Char Dham YATRA 2026

Complete Travel Guide

Route | Best Time | Tour Packages

A Journey of Faith, Nature and Inner Peace

Embark on a divine journey to the four sacred shrines of Uttarakhand – Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. Experience spirituality, natural beauty and unforgettable moments in the lap of the Himalayas.



Yamunotri
Dedicated to Goddess Yamuna

Gangotri
Dedicated to Goddess Ganga

Kedarnath
Dedicated to Lord Shiva

Badrinath
Dedicated to Lord Vishnu

- **Divine Darshan** — Visit four sacred temples
- **Scenic Himalayas** — Breathtaking landscapes
- **Family & Group Tours** — Suitable for all age groups
- **Comfortable Travel** — Well-planned itineraries

Suggested Route

Haridwar / Rishikesh → Barkot (Yaumotri Route) → Yamunotri → Uttarkashi → Gangotri → Kedarnath → Guptkashi / Sonprayag → Joshimath → Badrinath

Key Information in This Guide

- Temple Opening Dates 2026
- Best Time to Visit
- Route Map & Itinerary
- Registration Process
- Tour Package Options
- Travel Tips & Important Information

Plan Your Char Dham Yatra with Confidence

What is the Char Dham Yatra?

A Spiritual Journey in the Himalayas

The **Char Dham Yatra** in **Uttarakhand** is a pilgrimage to four sacred Himalayan shrines. The journey combines deep religious significance with the breathtaking natural beauty of the Garhwal Himalayas.



Yamunotri Dham

Dedicated to **Goddess Yamuna.**



Gangotri Dham

Dedicated to **Goddess Ganga.**



Kedarnath Dham

Dedicated to **Lord Shiva.**



Badrinath Dham

Dedicated to **Lord Vishnu.**

Traditional Route (Clockwise Sequence)

1 Yamunotri → 2 Gangotri → 3 Kedarnath → 4 Badrinath

Traditionally, pilgrims visit the four shrines in a clockwise sequence, beginning with **Yamunotri**, followed by **Gangotri**, **Kedarnath** and **Badrinath**.

The temples generally open during spring and remain accessible for a limited period before winter conditions lead to seasonal closure. Exact opening and closing dates vary by shrine and year.



Char Dham Yatra 2026
Opening Dates

Plan Your Divine Journey

The 2026 pilgrimage season began in April. The following dates were reported for the four shrines:



Yamunotri Dham
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Opening Date
19 April 2026

Closing Date
11 November 2026



Gangotri Dham
Dedicated to Goddess Ganga

Opening Date
19 April 2026

Closing Date
10 November 2026



Kedarnath Dham
Dedicated to Lord Shiva

Opening Date
22 April 2026

Closing Date
11 November 2026



Badrinath Dham
Dedicated to Lord Vishnu

Opening Date
23 April 2026

Closing Date
13 November 2026

Source:
NDTV's 20 April 2026 Char Dham Yatra guide.

These dates are published travel information, not a guarantee of temple access on a particular day. Since weather, road conditions and local administration instructions can change, check the latest official announcements before making travel arrangements.

Best Time to Visit Char Dham in 2026

Different Seasons Different Experiences

May to June
Popular Pilgrimage Period



- Pleasant weather
- Popular with pilgrims
- Hotels and transport fill up quickly
- Advance planning is advisable

July to August
Monsoon Considerations



- Heavy rainfall
- Possibility of landslides
- Road disruptions and travel delays
- Check weather alerts and road conditions before departure

