



# INTRODUCTION

Chardham Yatra is one of the most sacred Hindu pilgrimage consisting of four shrines named as Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath in Uttarakhand, It is believed that the Char Dham Yatra opens the gates of salvation by washing away all the sins of mankind. It is also believed that this journey must be undertaken at least once in a lifetime to achieve 'moksh'.

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## YAMUNOTRI

The first dham en route the yatra, is situated at Yamunotri- where the sacred river Yamuna originates. It is named after Goddess Yamuna, the twin sister of Yama (the goddess of death). A bath in the holy waters of Yamuna river is said to cleanse one of all sins and protects from untimely death. The temple houses a black marble idol of the goddess.



## **GANGOTRI**

is the birthplace of the holy river Ganga.
According to popular Hindu legend, it was here that Goddess Ganga descended when Lord Shiva released the mighty river from the locks of his

hair. Dedicated to the goddess, Gangotri Dham is the second temple that falls on the Chota Char dham route. It was built by the Nepalese General, Amar Singh Thapa. The origin of the holy river however is at Gaumukh, the sacred snout of the Gangotri Glacier, which is a 19 km trek from Gangotri.



### KEDARNATH

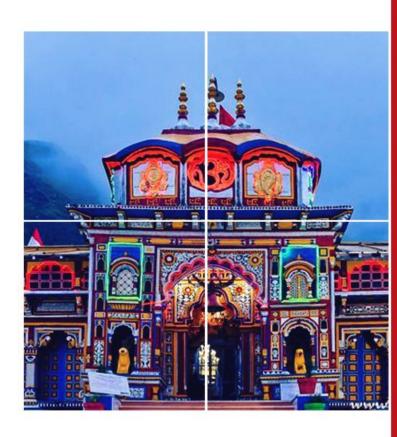
The word 'Kedar' refers to Lord Shiva in Vedas & Puranas. Kedarnath, as per holy belief and sacredness, is known to be the land of Lord Shiva. where Lord still resides in the form of Linga. The otherworldly Kedarnath Dham is about 500 meters above Badrinath and is believed to be one of the five uprisal spots of the Lord. It is also the highest located jyotirling. The temple is an old stone edifice located on the shores of Mandakini River. It is believed to have been built by the Pandavas and revived by Adi Sankara in 8th century CE.



### BADRINATH

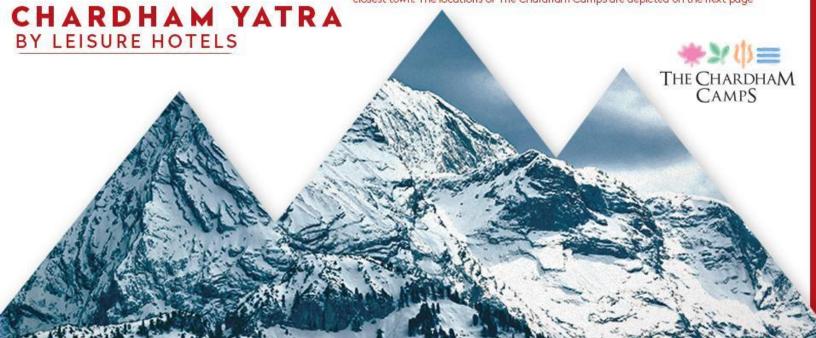
The final checkpoint in the yatra, is considered one of the most holy places in Hindu religion. It is said that Lord Vishnu, also known as Lord Badri, came here to seek penance through meditation after a life of indulgence. Located along the banks of Alaknanda River,. It stands beautifully on Garhwal Hill, rearing its golden head and fluttering its red flags with Godly

presence. The 3.3 feet tall black stone statue of Vishnu inside is often considered to be a self manifested image. The Badrinath Dham is surrounded by Tapt Kund, Suraj Kund and Narad Kund - Housed naturally occuring hot springs where all devotees take a ritualistic dip before entering its hallowed sanctum.





