OC -Uttranchal Chardham Yatra
This tour covers major dhams of Gadhwal region .ie. Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunotri & Gangotri along with Haridwar & Rishikesh.

| Days \ Nights         | 14D \ 13N  |  |  |  |  |
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| Stay                  | Haridwar 3N, Sayanachatti 2N, Uttarkashi 2N, Rudraprayag 2N, Kirtinagar 1N, Kedarnath 1N, Badrinath 2N.  |  |  |  |  |
| Dep Dates             | June: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 24, 26, 28, 30, Sept: 24, 26, 28, 30, October: 2, 4, 6, 8,   |  |  |  |  |
| Reporting<br>Dropping | Day 01: H.Nizamuddin Station at 11.00am Day 14: H.Nizamuddin Station at 03.00pm  |  |  |  |  |
| Road Travel           | Delhi to Haridwar and Haridwar to Delhi by Mini A/C Coach. Rest all transfers & sightseeing by Mini Non A/C Coach  |  |  |  |  |
| Sightseeing           | Haridwar 'The Gateway to the Lord' Haridwar is among the four sacred place where Maha Kumbhamela is held after every 12 years.   |  |  |  |  |
|                       | Mansadevi, Rishikesh was a place of worship for the Saptarishis.   |  |  |  |  |
|                       | <b>Yamunotri:</b> the temple of Yamnotri in Garhwal himalayas is dedicated to goddess Yamuna. Yamunotri is the source of the Yamuna river and the seat of the goddess Yamuna |  |  |  |  |
|                       | <b>Gangotri:</b> the place where Ganga first came down to earth. The source of the river Ganges and seat of goddess Ganga is one of the most imp sites                       |  |  |  |  |
|                       | Uttar Kashi - Kashi Vishwanath temple  |  |  |  |  |
|                       | <b>Badrinath:</b> Guarded on either side by the two mountains Nar and Narayan, the Nilkhant Peak provides a splendid backdrop to Badrinath, One of the 'Four Dhams           |  |  |  |  |
|                       | 'The Kedarnath Temple is one of the 12 Jyotirlingam Destinations in India & Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi   |  |  |  |  |
|                       | Panchprayag: Several rivers in the Garhwal region merge with the Alaknanda at five prayags or 'holy confluence of rivers'.   |  |  |  |  |
|                       | Joshimath India's Highest and longest Cable Car ride at Auli.  |  |  |  |  |
| Accommodations        | 3* hotel properties except Sayanachatti and Kedarnath accommodation will be provided in Guest houses   |  |  |  |  |
| Climate               | Min 12°C to Max 33°C   |  |  |  |  |

| Complimentary | Kesari stroller bag & Indian Pouch    |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
|               | • Cap                                 |
|               | • Poncho                              |
| USP's         | Expert & caring tour managers on tour |
|               | Carrying our own kitchen              |

FAQ -

### **How is Road Journey?**

Delhi to Haridwar and return is Plain road & rest most of is Ghat Journey.

## What are the daily traveling hours?

The daily traveling is almost 6/7 hours

## What type of transportation?

Transportation from Delhi to Haridwar and Haridwar to Delhi is by Mini A/C Coach. Rest all transfers & sightseeing are done by Mini Non A/C Coach, due to ghat journeys and narrow roads.

#### Do we travel in night?

No we do not travel in night for safety reason.

#### Can we join directly to the first destination hotel and how far it is?

Yes, you can join on your own. You can make prior arrangement of transportation from Kesari office. Tour's first destination is Haridwar. Delhi airport to hotel at Haridwar is 224kms & from Delhi railway station to hotel is 213 kms, it generally takes 6 to 7 hours. Approximate taxi fare for the same is 4000 to 5000 INR.

#### What type of accomodation?

This is Yatra tour so hence hotel category will differ from rest of Kesari Hotels . Accomodation in 2/3star properties on twin sharing basis but due to lack of hotels at Saynachatti & Kedarnath our accommodation are in the Guest house .

#### If we reach before the group, can we get our rooms?

Generally the check in time is 12 noon and check out time is 10 am . If you reach after that you will get your rooms . But if you reach before 12 you need to wait in the lobby or you should manage the same at your own cost with hotel authorities on payment of additional charges .

### What type of food served on tour?

This tour being spiritual tour, we provide Pure Vegetarian food only. Our speciality is that we carry our own Kitchen which provides you variety, tasty & home food. While trekking at Yamnotri and Kedarnath we give packed food.

