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INDIA
UTTARAKHAND
DHAM
1N HARIDWAR, 2N BARKOT, 2N UTTARKASHI, 1N RISHIKESH
6 Nights & 7 Days



**Tour Start:** Delhi / Dehradoon **Tour End:** Delhi / Dehradoon

## **TOUR SUMMARY**

DAY	OVERNIGHT	PARTICULAR
Day 1	Haridwar	Transfer Delhi/Dehradoon to Haridwar
Day 2	Barkot	Transfer Haridwar to Barkot (190km / 6h <mark>rs 30Mnt</mark> )
Day 3	Barkot	Yamunotri (6km Trek)
Day 4	Uttarkashi	Transfer Barkot to Uttarkashi (83km / 3H <mark>rs)</mark>
Day 5	Uttarkashi	Uttarkashi — Gangotri — Uttarkashi
Day 6	Rishikesh	Transfer Uttarkashi to Rishikesh (170km <mark>/ 5</mark> hrs)
Day 7	Departure	Transfer Rishikesh to Delhi / Dehradoon

#### HIGHLIGHTS

### **YAMNOTRI**





Yamunotri stands proudly with its enormous mountain peaks, glaciers and gushing waters of Yamuna. River Yamuna, the second most sacred river of India, originates in Yamunotri, making it one of the pilgrimage sites in the Chota Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand. The venerated goddess Yamuna is said to be the daughter of Sun and twin sister of Yama (the god of death); in Vedas, Yamuna is called Yami (lady of life). A bath in the sanctified waters of Yamuna is said to cleanse all sins and protect from untimely or painful death. Such strong associations in Hindu mythology place Yamuna Devi (goddess) in high ranks of divinity.

Gangotri, situated in Uttarkashi, is closely related to Goddess Ganga, the river that we know as Ganges. The history of Gangotri dates back to centuries when Goddess Ganga transformed herself into a river to dissolve the sins of King Bhagirath's forefathers, following his penance. Gangotri is a popular pilgrim place in India, which stands at an altitude of 3042m and emits a highly pious aura. Religious rituals are in full swing in the Gangotri temple with the Arti ceremony performed by the pujaris of the Semwal family. The river Ganga originates from the Gangotri glacier and is known as Bhagirathi. The name Ganga picks up later on after the river passes Devaprayag and merges into the river Alaknanda. The striking presence of the snow-clad mountains in the vicinity and the pure crystal clear water of the Ganges flowing around add to the sanctity of the place.

### **DETAIL ITINERARY**

# DAY 1 TRANSFER DELHI/DEHRADOON TO HARIDWAR ( 220KM / 5HRS) OVERNIGHT : HARIDWAR







Arrival in Delhi Airport/ Station and drive to Haridwar from Delhi via Meerut and Roorkee.

Haridwar- Gateway to land of Gods: As you step into the city of Haridwar you'll be welcomed with the chimes of the temple bells and the religious chanting of the priests. The city has a religious significance as the holy river Ganga enters the Indo-Gangetic Plains of North India for the first time in Haridwar. Thereby making its former name 'Gangadwara' perfect in every sense

Haridwar serves as the gateway to the CHAR DHAMS of Uttarakhand. The "Panch Tirth" or the five pilgrimages located within the periphery of Haridwar are Gangadwara (Har Ki Pauri), Kushwart (Ghat), Kankhal, Bilwa Tirtha (Mansa Devi Temple) and Neel Parvat.

Upon arrival, check into the hote<mark>l. Later, in the evening visit the pious Har Ki Pauri fo</mark>r Aarti Darshan. Thereafter unwind yourself through a comfortable overnight stay in the hotel.

## DAY 2

## TRANSFER HARIDWAR TO BARKOT (190KM / 6Hrs30Mnt)

**OVERNIGHT: BARKOT** 

Post breakfast, drive to Barkot via Dehradun and Mussoorie. En route enjoy lunch in Mussoorie and then continue the journey.

Barkot: Situated at an elevation of 1,220 meters above sea level. It is a part of Garhwal division. The Barkot city is surrounded on the north by the Dehradun district, on the northeast by Tibet, on the east by Chamoli, on the southeast by the Rudraprayag district and on the south by Tehri Garhwal district.

From Barkot, one can easily view magnificent peak of Banderpoonch and it is an ideal holidaying and adventure destination for nature lovers and adventurers as the place proffers with many beautiful apple orchards, ravishing landscapes, scenic views and trekking excursions. The Yamunotri Dham is around 50 Km far from Barkot

You will reach Barkot by evening, upon arrival check into your hotel.



# DAY 3 BARKOT – YAMUNOTRI – BARKOT (6km Trek) OVERNIGHT: BARKOT

In the morning after an early breakfast, head off for a 42 km drive towards Janki Chatti. Upon arrival, begin your 6 km trek towards Yamunotri.



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To the west of the Kalind Parbat is located Banderpoonch, which is a dominant mountain in central Himalayan area of Garhwal and divides the watershed of Yamuna from that of the Ganges. Coming out from Kalind Parbat, Yamuna is also known as Kalindi. Once reached, visit the main Yamunotri temple for darshan fold your hands and bow your head down before the Goddess Yamuna, and take her blessings for the pilgrimage. After paying homage, trek back to Janki Chatti in evening. From here our driver will take you back to Barkot, there you will enjoy an overnight stay in the camp.

