

## DO DHAM YATRA

**Destinations:** Haridwar, Rudraprayag, Kedarnath, Badrinath, Rishikesh

**Duration:** 6 nights, 5 days

**Distance:** 800 km from Dehradun

For group and family

**Experience:** Trekking

**Budget:** Approx INR 25,000 per person

### Start

#### Day 01 DEHRADUN TO RUDRAPRAYAG

Start early from Dehradun as this will be a long drive. But the roads are good and very scenic. On the way you can stop at Devprayag and Srinagar. Once you reach Rudraprayag, check into your hotel. You can use the evening to explore this pretty town that stands at the confluence of Alaknanda and Mandakini rivers. It is also one of the Panch Prayags, or five confluences of Alaknanda river.

**Road:** Dehradun to Rudraprayag is around 200 km and it generally takes about 7 hours to reach. There are several lookout points on the way, where you can stop for admiring the landscape.

**Rail:** The nearest railway station is Rishikesh on the New Delhi-Dehradun railway line.

**Air:** The nearest airport from Rudraprayag is Jolly Grant Airport, Dehradun, roughly 179 km away.

#### Day 02 RUDRAPRAYAG TO KEDARNATH

The next morning after breakfast visit Rudranath temple and the confluence of Alaknanda and Mandakini rivers, then start your drive towards Gauri Kund, around 40 km away. Once you reach Gauri Kund, start the 14-km trek to Kedarnath. You can also ride a palanquin or a pony. Once in Kedarnath, check into the hotel. In the evening, visit the Kedarnath Temple and enjoy the arti (divine ritual). For Char Dham Yatra registration, visit <http://onlinechardhamyatra.in/>

**Road:** Rudraprayag to Gauri Kund is a 75-km drive and it takes about 2 hours to complete.

#### Day 03 KEDARNATH TO RUDRAPRAYAG

In the morning, visit Kedarnath temple to offer prayers. After that trek back to Gauri Kund. The trek takes lesser time on the way down. Once you reach Gauri Kund, start the drive back to Rudraprayag via Guptkashi. Once in Rudraprayag, check into your hotel.

**Road:** The drive to Rudraprayag will take you about 3 hours.

#### Day 04 RUDRAPRAYAG TO BADRINATH

After breakfast hit the road towards Badrinath. After around 33 km, stop at Karnaprayag, the confluence of Alaknanda and Pindar rivers. Next, you can stop at Nandaprayag, around 20 km away, where the Nandakini and Alaknanda rivers meet. They are both very scenic so, spend sometime in these two towns. After an hour of being on the road, you can halt at the serene Pipalkoti town for lunch. From here, Badrinath is 75 km away, and on the way you can visit Narsingh Temple in Joshimath, where Lord Vishnu is the presiding deity. It is in this temple that the Lord is worshiped when the Badrinath temple remains inaccessible in winter due to snowfall. The next halt in Joshimath can be the Shankaracharya Math, which is said to have been built by sage Adi Shankaracharya. Next ahead, around 15 km away, you can visit the Yogdhyan Badri temple in Pandukeshwar. This is one of sacred Sapta Badris, the seven temples of Lord Vishnu in Uttarakhand. Badrinath is just one km from here. Once you reach, check into the hotel. In the evening, visit Badrinath Temple and enjoy the arti (divine ritual).

**Road:** Rudraprayag to Badrinath is around 165 km and it will take around 7 hours to complete the journey.

#### Day 05 BADRINATH TO RUDRAPRAYAG

Early morning, after a dip in the sacred Tapt Kund visit the Badrinath Temple. Return to the hotel by 7 am, have breakfast and then you can leave for the quaint Mana village. Explore Badrinath town and then start back for Rudraprayag. On the way, around 120 km away, stop at Vishnuprayag, the conference of Alaknanda and Dhauliganga rivers. Stay the night at Rudraprayag.

**Road:** From Badrinath, Rudraprayag is about 165 km away, a drive of around 7 km

#### Day 06 RUDRAPRAYAG TO HARIDWAR

You can leave for Haridwar a little late after enjoying a relaxed breakfast. Halt at Rishikesh and explore the town. At Haridwar, go around the city. The Do Dham Yatra can be done in two days by helicopter as well.

**Road::** It will take you about 7 hours to reach Haridwar from Rudraprayag