# Why there are no departures in the month of May, July , August?

Chardham gate opens in the month of May and May is long summer holiday period. Chardham route goes via Mussorie and as a summer holidays, Mussorie is peak destination of summer holidays, so there is heavy crowd at Mussorie road. Hence to avoid heavy rush we select June and September month where you will get peaceful darshan,

July and August are heavy rain period of Uttranchal Pradesh so there are possibilities of landslides

at many places

# Do you give assurance of Darshan?

Marigold tours are strategically planned in such a way that we operate the tour in best season ie.June & Sept-Oct. We avoid major festivals period of that temple, and also take care of closing and opening timings of temples, which helps us to get peaceful darshan. But sometimes due to certain reasons like VIPs or any political disturbances, temples under renovation, natural calamities etc.. our darshan might get affected.

# Do all temples/sightseeing have road connectivity?

Gangotri and Badrinath is having road connectivity but Yamnotri and Kedarnath does not have. So treaking is necessary.

# What is distance of Kedarnath and Yamnotri treaking?

Kedaranth trek is 14+14 kms, it takes minimum 8 hours & Yamnotri trek is 7+7 kms. It takes minimum 6/7 hours depending on quest fitness.

#### Can we trek?

Both place Kedarnath and Yamnotri are at high attitude. If you have practice of everyday minimum walk of 4/5 kms with your trekking shoes & if you are medically fit then you can trek. But if you have BP, Heart problem , inhalation or Asthma problems those are not advisable to trekking.

We highly recommend to take advice from your doctor also before booking the tour.

# Is there any facilities of Doli, Pony & Helicopter to avoid trekking?

Doli, Pony and Helicopter are available at your own cost.

You can do your advance online booking for Helicopter services through the given website.

Web site: www.pawanhans.co.in

The approximate charges:

| Trekking                            | Distances in<br>Kms | Doli | Horse | Helicopter            |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|
| Jankichatti- Yamunotri- Jankichatti | 7+7kms              | 1500 | 1000  | Service not available |
| Gaurikund -Kedarnath- Gaurikund     | 14+14kms            | 3500 | 1200  | 8000                  |

This charges are subject to change & availability of the service depend on various factors. Doli charges differ for people weighing above 60 kgs.

### **Does Kesari book the Helicopter service for Guest?**

No. Kesari does not book the Helicopter service. But guest can book this service on his own with help of following websites

- Pawan Hans <u>www.pawanhans.co.in</u>
- Himalayan <u>www.himalaya.com</u>

If we take Helicopter service how we can reach to sightseeing place from Helipad?

From Helipad to temple walking distance is only 15 mins. If a guest is unable to walk then they can avail Doli and Kandi facility to reach temple. The approx charges for the same are INR 1000.

# Due to natural calamity or technical problem if helicopter service will not operate how we can reach to sightseeing-Temple Who will be with us?

If incase helicopters do not operate due natural calamity or technical problem, guest can travel with group till Gaurikund in Mini non A/C mini & for further trekking can avail the facility of Doli , Pony or Horse at own expense. Helicopter charges will refunded to the guest by the company with which services have been booked.

#### What are the additional expenses?

Any extra expenses incurred due to any wheather, technical problems, forced majeure instances, natural calamities, political disturbances, strikes that cause delay or postponement or entail extra night stay and additional meals and transfers will be charged extra directly to guest. Tour price does not include Doli, Pony, Horse, Yak, Porter & Helicopter service charges. Also Abhishek, Pooja or Archana (Pooja Thali) expenses have to be borne by guest.

# Can we do only Kedarnath & Badrinath in this tour?

If you want to do only these dham's we have another option of 2 dham tour in OB tour. As under this Uttaranchal Chardham Yatr will first cover Yamnotri , Gangotri & then proceed to Kedarnath & Badrinath. If you want to join then you have to take private vehicle to reach to Kedarnath & badrinath

#### Is there a Doctor on tour with us?

No, there is no Doctor on tour but doctor on call facility is available. Our tour managers are well trained in giving first aid and also they have emergency numbers of doctors who are available in that area.

#### Is insurance cost covered in tour cost?

No, The tour cost does not include insurance charges but it is advised and recommended to have adequate insurance policy. You can avail this service from our Kesari office.