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## 12 Jyotirling Yatra with Tirupati & Shirdi- 34 DAYS

Depart: 27/05/2012, 28/08/2012  
Return: 29/06/2012, 30/09/2012

Adult: £2095 per person

### Tour Highlights:

- ✓ Domestic Flights
- ✓ Visit Tirupati Temple
- ✓ Visit Shirdi & Shani Temple
- ✓ Visit to Ganga Sagar in Kolkata
- ✓ Visit Twelve Jyotirlings
- ✓ Visit Siddhi Vinayak temple in Mumbai
- ✓ Visit Jalaram Mandir in Virpur
- ✓ Early departure & stopover in india available

### Day 1 : UK Departure

**Day 2 : Mumbai Arrival :** Mumbai arrival, Day At Leisure. Afternoon Visit Siddhivinayak Temple to take the blessings of Lord Ganesha to start the pilgrimage. Night Stay at Mumbai

**Day 3 : Mumbai - Bhimashankar – Nasiq [Bhimashankar 1st Jyotirling]** Mumbai to Bhimashankar is 110 kms and Bhimashankar to Nasiq is 175 Kms, Drive to Bhimashankar, an ancient shrine, Bhimashankara (Our First Jyothirlinga) is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of Shiva. It is in the Ghat region of the Sahyadri hills. Bhimashankar is also the source of the river Bhima, which flows south east and merges with the Krishna river near Raichur. Arrive Nasiq by Late evening, Night Stay at Nasiq.

### Day 4 : Nasik – Tryambakeshwar (36 Kms) - Shirdi Halt (126 Kms / 3hrs) : [Tryambakeshwar Our Second Jyothirlinga]

Today we drive from Nasik to Tryambakeshwar (Our Second Jyothirlinga) and then to Shirdi. Tryambakeshwar located in Maharashtra is revered as one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva. Tryambakeshwar is the source of the river Godavari. This is an ancient shrine, however the current structure is a result of the reconstruction efforts undertaken by the Peshwa Balaji Bajirao in mid 18th century.

**Day 5 : Shirdi – Aurangabad (128 Kms / 4hrs) :** In Shirdi, visit the Khandoba Mandir, Samadhi Mandir Dwarakamai Mandir. Shirdi the divine land where Shirdi Sai Baba spend most of his life. Afternoon drive to Aurangabad, O/N at Aurangabad

### Day 6 : Aurangabad – Grishneshwar - Aurangabad (15 Kms /30min) : [Grishneshwar, Our Third Jyothirling]

Grishneshwar (Our Third Jyothirling) is an ancient pilgrimage site revered as the abode of one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of Shiva. It is located at a distance of 11 km from Daulatabad near Aurangabad in Maharashtra. Daulatabad was once

known as Devagiri. Overnight at Aurangabad.

**Day 7 : Aurangabad - Indore** [402 kms/10hrs] : Drive to Indore, Indore arrival by evening, Night stay at Indore.

**Day 8 : Indore – Omkareshwar- Indore (77 kms / 1hr) : [Omkareshwar Our Fourth Jyothirlinga]**

After Breakfast drive to Omkareshwar (Our Fourth Jyothirlinga) located in Madhya Pradesh, on the Mandhata hill on the banks of the Narmada is one of the 12 revered Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva. It is located at a distance of about 12 miles from Mortakka in Madhya Pradesh. Return back to Indore.

**Day 9 : Indore – Ujjain (56 kms / 1 hr) : [Mahakaleshwara our Fifth Jyothirlinga]** : Ujjain, a historic capital of Central India in Madhya Pradesh is a venerated pilgrimage center enshrining Mahakaleshwara (Our Fifth Jyotirlinga), one of the Jyotirlinga manifestations of Shiva. After darshan & dinner we drive to the Railway station to board our Train to Ahmedabad.

**Day 10 : Ahmedabad Arrival** : Meet and arrival assistance at Railway station and transfer to Hotel, Rest of the day free at leisure. O/N at Ahmedabad

**Day 11 Ahmedabad – Rajkot- Jalaram Mandir- Somnath** : Departing from Ahmedabad to Somnath by road. Enroute stopover in Rajkot. On the Way Visit JALARAM MADIR in Virpur ( if temple is open). Arrival at Somnath in the evening. Check-in at hotel. Overnight stay in Somnath.

**Day 12 Somnath [Somnath, our Sixth Jyothirlinga]** : Today we visit the Somnath (Our Sixth Jyothirlinga), at Somnath Patan, near Veraval in Gujarat is a pilgrimage center held in great reverence throughout India. Somnath is situated on the south coast of Saurashtra. Overnight stay at Somnath.

**Day 13 : Somnath - Dwarka (230 Kms/8hrs) : [Nageshwar, Our Seventh Jyotirlinga]**

Today, we drive from Somnath to Dwarka in the morning (230 Kms) by road. Upon arrival check in at the Hotel. Nageshwar (Our Seventh Jyotirlinga) is regarded as one of the 12 Jyotirlinga Shrines of Shiva. It is located on the route between Dwarka on the coast of Saurashtra in Gujarat. The Rudra Samhita sloka refers to Nageshwar with the phrase 'Daarukaavane Naagesham'. O/N at Dwarka.

