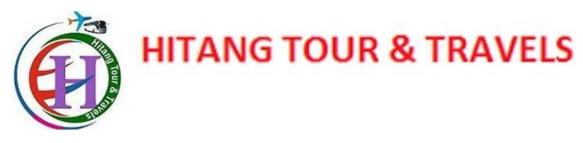


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## What are the best places to visit in Uttarakhand with family?

- 1. Dehradun: Providing scenic vistas and stunning landscapes, Dehradun is a perfect city for a family vacation during Uttarakhand tour packages. With beautiful weather all through the year, it makes for a perfect rejuvenating place away from city life. Explore this small city which is also one of the important education hubs in the country and make your holiday worth remembering. Dehradun is without a doubt one of the most important Uttarakhand tourist destinations for all types of visitors, and it is an integral element of Uttarakhand tour packages.
- **2. Haridwar:** The religious chanting and prayers on the lips of the tourists is what welcomes you in Haridwar, one of the most famous pilgrimage sites in India. With numerous sights and temples worth seeing in Haridwar, it makes for an ideal place in Uttarakhand tour packages to visit with family. It is also home to some of the famous spiritual and yoga centres of learning.
- **3. Rishikesh:** Encapsulated by the lush green surroundings, riveting scenic beauty and architectural wonders, Rishikesh makes for one of the most amazing places to visit with family in Uttarakhand tour packages. Also known for its adventurous water sports like kayaking, river rafting, canoeing and more, it will offer you the best time where you will create moments worth cherishing.
- **4. Nainital:** Known as the city of lakes, Nainital is one of the best places to visit with family in Uttarakhand packages. This city makes for a perfect getaway as it is surrounded by the most stunning vistas along with peace and tranquility. With pleasant weather and numerous attractions worth witnessing, it makes for an amazing holiday destination.
- **5. Jim Corbett National Park:** A remarkable place to witness wildlife and nature up close, Jim Corbett National Park is the place to go. Perfect for a family vacation during Uttarakhand tour packages, this is one of the oldest national



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parks rich in flora and fauna. You can witness Royal Bengal Tiger and innumerable species of birds here, a terrific experience.

#### Which are the famous hill stations in Uttarakhand?

Snow-laden mountains, scenic waterfalls, and emerald jungles mark the beauty of Uttarakhand. Be it Mussoorie, Nainital, Almora, Badrinath, Ranikhet, or Kausani; each hill station is unparalleled in terms of angelic beauty and amusing destinations. So, if you opt for an Uttarakhand tour packages, make sure you hit these hill stations and discover all the scenic locations.

- 1. Nainital: Mesmerizingly picturesque, this hill station of Uttarakhand has plenty of gorgeous resorts to stay in and offers postcard views all around. A sparkling lake lies in the middle of the city, called Naini Lake, which is an excellent site to go boating. A paradise for nature lovers, tourists to Nainital, love trekking over Naini peak to watch the sublime sunrises and sunsets from the highest point of the city.
- 2. Kedarnath: To the followers of Hinduism, a trek to Kedarnath is the most sacred pilgrimage as it is the abode of Lord Shiva. A part of the Chota Char Dham, or smaller four holy abodes, it is frequented by millions of pilgrims every year. With majestic mountains overlooking it and River Mandakini flowing by its side, the ancient temple of Kedarnath is surrounded by verdant greenery and houses intricately carved idols and lingams of Lord Shiva.
- **3. Mussoorie:** Referred to as the 'Queen of the Hills,' Mussoorie attracts a lot of youngsters due to the happening attractions spread across the entire city. From bathing in the Kempty Falls and driving smoothly along Camel's Back Road, to climbing the peak of George Everest and shopping in the Mall Road, the city is a perfect blend of a hill station's serenity and a city's bustling charm and one must include this beautiful city in their Uttarakhand tour packages.

What is famous in Uttarakhand?



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Nothing less than a glimmer of paradise, Uttarakhand tour packages is famous for its scenic beauty of the Himalayas and the Terai grasslands along with savannas and the Bhabar. It is also known for numerous divine pilgrimage centers and temples.

What are the best adventure activities one can experience on their Uttarakhand packages?