September to October
Autumn Pilgrimage

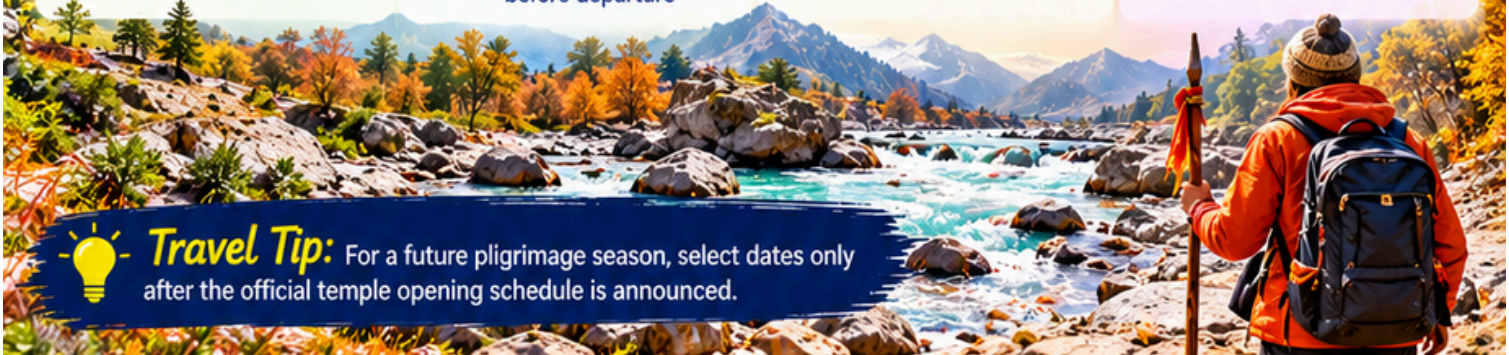


- Pleasant weather & clear views
- Great for sightseeing
- Temperatures may fall at higher elevations
- Mountain weather can change quickly

Late October to November
End-of-Season Planning



- Season approaching closing dates
- Confirm temple access before booking
- Check route, accommodation and transport availability
- Plan carefully as some services may be limited



Travel Tip: For a future pilgrimage season, select dates only after the official temple opening schedule is announced.

Char Dham Yatra

Route Map & Travel Route

A Sacred Journey Through the Himalayas

Many road-based Char Dham tours begin from Haridwar, Rishikesh or Dehradun. Travellers can reach these starting points by train, road or air, depending on their chosen travel arrangements.



Yamunotri Dham



Gangotri Dham



Kedarnath Dham



Badrinath Dham

Janki Chatti (Trek Start)

Barkot

Uttarkashi

Guptkashi / Sonprayag

Gaurikund (Trek Start)

Joshimath / Pandukeshwar



Haridwar (Starting Point)

Rishikesh (Starting Point)

Dehradun (Starting Point)

Return to Rishikesh / Haridwar

Traditional Route (Clockwise Sequence)

1. Haridwar / Rishikesh
2. Barkot
3. Yamunotri
4. Uttarkashi
5. Gangotri
6. Guptkashi / Sonprayag
7. Kedarnath
8. Joshimath / Pandukeshwar
9. Badrinath
10. Rishikesh / Haridwar

The exact route, overnight stops and journey duration may vary going according to road conditions, accommodation availability and the tour operator's itinerary.

1 Yamunotri Dham

Dedicated to Goddess Yamuna



Route: Haridwar / Rishikesh → Barkot → Janki Chatti → Yamunotri (Trek)

- Journey involves travel to Barkot and Janki Chatti.
- Janki Chatti is the usual starting point for the trek.
- Enjoy the mountain scenery along the route.
- Allow time for the trek and temple visit.
- Consider your walking ability before choosing trekking assistance.
- Keep adequate time for rest and the return journey.

2 Gangotri Dham

Dedicated to Goddess Ganga



Route: Yamunotri → Uttarkashi → Gangotri

- Reached by road via Uttarkashi region.
- Temple is situated in a scenic Himalayan setting.
- Plan your overnight stay according to the route.
- Carry warm clothing even in summer.
- Allow extra time for mountain driving.
- Check road and weather updates before departure.

3 Kedarnath Dham

Dedicated to Lord Shiva



Route: Gangotri → Guptkashi / Sonprayag → Gaurikund → Kedarnath (Trek)

- Road journey does not reach the temple.
- Trek from Gaurikund to Kedarnath on designated route.
- Prepare for a demanding high-altitude trek.
- Keep appropriate walking shoes and rain protection.
- Check official medical and registration requirements.
- Confirm helicopter booking through the authorized channel (subject to availability and weather).

Helicopter services are subject to availability, weather and official operating conditions.

4 Badrinath Dham

Dedicated to Lord Vishnu



Route: Kedarnath → Joshimath / Pandukeshwar → Badrinath

- Generally accessible by road.
- Temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and surrounded by Himalayan scenery.
- Plan the drive according to current road conditions.
- Keep warm clothing available.
- Allow sufficient time for temple visits and rest.
- Check whether nearby sightseeing is possible within your schedule.

