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## CHARDHAM YATRA – PREMIUM PACKAGE

### ITINERARY

DAYS 1 Delhi – Haridwar (230 kms/6-7hrs) HT : 314 MTS.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Arrive at Delhi airport / Railway Station and transfer to Haridwar, In evening visit Har-ki-Pauri for Ganga Aarti. Back to your hotel, Night halt.

DAYS 2 Haridwar – Barkot (210kms/7-8hr) HT : 1352 MTS.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Today morning drive to Barkot. Check in to your Hotel. Rest of the day is free to relax and store your energy for the Pahad (hill) Yatra of Yamunotri the next day. Overnight stay at Barkot.

Barkot Weather – Generally pleasant in summer, the temperature ranges from 25-30 degree Celsius, Winter: The Days are pleasantly cool but the nights are cold, temp ranges from 10 deg to 05 degree.

DAYS 3 Barkot – Yamunotri – Barkot {36kms drive & 6kms Trek (one side)} HT : 3291 MTS.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Early morning, Drive to Jankichatti/Phoolchatti, trek start from here to Yamunotri (7kms). Either by walk or by horse or by Doli at own cost. The trek passes through lush green valley, a profusion of conifers, rhododendrons, cacti and several species of Himalayan shrubs. Arr. Yamunotri, One can cook rice by packing it in a cloth and dipping it in the hot water of the hot kund. Pilgrims take this cooked rice home as “Prasad”. Here near the temple “Pooja” can be offered to Divya Shila, After taking bath in Jamunabai Kund’s warm water and having “Darshan” of pious “Yamunaji” returning to Jankichatti. Return back to Barkot, Overnight stay.

Yamunotri Temple: Maharani Gularia of Jaipur built the temple in the 19th Century. It was destroyed twice in the present century and rebuilt again. At Yamunotri, One can cook rice by packing it in a cloth and dipping it in the hot water of the Tapt kund. Pilgrims take this cooked rice home as “Prasad”. Here near the temple “Pooja” can be offered to Divya Shila. Surya Kund: There are a Number of thermal springs near temple, which flows into numerous pools. The most important of these is Surya Kund.

Yamunotri Weather – In summer the maximum temp is 18 degrees and the minimum is 10 degrees celsius. The days are pleasantly cool but the nights are cold.

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DAYS 4 Barkot – Uttarkashi (100kms/4hr) HT :1352 MTS.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Morning after breakfast, drive to Uttarkashi. Check into the hotel arrival in Uttarkashi. Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Uttarkashi. Overnight stay at Uttarkashi. Uttarkashi is home to a number of ashrams, temples. The name of the town reflects its similarity to and location (as north of) the city of Kashi (Varanasi). Similar to Varanasi, town of Uttarkashi is also situated on the banks of River Ganga.

Vishwanath temple – Vishwanath temple is one of the oldest Shiva temples in Northern India. Re-constructed in 1857 by Maharani Khaneti Devi of Tehri State in the ancient architectural style. It is situated at the heart of the town. A massive iron trident, symbolic of divine mother’s, is erected and worshiped from time immemorial at the temple complex. Ganeshji, Sakshi Gopal, Markandeya Rishi’s small shrines are also part of the temple complex. Akhand Jyoti as well as Akhand Abhishek, special aarti at morning and evening are offered. As per Skanda Puran, Uttarkashi is known as ‘Saumya Varanasi’, the abode of Lord Shiva in Kaliyug and counted as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas. Shakti temple – Right in front of the Vishwanath temple is Shakti temple. It has a big ‘Trishul’ of about 6 meters in height and a circumference of 90 cms. at bottom. Though there are different views about the making of this, the upper part of it seems to be made up of iron and the lower one is of copper. As per the epics this Shakti was thrown on the devils by the Goddess Durga(Shakti), hence it gets its name. Since then this Shakti is erected over here. Uttarkashi Weather – Generally hot in summer, the temperature ranges from 30-35 degree Celsius but nights is pleasant, Cold in winters.

