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KEDARNATH





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.

Optional Trek

- **Bhairavnath Temple (15–20 mins uphill):** Dedicated to Lord Bhairav, the protector deity of Kedarnath. This moderately steep trek rewards devotees with panoramic views of the shrine and Himalayan peaks.

Return Journey

- Retrace your steps to the Kedarnath Helipad.
- Board the shuttle back to **Phata**, followed by the helicopter flight back to **Sahastradhara, Dehradun**.