Leisure Hotels, the biggest hotel network in Uttarakhand, set up the Chardham Camps in the year 2003 and came up with the idea of pilgrimage journeys in the Chardham sector. Leisure Hotels is the only hospitality giant in Uttarakhand which offers own accommodation facility in all four Dhams. The helpful area makes it effortlessly available from Shrines and the closest town. The locations of The Chardham Camps are depicted on the next page





### A PERSONAL TOUCH

At our camps in Chardham, we provide much more than just accommodation and food; we provide a refreshing way of life. At Chardham camps we have a lot of character starting from an entertaining evening where we introduce you with various essence of Indian Culture. Some of our known attractions are

- Folk culture of the region
- Evening Arti by local priest
- Picnic Lunch
- Visit to Warm Water Springs, Tungnath trek, Trihugi Narayan and Gopeshwar Temple.
- · Enroute Stopover meals



### FIXED DEPARTURE

- With fixed departure, travellers can visit all the places in the itinerary and other nearby destinations of Chardham.
- As per the schedule of the spiritual activities, tourists take part in the yatra and explore different divine locations.
- ➤ That's where Leisure Hotels steps in! We'll take care of all your needs throughout the journey from Delhi to Haridwar and vice versa.

#### Why fixed departure?

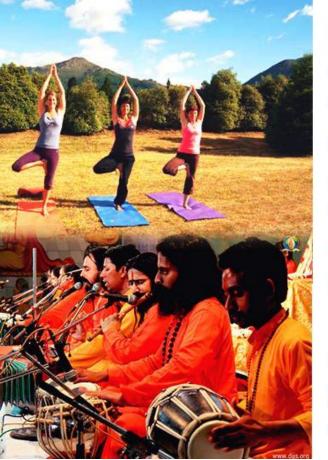
- ➤ With fixed departure you don't have to worry about your outing to Chardham because Leisure Hotels will plan everything for you.
- ➤ From accommodation to sightseeing, everything will be pre planned and arranged so you can sit back and enjoy your spiritual journey.





### HIGHLIGHTS OF FIXED DEPARTURE

- Complete group consultation on arrival at Rishikesh
- Accommodation in spacious all weather proof, independent,
   thatched roof, luxury tents (16'X12') and respective hotels
- Attached baths and toilets with running Hot & Cold water
- Multi cuisine dining facilities
- All meals (Starting from Day 01 Lunch till Day 11 Breakfast)
- Hot water bottles as sun down service



- Guided visit to shrine
- KedarNath Yatra by Helicopter
- Yoga session every morning
- Bhajan Sandhya & San-kirtan
- First aid at camps with oxygen cylinders
- Escorted walk and visit to nearby places
- STD/ISD conferencing facilities at the Camps
- Well-structured activity blocks for Aarti,
   Religious discourses etc.
- All arrangements including monument fee,

Guide and mules for transporting equipment and members' luggage etc.

### SKETCH ITINERARY

# DAY 1- YOUR JOURNEY TO HOLY LAND WILL BEGIN AT GANGA LAHARI, HARIDWAR.

Your journey to the holy land begins with a meetup and a welcome session with our Chardham gurus and your fellow travel partners. The primary station of your spiritual yatra would start from Ganga Lahri, Haridwar. Your check-in will be followed with Evening Tea at the hotel, you will get to enjoy a picnic lunch with your family and popular Maa Ganga Aarti with special prayer arrangements at Har-ki-Pauri, an evening dance performance, a healthy dinner will be served and followed by Bhajan and a decent nights rest. Your travel journey to the mighty Himalayas would begin in a luxurious coach loaded with lots of Bhajjans and Keertan to make you feel closer to God. Your enriching and the insightful journey will make your bond with your family stronger and bring you closer as you end your journey in Rishikesh.



### DAY 2- HARIDWAR - BARKOT (185KMS/7HRS)

The second day of your yatra will begin at 7 AM. After breakfast, we continue on Barkot, through Mussorie. Lunch will be served enroute, right beside the mesmerizing Yamuna Bridge for your joy. Barkot is a beautiful space which is secured by amazing snow-topped mountains all around. A stunning view of the delightful snowy peaks of Bandar punch can be enjoyed from here. You will be invited in this delightful land with a tradional touch followed by check in at The Chardham Camps, Barkot for an overnight stay. A detailed discussion on Maa Yamunotri will be conducted by our Yamunotri gurus followed by Hi- Tea. A lavish supper will be served combined with Katha Saar.



