# Panch Kedarnath Yatra Package (17 Days / 16 Nights)



## **Tour Overview**

Panch Kedar Yatra that takes place in Devbhoomi Uttarakhand is one of the holiest pilgrimages for the followers of lord Shiva or the Shaivite community.

This circuit is said t have been established by the Pandava brothers while they were on their way to search for lord Shiva to perform penance for the sin of killing their kin. They finally found lord Shiva at Guptkashi near Kedarnath. The Panch Kedar temples of Kedarnath, Madmaheshwar, Tungnath, Rudranath and Kalpeshwar Mahadev is said to have been established by them. The beauty and serenity here is remarkable and even if you are not the religious type you can take this journey to feel closer to nature. If you wish to walk on this trail then you can avail one of the numerous spiritual Panch Kedar trekking tours.

# **Tour Highlights**

- Visit to the highest shiva temple in the world
- Kedarnath yatra
- Enjoy the natural scenic himalayan beauty
- Explore the quaint and vintage vibe of remote villages
- Experience the rich culture and heritage of Devbhoomi

# **Tour Itinerary**

#### Day 1:Arrival in Delhi

Upon your arrival in Delhi our tour representative will greet you at your point of arrival and will escort you to your hotel. You will be smoothly checked in to your accommodation for an overnight stay.

#### Day 2:Delhi – Rishikesh

You will be transferred to your next destination of Rishikesh where on arrival you will be checked in to your allotted hotel here where you will be spending the night. After getting checked in and freshening up you will be taken on a brief sightseeing of places like Laxman Jhoola, 13 Manjila Mandir, Neelkanth Mahadev, Shri Bharat Mandir etc. in the evening you will be taken to Triveni Ghat for attending the evening aarti which is a very mystical experience.

#### Day 3:Rishikesh – Pipalkoti

After having your breakfast in the morning you will be transferred to Pipalkoti which is located at a distance of 7 to 8 hours via Devprayag, Rudraprayag, Karnaprayag and Nandprayag. On arrival you will be checked in to your accommodation here for an overnight stay.

#### Day 4:Pipalkoti – Helang – Urgam

Early in the morning after having your breakfast you will be transferred to your next destination of Helang where you will be covering a journey of around 15 km. on reaching Helang your trekking journey of 3 to 4 hours will commence where you will be crossing over Alaknanda river, passing through apple orchards, terraced agricultural fields and unmatched natural beauty. You will be checked in to your allotted hotel in Urgam for an overnight stay.

#### Day 5:Urgam – Kalpeshwar Mahadev – Urgam

After having your breakfast in the morning you will be taken to Kalpeshwar Mahadev the 1st temple in the list of Panch Kedar. The locks of lord Shiva's hair are worshipped at the temple. The journey is not more than 2 kms from one side. After offering your prayer and spending some peaceful moments there you will be made to head back to your hotel in Urgam where you will be spending the night.

#### Day 6:Urgam – Kalgot

After having your breakfast early in the morning you will be taken for a trekking expedition up to Kalgot village. You will be following the trekking route via dense forest covers and lush green meadows. The trek will be of around 3 to 4 hours and on reaching you will be setting up your tents here for a night in the wilderness

#### Day 7:Kalgot – Rudranath - Kalgot

You will be starting your trek to Rudranath temple early in the morning. The face of lord Shiva is worshipped here at the temple. Apart from the important ancient temple you can even savour some of the magnificently panoramic views of the surrounding mountain peaks of Hathi Parvat, Nanda Devi, Nanda Ghunti, Trishuli among others. After darshan and spending some peaceful time here you can also make a visit to Surya Kund, Chandra Kund, Tara Kund etc. all these places are located close to the temple so it will be very easy to pay a visit. Finally you will be made to head back to your tents for an overnight stay.

#### Day 8: Rudranath – Sagar – Mandal

After having your breakfast early in the morning you will be made to trek down to Sagar village again passing through lish forests and meadows. On reaching you will be driven up to Mandal. This will be a driving journey of around 8 hours. On reaching Mandal you will be checked in to your allotted hotels here for an overnight stay.

#### Day 9:Mandal – Chopta – Tungnath

After having your breakfast early in the morning you will be driven to Chopta which will be a journey of around 2 hours by road. Upon your arrival in chopta you will be made to trek up till Tungnath Mahadev temple which will take around

2 to 3 hours to cover. The trek will be so peaceful and scenic that you will not feel any sort of discomfort. On reaching the temple and after offering your prayer you will be made to head back to your hotel close to tungnath. You will be spending the night here itself.