Here are some options for interesting things to include in your choice Uttarakhand packages, whether you explore the mainstream Uttarakhand attractions or the offbeat spots to visit in the Uttarakhand tour packages.

- 1. Trekking: Uttarakhand tour packages offer the most amazing trekking experience with mesmerizing views of the Himalayas. Whether you are a beginner or an expert, Uttarakhand has treks to suit everyone's needs. You can enjoy the Valley of Flowers Trek, Deoriatal, Tungnath, and Chandrashila treks in Uttarakhand. There are also courses offered where you can learn trekking before going on one.
- 2. Paragliding: The bewitching views, bird's eye view of the surroundings takes you by surprise while you paraglide in Uttarakhand. This experience will make your heart skip a beat as you soar high, almost feeling like touching the sky. Offering this adrenaline rush, Uttarakhand has numerous paragliding spots where you can take this beautiful experience. This is an excellent experience for adventure seekers to add to their Uttarakhand tour packages to make their vacation even more memorable.
- **3. Canoeing & Kayaking:** Paddle through in the Kayak against the water flows in Uttarakhand, an experience of a lifetime. With numerous places offering this adventure sport, you can also learn the basics by the professionals available to teach you at a nominal cost.
- **4. Ziplining:** One of the most exciting and thrilling activities offered in Uttarakhand tour packages is ziplining. Perfect for people who love adventure



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and adrenaline rush, ziplining will provide you with an experience that will leave an indelible imprint on your heart. The sight of the gushing water and scenic surroundings while you slope will enhance your experience.

**5. Skiing:** One of the most exhilarating adventure activities, Skiing in Uttarakhand packages offers an experience that will dwell in your heart. Slide on the snow at Auli draped in beautiful white and indulge in this enchanting experience. If you don't know how to ski, experts are present to teach you and you can take classes before enjoying this mesmerizing experience. We therefore recommend adding the Auli Skiing experience to the Uttarakhand tour packages.

### Which are some famous treks I can do on the Uttarakhand tour?

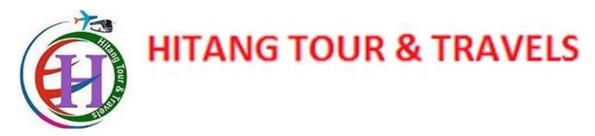
Lying in the geographical center of Himalayas, Uttarakhand offers more treks than imaginable. Many of these treks are still being discovered, but if you're more of a casual trekker, we will guide you through some of the most famous treks available in Uttarakhand tour packages.

1. Brahmatal Trek: You are low on time and want to experience the most; then, you shouldn't look further than Brahmatal trek. It is Jam-packed with luscious green forests, views of some the most exemplary peaks in Uttarakhand tour packages, and rare wildlife.

It is also one of the least crowded treks you will find in the current times. To top it all off, it has arguably the 2 most beautiful lakes in the entire country, which give out a very beautiful vibe when frozen.

**2. Flower Valley Trek:** It is said that this is the most fresh trek in the entire world, and people cannot argue with that. One could really fall for the serenity this trek provides. With beautiful glimpses of the great Himalayas and flora that can't be found anywhere else, it's worth it to have it on your trek list.

To reach this valley you need to trek from Govind Ghat to Hemkund Sahib that leads up to Ghangaria. The valley is just 5 kilometers from Ghangaria and you



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can also find a serene lake called Hemkund over here.

- **3. Har Ki Dun Trek:** A trek that shouldn't be missed if you have a good amount of time in your hands. Many trekkers revere this trek for its rich culture. You can experience the ancient Himalayas in their best form as you make it through the various ridges, meadows, basins, forests, and villages. Homing the most renowned campsites in India, it's a trek that any veteran would recommend.
- **4. Dayara Bugyal Trek:** A trek perfect for beginners, Dayara Bugyal, has some of the best meadows on the planet. This trek offers you everything a high altitude trek offers and yet is a very relaxing and laid back trek.

Spectacular mountain views and ancient villages would make you want to stay there forever. This trek does wonder in bringing out the nature lover in you as you will find meadows like no others as you go through the fantastic forests.