DAY 3: BARKOT - YAMUNOTRI - BARKOT (38KMS/2HRS, LOCAL TAXI DRIVE 7 KMS/1HRS, 6 KMS/3HRS TREK ONE SIDE)

After an early breakfast and Shlok Saar at The Chardham Camps, Barkot, we will continue with our yatra to Jankichatti. We will trek to Yamunotri to visit the heavenly sanctuary of Goddess Yamuna, on the banks of the blessed river. You can take a sacred dunk in the adjoining tank filled by hot springs. Packed lunch will be served on your way back to Barkot. Hi Tea will be enjoyed in back at The Chardham Camps followed by dinner and evening Aarti. The long tiring day will come to an end with a comfortable overnight stay at The Chardham Camps, Barkot

Sanctuary of Goddess Yamuna **Evening Aarti** Packed Lunch

#### DAY 4: BARKOT - HARSIL (151 KMS, 6-7HRS)

Early breakfast will be served and we will proceed with our journey to Harsil by means of Uttarkashi and Dharashy Bend. A pit stop will be taken at Gangnani for a heated water spring plunge. After a traditional welcome at The Chardham Camps, Harsil, Hi-Tea will be served. Mukhwas Village is the most polpular location in Harsil where Goddess Gangotri dwells. The 1 km trip to this sacred land is secured by the hypnotizing snowy peaks of Himalayas. A detailed brief on Goddess Gangotri will be done by our expert Gangotri gurus on location, followed by Hi Tea. A solid supper will be served at Annapurna with Katha Saar and an overnight stay at The Chardham Camps, Harsil



### DAY 5: HARSIL - GANGOTRI - HARSIL ( 25 KMS / 30 MINS.)

The morning at The Chardham Camps, Harsil will begin with a peaceful morning stroll at Wilson House. After breakfast, we will continue to Gangotri around 22 km far from The Chardham Camps, Harsil. On your arrival at Gangotri, take a plunge in the Holy Ganges and perform your pooja while you unwind in the flawless encompassing. Lunch will be served back in Harsil taken after by Hi-Tea and supper. Katha Saar will give you company while you appreciate a fine feast.



#### DAY 6: HARSIL- GUPTAKASHI (263 KMS/9-10 HRS)

After an early breakfat, we will proceed with our yatra to Guptakashi by means of Manery and Uttarkashi. Enroute we will stop at Chourangi Khal sanctuary of Nagnath Ji to offer prayers. A pit stop will be taken at Aabki for Lunch and refreshments. Landing in Guptkashi will be trailed by traditional welcome and check in at The Chardham Camps Harsil followed by Hi-Tea. A session on Baba KedarNath by our gurus will be taken which will be summed by a delectable supper and an overnight stay at The Chardham Camp, Guptakashi.



DAY 7: GUPTAKASHI – KEDARNATH – GUPTAKASHI (12 KMS DRIVE- 1 HR.)

The seventh day of your yatra will begin with a hefty breakfast after that we will continue to Phata. A helicopter will take you to the Kedarnath sanctuary for Darshan and Aarti. The religious day will end with a lavish supper and overnight remain at The Chardham Camps, Guptakashi.



### DAY 8: GUPTAKASHI – JOSHIMATH BY CHOPTA (141 KMS / 5-6 HRS)

The eighth day of your yatra will take you to Joshimath through Ukhimath. The course will cover Helang valley, a standout amongst the loveliest destinations on the journey. A Tea break will be taken at Chopta, where one can appreciate the grand snow clad Himalayan Ranges. It is the beginning stage of the world acclaimed Tungnath Mandir and Chandrashila Summit. On your landing in Joshimath, you will be treated with a traditional welcome took after with check in at The Chardham Camps, Joshimath. Directly after lunch a special session on BadriNath ji will be taken by our gurus. The long will end with a delectable supper and Katha Saar.



# DAY 09: JOSHIMATH - BADRINATH - JOSHIMATH (45 KMS DRIVE ONE WAY/2 HRS)

After breakfast, we will proceed with our yatra to Badrinath. When you achieve this heavenly land, have a darshan and visit Mana Village-the last Indian town. The stunning excellence of this modest town offers the best views in the outing. It is believed that the Pandavas had crossed the Mana town on their approach to paradise. We will leave for Joshimath at night where a sumptuous supper will be waiting for you.