Char Dham Yatra 2026

10 – 12 Day Itinerary

A Complete Pilgrimage Experience in the Himalayas



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Suggested 10 – 12 Day Itinerary

Day	Route & Activities	Overnight Stay
Day 1	Arrive in Haridwar or Dehradun; transfer to the hotel and prepare for the journey.	Haridwar / Dehradun
Day 2	Travel towards **Barkot**; overnight stay.	Barkot
Day 3	Visit **Yamunotri Dham** and return to the planned overnight stop, subject to trek conditions.	Barkot
Day 4	Travel towards Uttarkashi.	Uttarkashi
Day 5	Visit **Gangotri Dham** and return according to the itinerary.	Uttarkashi
Day 6	Travel towards Guptkashi or the designated Kedarnath base area.	Guptkashi / Sonprayag
Day 7	Proceed towards Kedarnath using the approved route; overnight arrangements depend on the selected plan.	Kedarnath / Guptkashi
Day 8	Complete the return from Kedarnath and travel to the next overnight stop, subject to conditions.	Guptkashi
Day 9	Travel towards Badrinath via the designated route.	Badrinath
Day 10	Visit **Badrinath Dham** and continue to the planned overnight destination if conditions permit.	Joshimath / Badrinath
Day 11	Return towards Rishikesh or Haridwar.	Rishikesh / Haridwar
Day 12	Departure or onward travel.	--

Route Highlights



Important Information

- This is an indicative itinerary, not a guaranteed schedule.
- Actual travel times depend on road conditions, weather, traffic, pilgrimage arrangements and the pace of your group.
- Some itineraries may require additional days, particularly for senior citizens, groups requiring slower travel, adverse weather, trek recovery or route disruptions.
- Avoid planning tight connections immediately after the pilgrimage.

Travel Tips

- Keep extra days for weather or road delays.
- Carry warm clothing and proper footwear.
- Be prepared for trekking at Yamunotri and Kedarnath.
- Check latest travel advisories and road conditions.
- Plan with a reliable travel partner for a safer and smoother journey.

Char Dham Yatra REGISTRATION 2026

4 Dhams
1 Divine Journey









Register Today | Travel with Confidence

Registration is an essential part of planning the Char Dham Yatra. Uttarakhand's official portal provides online registration for individuals, families and tour operators, as well as information about verification at the shrines.

How to Register?

1. Visit https://registrationandtouristcare.uk.gov.in/
2. Create an account or sign in.
3. Enter the required pilgrim details.
4. Select the travel dates, number of pilgrims and shrines to be visited.
5. Complete the registration process and download the Yatra Registration Letter.
6. Carry your registration document and valid identification, and follow the verification instructions at the shrines.



Key Information

- Registration is free.
- Register yourself and your vehicle (where applicable) before starting the journey.
- Keep your registration details accessible throughout the trip.

Important Notes

- Registration does not itself guarantee road access, darshan at a particular time or helicopter availability.
- Check the latest instructions before departure.

Official Links

Char Dham Registration Portal
https://registrationandtouristcare.uk.gov.in/

Uttarakhand Tourism
https://uttarakhandtourism.gov.in/

Plan Ahead for a Smooth and Blessed Journey

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Safe Journey | Better Planning | Divine Experience

Char Dham Yatra Tour Package Cost 2026

Plan Your Spiritual Journey with Confidence

The cost of a Char Dham Yatra package varies according to your travel dates, starting point, group size, hotel category, vehicle type, meal plan and duration.



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Key Factors That Influence Package Cost

Transportation
Private car, SUV, Tempo Traveller or other suitable vehicle.

Accommodation
Budget hotels, standard hotels or upgraded stays.

Meals
Breakfast, dinner or other meal arrangements.

Trip Duration
Number of travel days and overnight stops.

Group Size
Number of travellers sharing the vehicle and accommodation.

Additional Arrangements
Local transfers, trek-related services or authorized helicopter bookings, where applicable.

Indicative Package Cost Range

Budget Package



₹24,000 – ₹32,000
per person

- Economy hotels
- Shared vehicle (as per group size)
- Breakfast & Dinner
- Standard itinerary

Standard Package



₹32,000 – ₹45,000
per person

- Good quality hotels
- Comfortable vehicle
- Breakfast & Dinner
- Well planned itinerary

Deluxe Package



₹45,000 – ₹65,000+
per person

- Premium hotels / upgraded stays
- Spacious and comfortable vehicle
- Breakfast & Dinner (or as per plan)
- More comfortable and flexible itinerary

Popular Vehicle Options



Swift Dzire (4+1)



Ertiga (6+1)



Innova Crysta (7+1)



14 Seater Tempo Traveller



20 Seater Tempo Traveller

Before Confirming a Package

- Ask for a detailed quotation
- Check hotel names and room categories
- Confirm vehicle arrangements
- Review meal plan (inclusions)
- Understand exclusions, taxes and cancellation terms

Important Note

- There is no single fixed price suitable for every traveller.
- Package cost depends on your travel dates, group size, preferences and service requirements.
- A customized quotation is the best way to compare options fairly.

