage!



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