



Winter Char Dham

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Recently, **Uttarakhand** has launched the **Winter Char Dham circuit** to promote **year-round tourism and attract visitors** to the state during the **off-season winter months**.

- **Char Dham shrines** (4 revered shrines) are four holy sites i.e., **Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath** and are located in the **Garhwal Himalayas**. They are traditionally visited between **May and November**.
 - During the **winter months**, the **presiding deities** of these temples are brought to shrines at **lower altitudes** at:
 - **Kedarnath:** Omkareshwar Temple in Ukhimath (Rudraprayag)
 - **Badrinath:** Pandukeshwar in Chamoli.
 - **Gangotri:** Mukhba in Uttarkashi
 - **Yamunotri:** Kharsali in Uttarkashi
- The **Char Dham Project** aims to enhance **connectivity** to the **Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri** by improving conditions of highways.
- **Adi Shankaracharya** (exponent of the **Advaita Vedanta**) established the **Char Dhams** in four different directions of the country which include **Badrinath, Puri, Dwarka and Rameshwaram**.
 - Advaita Vedanta is a **non-dualistic philosophy** that asserts the **ultimate reality (Brahman)** is singular and formless, with **individual souls (Atman)** being identical to it, and **liberation (moksha)** is achieved through the **realization of this oneness**.

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