

CHARDHAM YATRA 2017

with Swami Swatmananda

26th May to 6th June 2017

Tour Itinerary:

Day 01: Delhi Arrival -Haridwar (230 kms/06 hr) (26th May)

Arrival Delhi Airport at 8am, Drive to Haridwar(6-7hrs). On the way visit **Patanjali Yogpeeth**. Arrive **Haridwar** check into your hotel. After freshen up visit **Chandi Devi Temple and Manasa Devi Temple, Shanti kunj Ashram**. We will attend **Ganga Aarti** in the evening at **Har ki pauri**.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel in **Haridwar**.

Day 02: Haridwar - Barkot via Rishikesh (150 kms/05 hr)(27th May)

Drive towards Barkot. En-route visit **Divine Life Society, Rishikesh, Kempty falls**. Check into hotels. Dinner & night stay at in Barkot.

Day 03: Barkot - Yamunotri - Barkot {36kms drive & 6kms Trek (one side)}(28th May)

Early morning, Drive to **Hanuman Chatti(Confluence of Ganga & Yamuna)**, Drive to Jankichatti/Phoolchatti, **trek start from here to Yamunotri (6kms)**. Either by walk or by horse or by Doli at own cost. Arrive **Yamunotri**, One can cook rice by packing it in a cloth and dipping it in the hot water of the hot kund - **Suryakund**. Pilgrims take this cooked rice home as "Prasad". Here near the temple "**Pooja**" can be offered to **Divya Shila**, Return to **Jankichatti**. Drive back to **Barkot**, Overnight stay.

Rituals in Yamunotri:

Snan in Tapt Kund Yamnotri , Yamuna Pujan in Divya Shila , Yamnotri Temple Darshan , Hanuman Temple and Lakhmandal Temples.

Day 04: Barkot - Uttarkashi (100kms/4hr) (29th May)

Drive to Uttarkashi. Check in Hotel. Visit **Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Annapurna Temple, Tapovan Ashram**. Night Halt.

Day 05: Uttarkashi - Gangotri - Uttarkashi (100kms/3-4 each side) (30th May)

Early morning drive to Gangotri, enroute at **Gangnani** take a holy dip in **Garam Kund**, further drive to Gangotri via beautiful **Harsil Valley**. Harsil is famous for its natural beauty and for the majestic views of the Deodar trees, and mountains. On arrival at Shree Gangotri, take a holy dip in the sacred river Ganges which is also called Bhagirathi at its origin. Perform Pooja and Darshan. Return back to Uttarkashi. Overnight stay at **Uttarkashi**.

Rituals in Gangotri

Gangotri temple darshan. Perform Snan at Gangotri Ghat (VIP Ghat), Ganga Pujan & Aarti at Gangotri Ghat, Darshan of Bhagirath Shila, Darshan of Gauri Ganesha Temple, Gauri kund and Surya Kund, Jalmagna Shivaling and Tapovan Kutir. While returning Darshan of Gupteshwar Mahadev temple in Dharali.

Day 06: Uttarkashi – Guptkashi (220kms/8-9hr) (31st May)

Drive straight to **Guptkashi** via **Moolgarh & Lambgoan**. Enroute you can see the beautiful river **Mandakini** at **Tilwara**. The Mandakini river comes from Kedarnath. See Rudraprayag Sangam (Confluence of Mandakini and Alaknanda).

Now we will drive alongside the river to reach **Guptakashi**. On arrival Check In at the Hotel, evening visit **Vishwanath temple, Manikarnika kund, Ardh Narishwar Temple** and **Chopta**. Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Day 07: Guptkashi –Kedarnath (30 Km- 1 Hr.- 14 Km Trek)(01st June)

We have to get ready early in the morning and will be dropped at the Trek starting point for **Kedarnath**. Start the 14 km trek from here. Overnight stay at the **Kedarnath**.

Also visit Apart from **Kedarnath Temple, Ratus Kund, Gauri kund, Shankaracharya Samadhi, Bhairavnath Temple, Madmaheshwar Mandir, Vasuki Tal, Chorabari Tal, Pitra Kund, Ram Gufa**.

Rituals at Kedarnath: Aarti in Kedarnath Temple.

Day 08: Kedarnath Guptkashi (02nd June)

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After Breakfast trek back to the dropped point, from here we will drive towards **Guptkashi** and visit **Sonprayag, Ukhimath, Triyuginarayan temple**. Night halt at **Guptkashi**.