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DAYS 5 Uttarkashi – Gangotri – Uttarkashi (100kms/3-4 each side) HT : 3048 MTS.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Early morning (packed breakfast) drive to Gangotri, via beautiful Harsil Valley. Harsil is famous for its nature 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, after that relax for some time in the lovely surroundings. Later drive back to Uttarkashi. Overnight stay at Uttarkashi. Gangotri Temple: The temple was constructed by the Gorkha General Amar Singh Thapa in the 18th Century, is situated on the right bank of Bhagirathi. Gangotri Weather – The maximum temperature during summer can go up to 20° Celsius. Summer nights can get cooler with a minimum temperature of 10° Celsius. Light woolen clothes are required while visiting Gangotri during summer. Winter season is very chilly in Gangotri. Gangotri will be covered in sheets of snow during winter. Pilgrim centers remains closed throughout winter due to heavy snow falls.

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DAYS 6 Uttarkashi – Guptkashi (220kms/8-9hr) HT : 1319 MTS.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Morning after breakfast, drive to Guptkashi via Moolgarh & Lambgoan. Enroute you can see the beautiful river Mandakini at Tilwara. The Mandakini river comes from Kedarnath, drive alongside the river to reach Guptakashi. Check into the hotel arrival in Guptakashi. Overnight stay at Guptakashi.

Guptakashi:- The name Gupt Kashi means “Hidden Benares. Mythology describes how when the Pandava brothers were searching for a glimpse of Shiva, Shivji first concealed himself at Guptkashi, but later fled from them further up the valley to Kedarnath, where the Pandavas finally got their wish fulfilled.

Guptkashi Weather – pleasant in summer, the temperature ranges from 25-30 degree Celsius. Cold in winters.

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DAYS 7 Guptkashi – Kedarnath (30kms by road & 19kms Trek)

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Morning after breakfast departure for Kedarnath dham. Enjoy Kedarnath Darshan & back your hotel (at your own cost by walk, doli, khaccher, Helicopter). Overnight stay at Kedarnath.

By Trek: Morning our driver will drop you at Sonprayag then you have to take local jeep for Gaurikund & then your trek strat for kedarnath ji. After darshan you follow same & back to Sonprayag. There is big parking issue so driver will back to other place if his contact no. is not working then you have to arrange other taxi or wait for your driver.

Kedarnath: The Kedarnath shrine, one of the 12 jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva, is a scenic spot situated, against the backdrop of the majestic Kedarnath range. Kedar is another name of Lord Shiva. According to legend, the Pandavas after having won over the Kaurava in the Kurukshetra war, felt guilty of having killed their own brothers and sought the blessings of Lord Shiva for redemption. He eluded them repeatedly and while fleeing took refuge at Kedarnath in the form of a bull. On being followed he dived into the ground, leaving his hump on the surface.

Kedarnath Weather – Due to its high altitude the weather in Kedarnath remains cold for most part of the year. Summer here is cool and pleasant while winter is severe. During summer season the temperature varies around 20°Celsius. Light woolen wear is recommended. Winter season in Kedarnath is severe with mercury falling to as low as 0°Celsius. During this time the place experiences snowfall as well. Due to the extreme climatic conditions, this time is usually avoided by tourists.

Note:- Dinner only those guest who will go for Darshan by Heli and return back to Guptkashi.

Kedarnath accommodation is not included in package. Whoever stays at Kedarnath have to manage their accommodation and food on their own.

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DAYS 8 Kedarnath – Guptkashi (19Kms Down Trek & 30kms/1hr by Road)

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Morning after Pooja, you can check out of Kedarnath hotel start your journey back to Sonprayag. Our driver will be there at designated place which was discussed with you. Drive back to Guptkashi hotel for night stay.

Note:- No Breakfast and Lunch from our side for those guest coming down by trek to Guptkashi from Kedarnath. Breakfast and lunch only for those who staying at Guptkashi

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DAYS 9 Guptkashi – Badrinath (215kms/7hr) HT : 3133 MTS.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Morning after breakfast, drive to Badrinath. Check in to the hotel arrival in Badrinath. Pilgrims after having a bath in the Taptkund have the Darshan of Badrivishal & Aarti in evening. Brahamakapal is significant for Pindan Shraddh of ancestors (Pitrus). There are other interesting sightseeing spot like Mana, Vyas Gufa, Maatamoorti, Charanpaduka, Bhimkund and the “Mukh” of the Saraswati River. Just within the three kms of Badrinathjee. Overnight stay at Badrinath. Badrinath Weather: The average maximum temperature will be around 18° Celsius and the average minimum is 8° Celsius. Warm and woolen clothes are hence required for a stay in Badrinath throughout the year. Winter in Badrinath is often accompanied by snow falls. Winter is very chilly with an average temperature of 5° Celsius. Due to the extreme climatic conditions, this time is usually closed for tourists.

