



CHINMAYA MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA organises

CHAR DHAM YATRA

13 - 22 OCTOBER 2019

with

Puja Swami Abhedananda

(Incharge of Chinmaya Mission of South Africa)





Highlights of the Yatra

- ✓ **9 nights & 10 days** of Spiritually exhilarating experience in divine presence of Pujya Swami Abhedanandaji
- ✓ **Darshan & Puja at 4 most important Dhams**
 - ◇ Kedarnath
 - ◇ Badrinath
 - ◇ Gangotri
 - ◇ Yamunotri
- ✓ **Other significant pilgrimage** locations include
 - ◇ Dip bath & Ganga Aarti in Haridwar
 - ◇ Tapovan Kutir in Uttarkashi
 - ◇ Darshan in Rudraprayag
- ✓ **Char-Dham Yatra** begins at Dehradun on 13th October and ends at Dehradun on 22nd October
 - ◇ Devotees must arrive in Dehradun by 13th morning / afternoon, and plan to depart from Dehradun by 22nd afternoon/evening. Flights are available from Delhi & Mumbai to Dehradun.





Kedarnath

The Kedarnath shrine, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva, is a scenic spot situated against the backdrop of the majestic Himalayas at an altitude of 3,581 meters. The ancient temple of Kedarnath is believed to be built by the Pandavas. It is also the place of Samadhi of Bhagwan Sri Adi Shankaracharya.



Haridwar

Haridwar is an ancient and significant Hindu pilgrimage where River Ganga exits the Himalayan foothills. The largest of several sacred ghats "Har Ki Pauri" hosts a nightly Ganga Aarti in which tiny flickering lamps are floated off the steps. Worshipers fill the city during major festivals including the Kumbh-Mela.



Badrinath

Badrinath is considered as one of the most sacred pilgrimages situated in the lofty Himalayan heights in the Tehri-Garhwal ranges at a height of 10,248 feet above sea level. Badrinath is the seat of Lord Vishnu, and the temple was consecrated by Adi Shanakaracharya himself. Badrinath is the abode of the Nara-Narayana sages and is a great place of pilgrimage, a must see for every Hindu devotee. It is also the only place where one can see the Saraswati River manifesting itself.



Gangotri

In the hinterlands of the Himalayas is Gangotri where Mother Ganga touched earth for the first time. According to scriptures, Mother Ganga manifested herself in the form of a river after several years of rigorous penance by King Bhageerath. The mouth of the river Ganga is at Gomukh, around 12 Kms ahead of Gangotri.



Yamunotri

Yamunotri, the source of river Yamuna is located on the Bandarpunch peak (3165 mts. above sea level). The trek along the river bank is quite magnificent, dominated by wide panorama of mountains. The source of Yamunotri originates from the Champasar Glacier lying 1 Km ahead of the shrine. At the Yamunotri temple, Mother Yamuna is worshipped as deity.



Camp Donation & Payment Schedule

Donation Amount

- ◆ For South Africa devotees : ZAR 30,000 per person
- ◆ For Devotees from India : INR 150,000 per person
- ◆ For Devotees from other countries : USD 2,100 per person

Remittance Schedule

- ◆ 10% upfront + Registration + Indemnity form by 30 April 2019
- ◆ 40% before 31 May 2019
- ◆ Final 50% before 1 July 2019

Important Note

- ◆ Confirmed registration is only upon receiving 10% upfront and signed indemnity & registration forms
- ◆ Any other form of requests for blocking a seat or informal registration will not be accepted





Bank Details for Remittance

- ◇ **Account Name** : Chinmaya Seva Trust
- ◇ **Account Number** : 653 586 426
- ◇ **Bank Name** : Standard Bank of South Africa Limited
- ◇ **Branch Code** : 044126
- ◇ **SWIFT Code** : SBZAZAJJ
- ◇ **National Clearing Code** : 051001
- ◇ **Branch Address** : Shop 210-C, Chatsworth Centre, 17 Joyhurst Street, KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa
- ◇ **Comments / Remittance Details** : Char Dham Yatra + Name of Delegate



What You Should Know

1. What is Included ?

- ✓ Twin-sharing rooms with attached bathrooms
- ✓ Darshan in all the Dhams & Significant Temples
- ✓ Vegetarian meals throughout the trip
- ✓ Helicopter travel for Badrinath & Kedarnath
- ✓ Luxury Coach Buses with A/c and push-back seats for road travel

2. What is Not included ?

- × International & Domestic Flight bookings
- × Special poojas, personal offerings in temples
- × Palanquin or Pony service for Yamunotri darshan
- × Laundry, room-service, hotel tips, sundry travel expenses etc

Note

- Private Helicopters (5 passengers per chopper) are arranged for Kedarnath & Badrinath, but subject to weather & other factors beyond anyone's control. If chopper service is cancelled, alternative logistics will have to be arranged at an additional cost
- Gangotri is accessible by bus, whereas Yamunotri is an uphill trek of 6 KMs (one-way) which devotees can cover on foot or via palanquin or pony as personal expense





Important Details

Please Note

1. Email to Register at chinmayapilgrimages@gmail.com
2. **Only 60 seats** are available. Registration is "first come first serve" and will be confirmed only upon advance payment
3. Make Your flight bookings immediately!
 - ◆ Arrive in Dehradun by 13th October (before noon) and Depart from Dehradun on 22nd October (afternoon or later)
4. Obtain Tourist Visa for INDIA if applicable
5. Please note that your passport should have a minimum validity of 6 months from the date of your travel
6. Expected Temperature: Avg between 10°C to 15°C

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Note:

- Any savings from the camp will be offered to CMSA for the new ashram project in Johannesburg



Swami Abhedanandaji in “Chinmaya Shivam” Durban