

Starting Point

- Guests must report at Sahastradhara Helipad, Dehradun in the morning.
- Pre-flight assistance includes security briefing, passenger check-in, and weight formalities.

Helicopter Journey

- Fly from Sahastradhara Helipad → Phata Helipad (approx. 45 mins).
- From Phata, board the shuttle helicopter to Kedarnath Helipad (approx. 7 mins).



Kedarnath - The Sacred Abode of Lord Shiva

Begin this profoundly spiritual day with preparations for a visit to one of the most revered Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva—**Kedarnath**, nestled in the lap of the mighty Himalayas.

- Arrival at Kedarnath Helipad (11,500 ft approx.)
- As you step out of the chopper, you are instantly embraced by the crisp, high-altitude air and the overwhelming spiritual energy of Kedarnath Valley.
- From the helipad, it's a 700-meter walk to the main temple. The path is paved, gently inclined, and manageable even for elderly devotees. For those needing support, pittu/porter services are available on-site (paid directly to local providers).

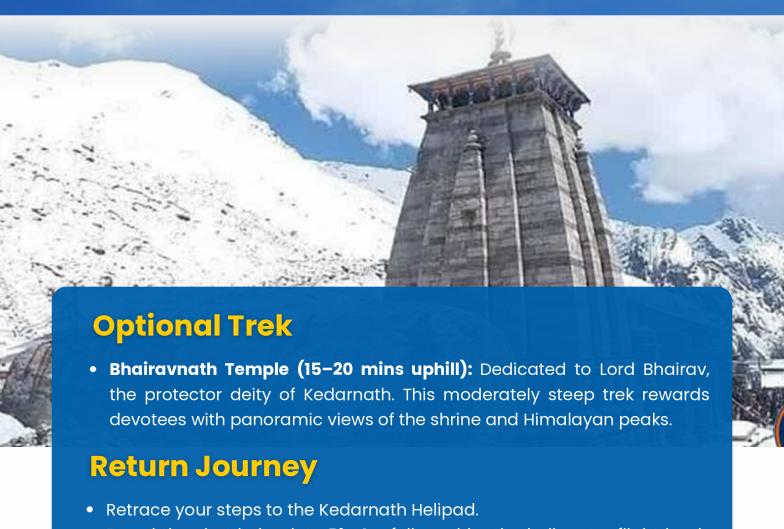
Kedarnath Temple Darshan

- Guests are guided directly for **VIP Darshan** at the sacred **Kedarnath** Temple, perched at an elevation of **11,755 ft (3,583 m)**.
- Surrounded by towering snow-laden peaks and the serene flow of the Mandakini River, the temple is believed to have been originally built by the Pandavas and later revived by Adi Shankaracharya in the 8th century.
- Thanks to VIP arrangements, devotees enter through a **short**, **seamless queue**. A brief climb of **8–10 stone** steps leads into the Mandap (prayer hall) and finally into the **Garbha Griha (sanctum sanctorum)**, where the irregular-shaped Shivalinga radiates a powerful divine presence.
- The chants of priests, rhythmic temple bells, and pure Himalayan air create a spiritually charged atmosphere that leaves a lasting impact on every pilgrim.

Spiritual Landmarks Around the Temple

After darshan, take a few moments to explore the sacred surroundings:

- Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi (10 mins): Final resting place of Adi Shankaracharya, the saint who revived Kedarnath over 1,200 years ago.
- Bhimshila (5 mins): The miraculous boulder that protected Kedarnath Temple during the 2013 floods, now revered as a divine guardian.
- Mandakini River Banks: Sit by the river's glacial waters for a serene moment of prayer and reflection.



• Board the shuttle back to **Phata**, followed by the helicopter flight back to **Sahastradhara**, **Dehradun**.