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DAYS 10 Badrinath – Joshimath – Rudraprayag (160kms)

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Morning after breakfast, driver for Rudraprayag via Joshimath. Visit on the way Narsingh Temple in Joshimath later drive back to Rudraprayag via Joshimath. Check into the hotel arrival in Rudraprayag. Overnight stay at Rudraprayag. Rudraprayag Weather – Generally hot in summer, the temperature ranges from 35-40 degree Celsius, Winter: The Days are pleasantly cool but the nights are cold, temp ranges from 20 deg to 05 deg.

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DAYS 11 Rudraprayag – Haridwar (165kms/5-6hr)

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Morning after breakfast, drive for Haridwar via Rishikesh. Rishikesh ‘place of sages’ is a celebrated spiritual town on the bank of Ganga and is surrounded by Shivalik range of the Himalayas on three sides. It is said that when Raibhya Rishi did hard penances, God appeared by the name of ” Hrishikesh ” and this area hence firth came to be known as Rishikesh. Check in Hotel. Later visit Rishikesh Temples & Sight Seeing – Laxman Jhulla, Ram Jhulla. Overnight stay at Haridwar.

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DAYS 12 Haridwar – Delhi (220kms/6-7hr)

Meals: Breakfast

Today, Morning after breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Delhi and drop. TOUR ENDS!!!!

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## HIGHLIGHTS

RISHIKESH:

- Ramjhula
- Laxmanjhula & Swarg aashram
- Kempty fall

## BARKOT:

- Water of the hot kund
- Divya Shila
- Jamunabai Kund
- Surya Kund

## UTTARKASHI:

- Kashi Vishwanath Temple
- Pooja & Darshan at Gangotri Temple

## GUPTKASHI:

- Tehri Dam
- Mandakini river valley
- Ardh Narishwar
- snow sparkling view of the Chaukhamba peak

## PIPALKOTI:

- Narsingh Temple
- Adi Shankracharya Samadhi at Joshimath
- Vyas Cave
- Ganesh Cave
- Bhim Bridge & origin of River Saraswati and Mana village

## BADRINATH:

- River Alaknanda
- Badri van

## SRINAGAR:

- Mahaabhishek Pooja
- Vishnuprayag
- Karnprayag
- Nandprayag & Rudraprayag

## HARIDWAR:

- Chandi Devi Temples
- Shivaliks
- Har ki Pauri
- Mansa Devi
- Chandi Devi Temples

## INCLUSIONS

1. 11 Nights / 12 Days hotel Accommodation as given above.
2. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. (PURE VEG)
3. All Transfers & Sightseeing by Bus. (Rotation Basis Everyday)
4. Service of Tour Manager

Haridwar – Hotel Godwin or similar

Barkot/Syanachatti – Pavani Resort/ Rigveda Cottage or similar

Uttarkashi – Shivlinga Resort or similar

Guptkashi – Shivalik Valley Resort/ or similar

Badrinath – Snow Crest/ Sarovar Portico or similar

Rudraprayag – Monal Resort or similar

## EXCLUSIONS

- Entrance Fee at Monuments
- River Rafting Charges / Boat Cruise Charges / Boating Charges
- Heater Charges
- Rope-way
- Railway Fare
- Air Fare
- Helicopter Fare
- Personal Insurance, Luggage Insurance,
- Laundry
- Extra Mineral Water Charges
- Coolie charges at railway station
- Other charges that are not included in the mentioned rate
- Cost of emergency evacuation in the event of serious health condition, injuries, disability, death suffered by the Pilgrim during the tour.