### DAY 10: JOSHIMATH - RISHIKESH (254 KMS/ 7-8 HRS)

On tenth day of your yatra we will take you to Rishikesh, where the sacred river Ganga starts. The voyage will take you to Devprayag-Alaknanda Rivers to witness the introduction of the River Ganga. A hefty supper will be served while you appreciate live flute

session and overnight remain at the lodging.

Rishikesh Aloha On The Ganges Parmath Niketan Aashram

### DAY-11 RISHIKESH

Check-Out after a leisurely breakfast at Aloha On The Ganges



### DOS AND DON'TS

While Leisure Hotels takes care of your delightful yatra there are some points to be remembered on your journey with us.

#### DOS

- Carry your documents
- Carry a valid Id proof for Yatra

#### ABOUT FOOD

- · Drink water at regular intervals to keep yourself hydrated
- · Avoid consuming oily food
- Avoid over eating

#### FITNESS:

- People over 50 years of their age, should carry the prescribed consultation as well as medicines; though we also provide "Doctor On Call" facility
- Practise morning, evening walks; joggings; meditation and yoga during your journey



#### Clothing's

 As the temperature varies greatly between day and night (fron max. 20 degrees Celsius to min. -16 degrees Celsius) one should prepare accordingly.

 Bring the following items with you Woolen gloves, Balaclava, Sun hat, Thermal wear, Water bottle, Woolen socks, Towel, Light Jacket, Sunglasses, Sun cream, Torch with extra batteries/bulbs, Muffler, Mask, Raincoat, Sweater, Shirt/T-shirt & Trekking shoes

#### DON'TS

- Don't eat too much food on your journey
- · Alcohol is prohibited
- Trek along the mountains and watch your footings



### WHY TO CHOOSE LEISURE HOTELS

With nine years of successful operations, Leisure Hotels is the largest player in the Chardham sector. Our special inventories in all four Chardhams locations provide special arrangements for all your special pooja's at every shrine coupled with aviation arrangements with experienced transporters. Leisure Hotels provides fixed departures from Delhi to Uttarakhand and operates in major source markets like Maharashtra, Gujrat, Indore, Bangalore and Calcutta. Special arrangements are made for the comfort and leisure of Senior Citizens.





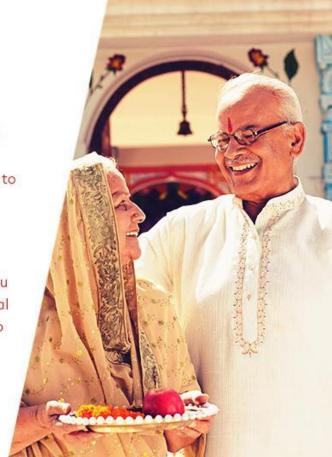


### QUALITY AND SERVICE

With Leisure Hotels, quality and service go hand-in-hand. We go above and beyond to ensure these two hallmarks are met at every step of your yatra. To help achieve these core values, we closely monitor client satisfaction and are consistently seeking new ways to exceed our guests' expectations.

#### A PERSONAL TOUCH

From first contact, through the duration of your yatra, and until you are safely home again, we are with you. You will know your personal travel gurus both by name and by face, as we make it a practice to greet our guests personally and go through the entire journey.



### FRIENDLY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF

We've created unforgettable travel experiences in Uttarakhand for thousands of travellers from all over India and world. Our staff members have extensive and firsthand knowledge of the region and are passionate about what they do.

### LOCAL EXPERTISE

It is vital to us that you have a memorable and authentic experience on your journey. In line with that expectation we have for our staff, we select only local help's that are friendly, reputable and have in-depth local knowledge.



### SAVE TIME AND EFFORT

Organizing your own journey can be a stressful task. Let us do the work for you! By choosing Leisure Hotels, you can save time and hassle by booking all of your itinerary services directly with a specialized local agency.

### YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS

While on your journey, help is never out of reach. There is always our guru available 24/7 to handle any unforeseen situations







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