Plan with Yash Travel Holidays

We offer customized Char Dham Yatra packages based on your requirements, with suitable transportation, hotel options and practical itineraries.

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Inclusions & Travel Tips

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What Is Included in a Char Dham Yatra Tour Package?

Package inclusions differ between operators, so always check the written quotation. Depending on the selected plan, a package may include:

Hotel Accommodation

Stay at hotels for the specified nights as per the itinerary.



Transportation

Road transportation according to the itinerary (car, SUV or Tempo Traveller).



Pickup & Drop

Pickup and drop-off at the agreed location.



Meals

Meals as specified in the package (Breakfast / Dinner or as per plan).



Route Planning

Well-planned itinerary with travel coordination.



Booking Assistance

Assistance with the required booking information.



What May Not Be Included?

The following items may cost extra, depending on the package:

- Helicopter tickets (subject to availability)
- Personal expenses (shopping, snacks, etc.)
- Special pooja arrangements
- Extra vehicle kilometres beyond the package
- Additional meals not mentioned in the plan
- Services not specifically listed in the quotation

Essential Travel Tips for Char Dham Yatra

The Himalayan pilgrimage requires preparation, patience and flexibility. Follow these essential tips for a safe and comfortable journey.

1 Pack for Changing Weather

- Carry warm layers, waterproof jacket, comfortable walking shoes and socks.
- Keep essential personal items.
- Temperatures can vary significantly at different altitudes.



2 Prepare for High-Altitude Travel

- The route includes high-altitude areas and trekking.
- Consult a healthcare professional if you have medical concerns.
- Be aware of your physical fitness and walking ability.



3 Carry Medicines & Identification

- Keep prescribed medicines, basic first-aid and personal medication.
- Carry valid ID proof and registration documents.
- Keep emergency contact information easily accessible.



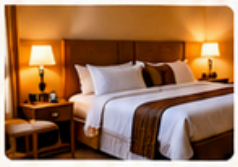
4 Check Road & Weather Updates

- Mountain routes may be affected by rain, landslides, snow or traffic restrictions.
- Follow official advisories.
- Be prepared for itinerary changes due to weather or road conditions.



5 Allow Enough Rest Time

- Avoid an overly rushed itinerary.
- Plan additional overnight stops if needed.
- Take rest, especially for families and senior citizens.



6 Respect the Environment & Local Rules

- Dispose of waste responsibly.
- Follow temple instructions and local guidelines.
- Cooperate with local authorities and pilgrimage staff.



"A well-planned journey makes the pilgrimage more meaningful."

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Is It Suitable for Senior Citizens?

A Sacred Journey with Careful Planning"

Faith
Comfort
Safety
Peace of Mind



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Can Senior Citizens Do Char Dham Yatra?

Senior citizens may undertake the **Char Dham Yatra** depending on their health, mobility and the specific travel arrangements. However, this pilgrimage should not be treated as an ordinary sightseeing holiday.

With Proper Planning, Guidance and Care, the Journey Can Be Comfortable and Meaningful for Senior Citizens.

Important to Understand

- Kedarnath involves a substantial trek.
- The overall circuit includes long road journeys, elevation changes and potentially cold weather.
- The journey can be physically demanding.
- Weather and road conditions can change, which may lead to travel delays.
- Helicopter services are subject to availability, weather and official operating conditions.

Additional Options for Senior Citizens

Helicopter Services (for Kedarnath)
Can reduce trekking effort, subject to availability, weather and official conditions.

Comfortable Vehicles
Use suitable vehicles for long road journeys with experienced drivers familiar with mountain routes.

Support Services
Choose packages with proper coordination, assistance and on-ground support.

When Planning for Older Family Members

Consult a Doctor
Discuss your fitness, medical conditions and altitude suitability.

Plan a Realistic Itinerary
Include adequate rest days and avoid an overly rushed schedule.