Day 09: Guptkashi - Badrinath (215kms/7hr) (03rd June)

Drive to **Badrinath** via **Adi Badri, Shankaracharya math(Joshimath), Narasimha Temple**, . Check in Hotel. Later at evening visit **Badrinath Temple** for **Aarti**. Dinner & Overnight stay.

Ritual at Badrinath: Aarti at Badrinath Temple

Day 10: Badrinath – Joshimath - Rudraprayag (160kms/7hr) (04th June)

Early morning, after having a bath in the **Taptkund, Narad Kund, Surya kund** have the Darshan of **Badrivishal. Brahamakapal** is significant for **Pinddan Shraddh** of ancestors (Pitrus). There are other interesting sightseeing spot like **Charan Paduka, Mana, Bhimpul, Vyas Gufa, Keshavprayag, Maatamoorti**. Just within the 3 kms of **Badrinath temple**. Later in the afternoon drive back to **Rudraprayag** via **Joshimath**. Check in Hotel. Dinner & Overnight stay at Rudraprayag.

Day 11: Rudraprayag –Rishikesh- Delhi (400 kms/12 hr) (05th June)

Check out from hotel early morning and proceed to **Rishikesh** for **White water Rafting (16 Kms.) (INR 600/- Per Head on direct payment basis at the spot)** and then drive towards **Delhi**. Arrive at Chinmaya Centre of World Understanding.

Day 12: Delhi Visits (06th June)

Visit the India Gate, Akshardam & Eternal Gandhi. Drive to Airport/Train station

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Please seek approval and confirm your participation from Swami Swatmananda(chinmaya.swatmananda@gmail.com)

2. All the above places mentioned, we will try and cover, subject to normal weather and time availability. In the Main 4 Dhams, whatever is possible to see within time available, we will see.

3. Rituals are your choice and not compulsory. Cost has to be borne by you.

4. Eligibility is those who are fit to trek and in the age group of 16 to 65 yrs
5. Accommodation will be on triple sharing basis. Double sharing basis will be Rs.5000/- extra. In some places like Kedarnath, we may have to adjust in common halls due to limited accommodation available there.
6. The stay in hotels will be as follows. Please check these online so that you are adequately prepared:

HOTELS: DELUXE PROPERTIES

NO OF NIGHTS	PLACE	HOTEL
01	HARIDWAR	HOTEL URMI OR SIMILAR*
02	BARKOT	HOTEL RAUTELA OR SIMILAR*
02	UTTARKASHI	HOTEL KNB HERITAGE OR SIMILAR*
02	GUPTKASHI	HOTEL JAGAT RAJ OR SIMILAR*
01	KEDARNATH	GMVN/AGRA HOUSE/PUNJAB SINDH
01	BADRINATH	HOTEL YOGA OR SIMILAR*
01	RUDRAPRAYAG	HOTEL SHIVSHAKTI OR SIMILAR*

- In case of unavailability in any of above hotels, accommodation will be provided in alternate hotel.

7. Price Includes:

- **9% Govt. Service Tax.**
- **Accommodation in A/c rooms except in Guptkashi & Uttarakashi.**
- **03 individual 27 seat Bus for all transfers and sightseeing exactly as per the Itinerary will be there for travel.**
- **A/c not applicable on hilly areas, only on plain areas.**
- **Meals- Breakfasts + Lunch+ Dinner Only (Veg only) & 2 time tea with snacks every day**

Price Excludes:

- Any other meal not mentioned in price includes.
 - Any other destination not mentioned in itinerary.
 - Any Pony / Doli / Adventure activity Charges at the destination you are visiting.
 - Any monument entrance fees, camera fees.
 - Any expenses of personal nature.
 - A personal expense like portage/laundry/phone calls/tipping etc.
 - Any extra meals or Room service
 - Travel Insurance
 - Air or Rail fare
8. Please consult driver / local representative for next day's sightseeing schedule / Transfers timings. If any passenger fails to follow timings given to him, then he may miss that particular sightseeing / transfers and Chinmaya Mission will not be responsible to arrange the same. He / She Needs to arrange the same on direct payment basis.
9. It is mandatory to carry photo ID card (except Pan Card) while you are on tour. Chinmaya Mission shall not be responsible for any change in the itinerary due to strikes, landslides, flight cancellations, weather conditions, government enforcements or any unforeseen circumstances which are beyond our control. The additional cost incurred will be in addition to the cost and directly payable

Donation:

- INR 27,000/- on triple sharing basis.
INR 32,000/- on twin sharing basis.
- Payment can be done by cheque in the name of - "Chinmaya Seva Trust" or via NEFT.
- The entire donation is non-refundable in the event of any cancellation by the participant.

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