**5. Deoriatal Chandrashila Trek:** A trek that feels like it was made for the breathtaking summit views it offers. The most popular Uttarakhand trek offers you not only the views of a few Himalayan peaks but lets you see all of the peaks and summits of the eastern and western Uttarakhand.

It also provides you with some of the best forest trails in India and is a heaven for birdwatchers. You can detect diverse species of birds over here such as griffins, snow partridges, and Himalayan woodpeckers. This is an excellent activity to include in your Uttarakhand tour packages for adventure seekers.

# Which are the main pilgrimage sites in Uttarakhand?

The paramount pilgrimage for Hindu followers around the world is the four shrines of Chota Char Dham. Literally meaning 'the smaller four holy abodes,' these holy temples fall in different regions of Uttarakhand and are situated high above in the Himalayas. Thus, apart from Haridwar and Rishikesh, maximum Uttarakhand tour packages cover these divine destinations as well. Mentioned below are the holy centers of Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunotri, and Gangotri.



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**1. Kedarnath:** Far above in the snow-capped mountains of Himalayas, perched peacefully in a lush green valley, lies the holy shrine of Kedarnath. Witnessing devotees from all over the world, the ancient temple of Kedarnath is amongst the most prominent shrines of Lord Shiva and is part of the Chota Char Dham.

The breathtaking beauty of its landscape bewitches anyone who visits it. Starting at the sacred lake of Gauri Kund, to reach the temple, one needs to cover a trek of 22 km. Journeying on foot to the shrine and worshipping with full devotion to Lord Shiva is said to relieve one from his problems and grant the blessing of the god.

**2. Badrinath:** Known as the birthplace of River Alaknanda, Badrinath is an eminent Hindu pilgrimage site that consecrates the preserver, Lord Vishnu. Surrounded by majestic mountains from all corners, this temple finds its name in many Hindu Puranas and Vedas.

Every year, from April to November, the shrine is thronged by millions of Vishnu devotees traveling on foot to seek the blessings of their Lord. The ancient architecture of this temple is pleasing to the eyes and refreshes the soul of anyone who prays in it. Fragranced flowers are showered upon the black stoned effigy of Lord Vishnu enshrined over here.

**3. Yamunotri:** High above in the Garhwal region of the Himalayas lies the Champasar glacier from which River Yamuna originates. Said to be the resting place of Goddess Yamuna, this pilgrim site even has a magnificent temple dedicated to the goddess and has her effigy carved out of black marble.

Worshipped for being the giver of life for Indian civilizations for centuries, Yamunotri is the third temple among Chota Char Dham. Since Hindu epics mention Lord Yama, the god of death, as the brother of Goddess Yamunotri, devotees believe that traveling to this place grants a peaceful death.



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**4. Gangotri:** Lastly, the birthplace of the holy river the Ganges is the sacred pilgrimage center of Gangotri. The Hindu deity behind the great force of this river is believed to be Goddess Ganga. Emerging as Bhagirathi from the gigantic glacier, River Ganga is visited by pilgrims seeking repentance of their sins and blessings for a new start. The fourth shrine in the group of Chota Char Dham, pilgrims, visit Gangotri after going first to Yamunotri.

## What are the safety measures for a trip to Uttarakhand?

Traveling to a new place unknown to you is exciting but calls for an attentive mind that looks out for any problems. So look at the handy tips jotted down to ensure you have a memorable and safe journey.

- 1. Though monsoon brings refreshing greenery, avoid traveling during this season. Rainfalls increase the chances of landslides making road travel riskier in hill stations.
- 2. Always keep an eye on the weather forecast before stepping outdoors.
- 3. Choose your hotel wisely: Do not go for one that is too near a strong river or a cliff.
- 4. When the sun is too bright, drink a lot of water and apply plenty of sunblock before kick-starting your day.
- 5. Only try adventure sports under the supervision of authorized operators.
- 6. Dress according to the weather: Carry sunglasses and scarves to beat the scorching heat. Don a nice sweater or overcoat that keeps you warm in the chilly weather.
- 7. Get a pair of sturdy and comfortable shoes when beginning a trek or hike.
- 8. Do carry the necessary ID proof and documents at places required.