We will proceed to the temple of Nageshwar. The Temple of Nageshwar is 18Kms from the hotel

**Day 14 : Dwarka – Ahmedabad (230 Kms / 7hrs drive)** : Drive to Ahmedabad, Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Ahmedabad.

**Day 15 : Ahmedabad - Chennai [By Flight]**: Depart to Ahmedabad airport for flight to Chennai. Meet and Arrival assistance at the Airport, check in and relax at the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel.

**Day 16 : Chennai – Madurai**: Meet and arrival assistance at the Railway Station and drive to Hotel, The city got its name from the drops of nectar (Mathuram) that fell from Shiva's locks when he came to bless its people for constructing a temple for him, City tour begins with a visit to the Sri Meenakshi Sundareshwara temple with its towering gopurams and rare sculptures.

Admire The highest point of the temple the hall of 1000 pillars built around 1560 BC, touch the sculpted pillars depicting the story of the beautiful princess of Madurai and her marriage to Lord Shiva. Evening, watch the pooja ceremony in Meenakshi Temple, Night Stay at Madurai.

**Day 17 : Madurai - Rameshwaram - Madurai (167 kms / 3.5 hrs one way) Rameshwaram, Our Eighth Jyotirlinga :**

Wake up to the chant of hymns is proud of the magnificent Meenakshi-Sundareshwara Temple, Move from Madurai to Rameshwaram. Rameshwaram is one of the most significant pilgrimage centers in South India for both Shaivites (Shiv followers) and Vaishnavites (Vishnu Followers). It was here that Rama offered thanks to Shiva.

**Day 18 : Madurai - Chennai – Tirupati [By Flight]** : Today morning board the flight to Chennai for and from Chennai drive to Tirupati, evening free to Relax at the religious center of India. O/N at Tirupati

**Day 19 : Tirupati** : Visit the temple of Tirupati and the adjoining temples. Overnight at Tirupati.

**Day 20 : Tirupati – Srisalem** (396 kms / 8hrs drive) [**Srisailam, our Ninth Jyothirlinga**]: This is one of the greatest Salivate shrines in India and it constitutes one of the 12 Jyotirlingam shrines of Shiva. The presiding deities here are Mallikarjuna (Shiva) and Bhramaramba (Devi).

**Day 21 : Srisalem – Hyderabad** (206kms / 6hrs drive) : Drive to Hyderabad. Upon arrival transfer to the Hotel. O/N at Hyderabad.

**Day 22 : Hyderabad - Kolkata [By Flight]** : After breakfast, transfer to airport, meet and arrival assistance at Kolkata Airport and transfer to hotel, Later visit Kali Mata Mandir and relax, O/N at Kolkata.

**Day 23 : Kolkata excursion to Ganga Sagar** : Full day excursion to Ganga Sagar by road and then by a vessel, or by chartered luxury vessels starting from Namkhana & Calcutta. Or day for shopping.

**Day 24 : Kolkata – Baidhyanath (Our Tenth Jyothirlinga)** (Drive or Train) : After breakfast drive or by train towards Baidyanath. Overnight in Baidyanath.

**Day 25 : Baidhyanath – Varanasi** (Drive or Train) After breakfast drive or by train towards Varanasi. Overnight in Varanasi.

**Day 26 : Varanasi: (Vishwanath Our eleventh Jyotirlinga)** Boat ride at the Ganges this morning and return back to the hotel for Breakfast Today visit some of the holy temples of the city which encapsulates the ambiance and the spirit of the city. The Durga Temple, better known as the 'monkey temple' on account of the large number of monkeys residing there (only Hindus can enter the inner sanctum.) and the Temple of Vishwanath (or Visheshwar, Lord of the Universe, popularly known as the Golden Temple), This Jyotirlingam is one of the twelve jyotirlingams of India.

If time permits before returning to the hotel visit some of the silk brocade and weaving centers - a specialty of Varanasi. Overnight in Varanasi.

**Day 27 : Varanasi – Delhi [By Flight]** : Today Flight from Varanasi to Delhi, Meet and arrival assistance at Airport and transfer to hotel.

**Day 28 : Delhi – Haridwar** : Morning transfer to Haridwar. Afternoon arrival at Haridwar. At evening enjoy Ganga Aarti at Har – Ki - Paudi. O/N at Haridwar

**Day 29 : Haridwar – Guptakashi** : Today our early morning drive takes us to Guptkashi. Guptkashi, The name was given to the place as it is said to be the hiding place of Lord shiva when he was unwilling to give darshan to pandavs. 46 Kms Off Kedarnath, Guptakashi is the shrine at a height of 1319 mtrs.