#### DAY 4

## TRANSFER BARKOT TO UTTARKASHI (83Km / 3Hrs)

**OVERNIGHT: UTTARKASHI** 

Begin the morning with an 82 km long drive to Uttarakashi. In the journey visit the Prakateshwar Cave, a natural limestone cave that is famous for having formations resembling the holy Shivling

**Prakateshwar Cave** is between Barkot & Uttarkashi. Found a decade ago, this is a natural cave is formed by limestone. The cave has attained religious significance due to the limestone formations resembling Shiva Linga. Once need to climb 100 steps to reach the entrance of the cave. Crawling down the cave will lead to an area where we can stand and look at the formations. Cold water flows in the cave creating a small pool.

After short break proceed for Uttarkashi. Uttarkashi: The town is located on the banks of the Bhagirathi at an altitude of 1,165mts above sea level. Bhagirathi River is also known as Ganga before the confluence of Devprayag. Uttarkashi is also home of a variety of flora and fauna. One can find rich varieties of Fur, Pine, Deodar and also various kinds of medicinal herbs and shrubs in Uttarkashi. Uttarkashi is one of the most picturesque town of Garhwal region of Uttarakhand state.

Upon arrival at Uttarakashi, check into a hotel.







In the evening visit the **Vishwanath Temple.** In the center of Uttarkashi, in a buzzing market is a beautiful temple of Lord Vishwanath which is worth a visit. Lord Vishwanath in the form of a shiva-linga has been residing in the Vishwanath temple in Uttarakashi in deep meditation since time immemorial, showering his blessings on all the living beings. Unlike the other Shiva temples, the shivalinga in this temple leans towards the South direction. The garbha-griha or sanctum sanctorum also houses the Deities of Lord Ganesha and Goddess Parvathi Devi.

The Shiva Linga of Lord Vishwanath was installed by Lord Parashurama. The present temple was constructed by Queen of Tehri – Khaneti Devi, the wife of Sudarshan Shah in the year 1857 AD. The stone temple is built in the Katyuri style and sits on a rock foundation which is a depiction of the local Himalayan architecture.

Later return back to the hotel for an overnight stay. Uttarakashi

#### DAY 5

## UTTARKASHI – GANGOTRI – UTTARKASHI

**OVERNIGHT: UTTARKASHI** 

Have early morning breakfast and start drive to Gangotri early in the morning.







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Once reached, take a holy dip in the pious water of the holy river Ganges, (also known as Bhagirathi). Perform the respective rituals and bask in the splendid and serene surroundings of the place. In the afternoon drive back to Uttarakashi and Overnight at Uttarkashi

DAY 6 TRANSFER UTTARKASHI TO RISHIKESH ( 141Km / 5Hrs) OVERNIGHT : RISHIKESH

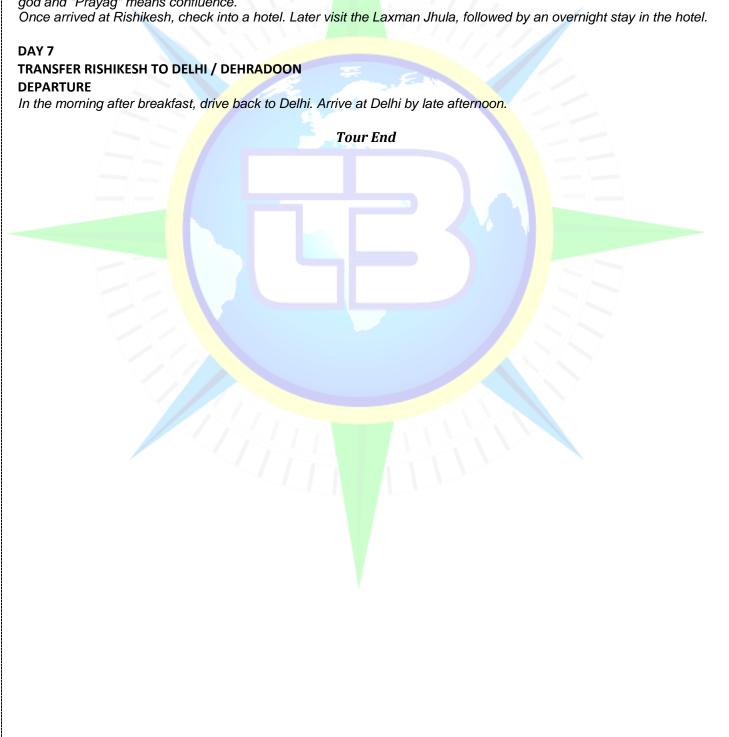






In the morning drive to Rishikesh via Srinagar and Devprayag. The celestial town of Devprayag is positioned at an elevation of 830 metres above sea level. Devprayag is the last Prayag or the holy confluence of the Alaknanda River, from here that the confluence of Alaknanda and Bhagirathi River is known as Ganga.

The town is the seat of the pundits of Badrinath Dham. The meaning of Devprayag is Godly confluence as "Dev" mans god and "Prayag" means confluence.







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