#### Day 10:Tungnath - Chopta - Jagasu - Gaundhar

After having your breakfast in the morning you will be made to trek back to chopta from where you will be driven to Jagasu which will be a ride of 2 hours. From here you will be required to trek up to Gaundhar where you will be setting up your tents for staying the night.

#### Day 11:Gaundhar – Madhyamaheshwar

After having your breakfast early in the morning you will be made to go ahead for your trek to Madhyamaheshwar temple which will take you around 5 to 6 hours to cover. The torso or the navel part of the lord is said to have been reappeared here which is worshipped by avid devotees here. You will be setting up your camp here at Madhamaheshwar where you will even be able to gaze at the amazing snow bound peaks surrounding it. You will be staying the nights here in tents.

#### Day 12: Madhamaheshwar – Gaundhar

After offering your early morning darshan at the temple you will be made to trek back to Gaundhar. On reaching you will be pitching your tents for an overnight stay.

#### Day 13:Gaundhar - Jagasu - Guptkashi

After having your breakfast early in the morning you will be made to trek for 12 kms to Jagasu and from here you will be driven 30 kms to your next destination of Guptkashi. On arrival at Guptkashi you will be made to check in to your allotted hotel here where you will be spending the night.

#### Day 14:Guptkashi – Gaurikund – Kedarnath

After having your breakfast early in the morning you will be driven to Gaurikund from where your 14 km journey up to Kedarnath Dham will commence which is also one of the most significant of the Jyotirlinga temples in India. You will be checked in to an accommodation close to the temple where after the darshan you will be staying the night.

#### Day 15:Kedarnath – Gaurikund – Rudraprayag

After having your breakfast early in the morning you will be made to attend the early morning Darshan of Kedarnath Dham. You will be made to trek down to Gaurikund and driven to Rudraprayag. On reaching you will be checked in to your hotel here which is also the confluence point of Alaknanda and Mandakini River for an overnight stay.

#### Day 16: Rudraprayag – Haridwar – Delhi

After having done with your breakfast early in the morning you will be driven to Haridwar via Devprayag i.e. the confluence point of Alaknanda and Bhagirathi that forms the holy river of Ganga. Once you reach Haridwar you will be made to transfer to Delhi where you will be reaching by night time. On arrival you will be checked in to your hotel for an overnight stay.

#### Day 17:Delhi Departure

Once you are done with your breakfast in the morning you will be made to head out for a full day of sightseeing tour here. By evening you will be dropped off at your departure location where you will be boarding your transportation to your onward destination.

### **Tour Inclusion / Exclusion**

#### Inclusion

- Hotel accommodation during your stay throughout the holy panch kedar yatra.
- Fuel charges / parking / toll taxes / driver fees etc.

- Breakfast / dinner meals
- If time permits, some sightseeing of nearby places

#### Exclusion

- Any expenses of personal nature like tips, laundry, a bottle of mineral water etc.
- Any activity of item that is mentioned in the inclusions section
- Travel insurance or any other type of insurances etc.
- Any type of extra costs included due to unexpected or unforeseen situations that may arise

### **Term and Conditions**

- The timings for the helicopter yatra are subject to change depending on the weather conditions and matters that are out of any sort of human control.
- The total payment for the helicopter journey should be made in 2 instalments, the 1st instalment will be 50% of the total cost which should be given 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the journey. The remainder of the amount will be paid 2 to 3 weeks prior to the scheduled date of departure.
- The selected package will may not be included with GST so make sure to clarify this with your travel manager.
- Children age 2 years and more will need to get a full adult ticket.
- No special concessions or provisions are given to senior citizens and kids or differently abled. You can speak with the tour manager well in advance to make special arrangements for anyone who may need it.
- Some conditions like bad weather, VVIP movement, technical faults in helicopter etc. may case the flight to be postponed or even stand a chance to be cancelled.
- Expenses will be borne by you in case you decide on overstaying more than your planned days.

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### **Cancellation Policies**

- If passengers wish to cancel their booking, then they will have to pay following cancellation charges.
- ◆ Upto 15 Days before journey -25 % Cancellation chargesand 75% Refund. Upto 10 Days before
- ♦ journey -50 % Cancellation chargesand 50 % Refund Upto 7 Days before journey -75 %
- Cancellation chargesand 25% Refund Less than 7 Days before journey -no refund No show by
- passenger -no refund Be sure to clarify about the refund and cancellation policies of the company
- beforehand with your tour operator to avoid confusion and clear out your doubts.
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