

Kedarnath Temple

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About Kedarnath Temple:

- It is a **Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva**.
- **Location:** It is located at an height of **3,584 meters** on the **Garhwal Himalayan** range **near the Mandakini river**, in the Rudraprayag District of **Uttarakhand**.
- Kedarnath forms **one of the four sites of the Chota Char Dham** Pilgrimage circuit, and is **one of the 12 Jyotirlingas** of Lord Shiva in India.
- **Who build it?** It is said that the **Pandavas constructed** the Kedarnath Temple which was later **reconstructed by Adi Shankaracharya in the 8th century A.D.**
- **Architecture:**
 - It has exquisite architecture and is **built of extremely large but evenly shaped grey stone slabs**.
 - The stone **slabs are interlocked** with each other **with the use of iron clamps**.

- **No mortar has been used** in the construction of the temple.
- There is a **conical rock structure inside** the Kedarnath temple **that is worshipped as the Sadashiva form of Shiva.**
- A “**Garba Griha**” for worship **and a Mandap for pilgrims** is placed inside the temple.

What is Chota Char Dham Yatra?

- It refers to the **journey up the mountains to four sacred temples** in the North Indian state of **Uttarakhand.**
- The four temples that comprise Chota Char Dham are **Yamunotri Dham, Gangotri Dham, Badrinath Dham and Kedarnath Dham.**

What are Jyotirlingas?

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- There are **currently 12 main Jyotirlingas in India.**
- The 12 Jyotirlinga temples in India **take the name of the presiding deity.** Each **considered a different manifestation of Lord Shiva.**
- **12 Jyotirlingas** in India are:
 - Somnath Jyotirlinga in Gir, Gujarat
 - Mallikarjuna Jyotirlinga in Srisailem, Andhra Pradesh
 - Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
 - Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh
 - Baidyanath Jyotirlinga in Deogarh, Jharkhand
 - Bhimashankar Jyotirlinga in Maharashtra
 - Ramanathaswamy Jyotirlinga in Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu
 - Nageshwar Jyotirlinga in Dwarka, Gujarat
 - Kashi Vishwanath Jyotirlinga in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
 - Trimbakeshwar Jyotirlinga in Nashik, Maharashtra
 - Kedarnath Jyotirlinga in Rudrapur, Uttarakhand
 - Ghreshwar Jyotirlinga in Aurangabad, Maharashtra

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