## TOUR DATE AND PRICE

### Price

TOUR COST FOR PREMIUM PACKAGE – Rs.50,000.00 PER PERSON + 5% GST EXTRA

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- AKSHAR TRAVELS PVT LTD shall make every effort to make your journey comfortable and safe without any hitches to the extent possible. However we act as intermediary between the service providers airlines, hotels, transport operator and local tourist offices providing the services. AKSHAR TRAVELS PVT LTD is therefore not responsible or for any loss, injury or damage sustained by the Pilgrim, including those occurring outside the touring programs. Additional expenses incurred by the delay, accident, natural disaster, political action and unrest must be borne by the tourists. Program, Prices,

services and condition are based on those valid at the time of printing and are therefore subject to change without advance notice in the event of circumstances beyond our control.

#### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS :-

1. There will be no compensation or refund to the Pilgrim for the un-used services.
2. If any Pilgrim returns without completing the tour due sickness or any reason whatsoever, cost of transportation from tour cancelling point to Dehradun/Haridwar/Delhi will be borne by the Pilgrim.
3. Accommodation in the hotel/Camp will be provided on twin sharing basis at all locations.
4. If tour is cut short due to bad weather or any unforeseen reasons whatsoever and group returns to Rishikesh/Haridwar prior to the original schedule, then there will be no refund to Pilgrim towards services which remains unavailed .
5. In the event of lands slide, road blockage due to natural political or any reason whatsoever, Pilgrim will bear the extra cost of transportation and porters if required to reach the destination.
6. Decision on any issues will normally be taken as per the wish of majority but final
7. decision will taken by the tour leader in the best interest of all concerned.

#### RISK AND LIABILITIES

1. Any unforeseen cost increase beyond our control will be passed on directly to the Pilgrim whenever such increase are effected. This could include such items any permits, government taxes etc.
2. All baggage and personal effects are at all times at the Pilgrim's risk.

#### Health Consideration

- All Tourist We do ask you to bring along your own small first aid kit (available at Pharmacies). Some of the items we ask you to bring in the kit are: Antiseptic cream or Wound disinfectant: Iodine and tube-squeeze cream. Foot care and Blister Treatment, band-aids, adhesive roll & strips, gauze pads, moleskin. (please bring ankle high boots to avoid muscle sprain.)

#### Insurance -

- We recommend that you insure yourself against sickness, EMERGENCY RESCUE, accident hospitalization, etc.. We are not liable and responsible for any damages or extra expenses that may arise from mishaps and the loss of their belongings during the pilgrimage. Clothing's: (Suggested) Clothing's for both extremes of climate and temperature. While driving to Chardham Yatra, it will be warm inside the vehicle and light clothing will be required, but as soon as you step out of the vehicle, warm clothing will be required to keep off the cold winds of the Himalayas. Evening will be generally cold and warm clothing will be required We recommend that you bring along the following clothing's and accessories with you:

1. Down Jacket - one
2. Warm thick pullover - One
3. Warm thin pullover - One
4. Warm pants - Two
5. Light loose cotton pants - Two
6. Warm windproof jacket - One
7. Cotton full sleeve T-Shirts - Four
8. Thermal under pants/long - Two
9. Thermal vest / warm full T-Shirts - Two
10. Rain coat with hood/ Poncho (should be roomy) - One
11. "Broken - in" pair of ankle high walking boots & one extra shoe laces.
12. Light tennis shoes or light rubber sandal.
13. Warm woollen socks-4
14. Large cotton or silk scarf-One
15. Warm gloves.
16. Soft paper tissue and handkerchiefs - Plenty

17. Monkey cap and Sun heat - one each
18. Towels (one big, one small)
19. Washing kit

#### Accessories

1. ?Personal First Aid Kit
2. Toilet kit, Nail Clipper, Scissors
3. Flash Light with extra batteries (3 Set)
4. Sun Glasses, Sun Hat, Monkey Cap, Woollen Gloves
5. Water bottles- unbreakable (Min 1 liters capacity) can be purchased in Haridwar
6. Note book, Pen, Pencils
7. Rain Gear-Your raincoat should be roomy and have a water proof hood.
8. Pocket knife , Sewing kit, Buttons, towel, bags( a few of each size strong) dust masks, strong sun cream and chopstick, Moisturizers, Money pouch/belts etc.
9. Water purification tablets
10. Walking stick- Can be purchased in Gourikund/Jankichatti
11. Washing Kit