



## KEDARNATH

**(3 night/4 days)**

### **DAY 01** Haridwar to Guptkashi (220kms/8-9hr)

Morning after breakfast, drive to Guptkashi via Rudraprayag & Devprayag. Enroute you can see the beautiful river Mandakini at Tilwara. The Mandakini river comes from Kedarnath, drive alongside the river to reach Guptakashi, visit Ardh Narishwar Temple in 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. There are more tangible connections as well- the Kedarnath pandas (priests) live in Guptkashi during the winter months, and after the Kedarnath temple closes for the winter, the image of Kedarnath passes through Gupt Kashi on its way to Ukhimath (across the valley), where it stays for the winter.

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

### **DAY 02** Guptkashi to Kedarnath (30kms by road & 19kms Trek)

Morning after breakfast drive to Gaurikund, start your trek from Gaurikund to Kedarnath (by Pony / Doli / Helicopter at your own cost/we arrange only on prior booking). Overnight stay in Camps/Hotel (as per availability) in Mandir Parishad in Kedarnath Ji.

**Trekking Route:** If you are going by trek for Kedarnath then our car will drop you at Sonprayag. You have to hire a local jeep for Gaurikund then your trek will start for Kedarnath Ji 19 km one way. Same as when you return.

**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. The remaining portions of Lord Shiva

appeared at four other places and are worshipped there as his manifestations. The arms appeared at Tungnath, the face at Rudranath, the belly at Madhmaheshwar, and his locks (hair) with the head at Kalpeshwar. Kedarnath and the four above-mentioned shrines are treated as Panch Kedar.

**Kedarnath Weather** – Due to its high altitude the weather in Kedarnath remains cold for the most part of the year. Summer here is cool and pleasant while winter is severe. During the summer season the temperature varies around 20°Celsius. Light woollen wear is recommended. The winter season in Kedarnath is severe with the 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.

### **DAY 03** Kedarnath Ji to Guptkashi

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Early morning, do worship and darshan of Baba Kedarnath Ji. After temple Darshan trek down to Gaurikund. Later, drive to Guptkashi. Overnight stay at Guptkashi.

### **DAY 04** Guptkashi to Haridwar

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After breakfast in the morning, leave from hotel to Haridwar. Drop at Hotel/Railway Station/Airport.

#### **Important:**

- **Helicopter tickets will only be provided if booked in advance. We do not set rates for tickets, they are subjected to market price.**
- **Meals will not be provided during stay in Kedarnath dham, only stay will be provided. Only single bucket of hot water will be provided per person.**
- **Availability of particular room categories depends on the dates of journey.**
- **Advance booking amount is 50% of total amount. The full payment has to be done before trip end.**

**THANKS AND REGARDS**

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