**Day 30 : Guptakashi – Kedarnath (Our Twelvth Jyothirlinga)** : Today morning we drive to Gaurikund (32kms by road & 14kms Trek), from where we trek to Kedarnath (3584 mts) for which ponies, dandies and kandies are available. Amidst the dramatic mountanscapes of the majestic Kedarnath Range stands one of the twelve “Jyotirlingas” of Kadar ji or Lord Shiva. At an altitude of 3584 Mts. and on the head of river Mandakini, the shrine of Kedarnath is amongst the holiest pilgrimages for the Hindus. Stay at Kedarnath.

**Day 31 : Kedarnath – Rudraprayag (75 Kms / 3 hrs)** : Today after breakfast, we trek down back to Gaurikund. From Gaurikund we drive down to Rudraprayag. Confluence of Alaknanda and Madakini rivers Rudraprayag.

**Day 32 : Rudraprayag – Rishikesh** : Today we drive from Rudraprayag to reach the Rishikesh . Visit Ram Jhula, Lakshman Jhula. Attend one of the most beautiful religious ceremony, an evening aarti at the Triveni Ghat.

**Day 33 : Rishikesh - Haridwar – Delhi** : Morning depart to Delhi via Haridwar. Arrival at Delhi. Check-in to hotel. Overnight at Hotel

**Day 34 : Delhi – UK:** Morning transfer to airport for flight back to U.K.

**Price Includes:**

International economy class return air ticket  
Economy Domestic flights (Ahmedabad to Chennai, Madurai to Chennai, Hyderabad to Kolkata, Varanasi to Delhi)  
Accommodation in 3 Star hotels including breakfast and Dinner only (Where applicable)  
All transfers and transportation by A/c vehicle as per the itinerary  
1 bottle of mineral water for consumption.  
All Taxes included

**Price does not include:**

Any Monument entry fee & camera fee (wherever Applicable)  
Any expense of personal nature such as hard/soft drinks, laundry, phone/fax calls, etc.  
Any other expense not mentioned in the "Package includes".  
Lunches  
Any portorage at the stations  
Single Supplement £  
Tips: £35 per person

**Please note:** Flight and train timings may change. This is a religious package, so our main focus is to show you religious places as mentioned in the itinerary. Local sightseeing depends upon the timing and is secondary matter. After finishing the trip, Domestic flight can be arranged to any where in India on extra cost. Flights from Birmingham and Manchester are available upon request and subject to extra charge. Driving times are approximate and can be different as per local circumstances.

# Booking Conditions

It is our most important aim that you enjoy your yatra and that we earn your trust. However, we are not responsible for any cancellation due to any industrial disputes, Technical failure of any type of transport we use, loss of earnings, late arrivals or force majeure, ACT OF GOD or any items beyond our control.

1) Our normal cancellation charges apply as a percentage of the total yatra cost. We will require notice in writing for any cancellation made by you. Below cancellation charges apply:

56 days or more before departure	Loss of deposit only
55 to 28 days before departure	50%
27 to 14 days before departure	80%
13 to the day of departure	100%
No show	100%

2) If we cancel the yatra for any reason: Full Refund of paid money.

3) It is Passenger's responsibility to take care of their luggage, personal money or belongings. We advise to use lockers in hotel, if available. Do not carry luxury or expensive items whilst you are on yatra.

4) Fully filled Booking form should be submitted at least 60 days before the provisional date of departure.

5) With booking form we require following details:

Full name as in passport, Date of birth, Nationality, Sex, Occupation and Health Questionnaire Form.

6) As yatra contains visiting High altitude areas, Customer must consult their GP and get advice before travel to high altitude area. This is passenger's own responsibility to disclose correct medical condition information to us.

7) Yatra Itinerary can change without notice due to unavoidable circumstances before starting the tour or during the tour beyond our control such as political unrest, natural calamities, ACT OF GOD or any other circumstances etc & further charges might be applicable & will be borne by the client. Any unused services are non refundable.

8) Upon the confirmation 100% deposit is required before 60 days of the commencement of the tour along with passport.

9) This is the passenger's responsibility to have proper travel insurance covering up to 4500 metres including evacuation at high altitude in case of any emergency. **NO TRAVEL WITHOUT COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE.**

10) This is a religious pilgrimage at high altitude and some of the services would be very basic.

11) During the tour, the tour manager's decision would be final

12) Skylink is not responsible for any mishappening or liable for any damages for excursions, tours or anything else booked locally by the client during the tour apart from original itinerary.

13) I accept and agree all risks associated with the journey and further agree to abide by the terms and conditions of Skylink Travel & Tours Ltd., as described here and its brochures and publication. In the event of illness, accident, weather, political unrest, flight cancellations due to reasons beyond our control, change in the airport or airlines taxes, cancellation of helicopter flight, any act of GOD and other factors beyond their control, I will not hold Skylink Travel & Tours Ltd., its agents associate or employees responsible or liable for damages. I understand and I travel at my own risk.