Choose Suitable Accommodation
Select comfortable hotels with easy access and necessary facilities.

Consider Walking Ability
Be aware of trek requirements, especially for Kedarnath.

Carry Medicines & Documents
Keep prescribed medicines, valid identification and emergency contact information.

Keep It Flexible
Be prepared for changes due to weather or travel delays.

Useful Tips for a Comfortable Journey

- Carry warm clothing and a waterproof jacket.
- Use comfortable walking shoes and socks.
- Stay hydrated and eat light, nutritious meals.
- Take regular breaks and allow rest time.
- Be prepared for changing weather and higher altitudes.
- Travel with family or in a group for additional support.

Please Remember

- Do not assume that every shrine can be reached by vehicle.
- A helicopter will not operate in all weather conditions.
- Check latest official updates before travel.
- Plan with a reliable travel partner for a safer and smoother journey.

"A Pilgrimage for Every Generation."

Why Plan Your Char Dham Yatra with Yash Travel Holidays?

Divine Destinations Unforgettable Experiences

A Well-Planned Pilgrimage for a Safe, Comfortable and Meaningful Journey





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Planning a pilgrimage involving four Himalayan shrines requires careful coordination of transportation, overnight stays, travel time and route conditions. **Yash Travel Holidays** helps travellers explore customized pilgrimage and domestic holiday arrangements based on your requirements.

Our Support for Your Char Dham Yatra

Suitable Transportation
Comfortable vehicles for families and groups with experienced drivers.

Hotel Options
Stay options according to your preferred category and budget.

Day-wise Itinerary Planning
Practical and well-planned itineraries with suitable overnight stops.

Travel Coordination
Assistance in coordinating agreed travel arrangements.

Customized Quotations
Packages based on group size, travel dates and specific requirements.



Comfortable Travel



Quality Stays



Well-Planned Itinerary



Hassle-Free Arrangements

Travel with Planning Peace of Mind and Divine Blessings

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Your Journey Our Support

Family Pilgrimages | Group Tours | Domestic Holidays | Customized Itineraries

Sacred Dhams
Divine Journey
Lifetime Memories

Frequently Asked Questions About Char Dham Yatra 2026

Faith
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Experience

Find answers to common questions and plan your pilgrimage with confidence.



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1 Which four temples are included in the Char Dham Yatra?

The four shrines are Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath, all located in Uttarakhand.



2 How many days are required for Char Dham Yatra?

A road-based itinerary often requires around 10–12 days, depending on the starting point, road conditions, trek arrangements and overnight stops. Some travellers may need more time.



3 What is the traditional route for Char Dham Yatra?

The traditional sequence is Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. A road itinerary commonly begins from Haridwar, Rishikesh or Dehradun.



4 Is registration mandatory for Char Dham Yatra?

The official Uttarakhand registration portal states that pilgrims must register before beginning the journey and follow the required verification process at the shrines. Check the portal for current instructions.



5 Can senior citizens complete Char Dham Yatra?

Some senior citizens may be able to complete the journey, but suitability depends on individual health, mobility and the trek and travel arrangements. Medical advice and realistic planning are important.



6 Can Kedarnath be visited by helicopter?

Helicopter services may be available subject to weather, availability and operating rules. Use the authorized IRCTC booking channel linked from the official Uttarakhand registration portal.



7 How can I get a Char Dham Yatra package quotation?

Contact Yash Travel Holidays with your preferred travel dates, starting point, number of travellers, hotel preference and transportation requirements to request a suitable itinerary and quotation.



Plan Your Char Dham Yatra with Experts

- Suitable Transportation
- Hotel Options as per Preference
- Well-Planned Itineraries
- Customized Quotations

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The **Char Dham Yatra** is a meaningful spiritual journey through the sacred Himalayan region of Uttarakhand. With the right preparation, a practical itinerary, suitable accommodation and attention to official travel advisories, you can plan your pilgrimage more confidently.

If you are considering a future **Char Dham Yatra** or need help reviewing your travel arrangements, **Yash Travel Holidays** can assist with transportation, hotel options and customized pilgrimage planning.

Transportation
Comfortable vehicles for families and groups

Hotel Options
Stay options as per your preference

Customized Itineraries
Practical and well-planned travel plans

Group Tours
Suitable arrangements for families, groups and senior citizens

Travel Assistance
Coordination of agreed travel arrangements



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Important
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