

Journey into the Himalayas



ROUTE

Pantnagar - Bhimtal — Neem Karoli Baba Ashram — Kasar Devi — Patal Bhuvaneshwar — Dunagiri — Babaji Cave — Pantnagar





Day 1 - 21 September

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

10:50 - Departure from Delhi to Pantnagar

11:50 - Arrival in Pantnagar

12.30 - Lunch in Pantnagar

Drive to Bhimtal (1.5 hours on the way)

15:00 - Check-in at the hotel & lunch

16:00 - Meeting & Introduction

19:00 - Dinner and rest

21:00 - Evening Meditation





Day 2 - 22 September, Autumn Equinox

HARMONISING YOUNIVERSE

08:30 - Breakfast

10:00 - Sri Yantra Workshop

14:30 - Lunch

16:00 - Visit to Bhimeshwar Mahadev

& boat ride on the lake

19:00 - Dinner at the hotel

20:30 - Sri Yantra Meditation





Sri Yantra Workshop with Govindadas

Autumn equinox is the time to harmonise our inner universe - and what could be a more beautiful way to do so than through interactive meditation with Sri Yantra? On this day you will explore with Govindadas the secrets of this ancient sacred diagram, which holds the energy of Divine Mother herself, and you will learn how to meditate with Sri Yantra to balance your chakras, and facilitate a deeper connection with your spiritual self. This is also a perfect time to prepare yourself spiritually for the rest of your journey and set your intention.

Bhimeshwar Mahadev & Bhimtal Lake

Bhimeshwar Mahadev is a powerful Shiva Temple located on the picturesque shore of Bhimtal Lake. Once, Bhima (one of the 5 Pandava brothers) was climbing a mountain during the exile. Suddenly, a divine voice came from the sky and said that if he wanted to be remembered for generations, he should build a Shiva Temple here with complete devotion. Thus, Bhima erected the temple here. Also, he hit the mountain with his mace, so that the river Ganga poured out of it and formed the Bhimtal Lake.





Day 3 - 23 September

CONNECTING WITH SHAKTI

08:30 - Check out & breakfast

09:30 - Leave to Kasar Devi (3 hours drive)

On the way: visit to Kakrighat & Kainchi Dham

13:00 - Lunch (on the way)

15:00 - Visit to Kasar Devi Temple

& Sri Yantra meditation there

18:30 - Check in the hotel & dinner



Kasar Devi Temple

Devi Bhagavata Purana narrates that it is at this hill, where Kasar Devi Temple is located, that Goddess Durga in the form of Kaushiki defeated the demons Shumbha & Nishumbha, representing our mind's "I" & "mine" attitude. Many saints meditated in this sacred place, including Swami Vivekanada.

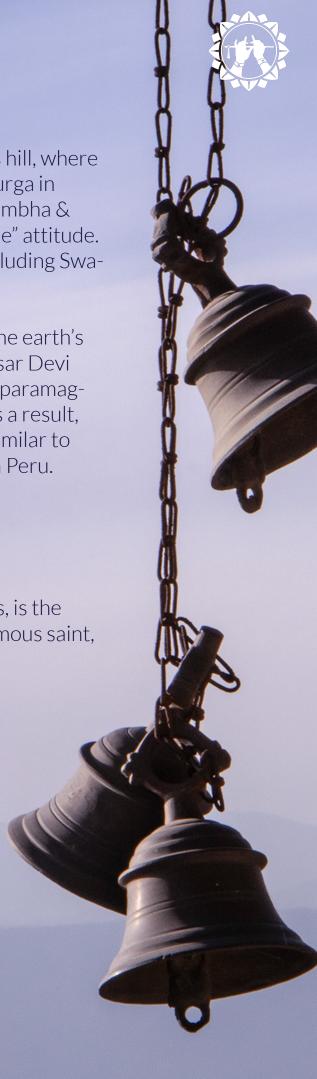
It's believed that this temple is positioned on the earth's Van Allen Belt. The region surrounding the Kasar Devi Temple has an enormous geomagnetic field or paramagnetism, thanks to gaps in bands of radiation. As a result, Kasar Devi is endowed with a cosmic energy similar to that of Stonehenge in UK and Machu Picchu in Peru.

Kainchi Dham

Kainchi Dham, surrounded by picturesque hills, is the ashram established in the Himalayas by the famous saint, Neem Karoli Baba.

Kakri Ghat

Here at Kakrighat, in 1890, during his travel to the Himalayas, Swami Vivekananda sat for meditation under a Pipal tree. Here he experienced the oneness of the universe, of the microcosm and macrocosm, and realized that in the microcosm of the body exist everything that is there in the entire universe.

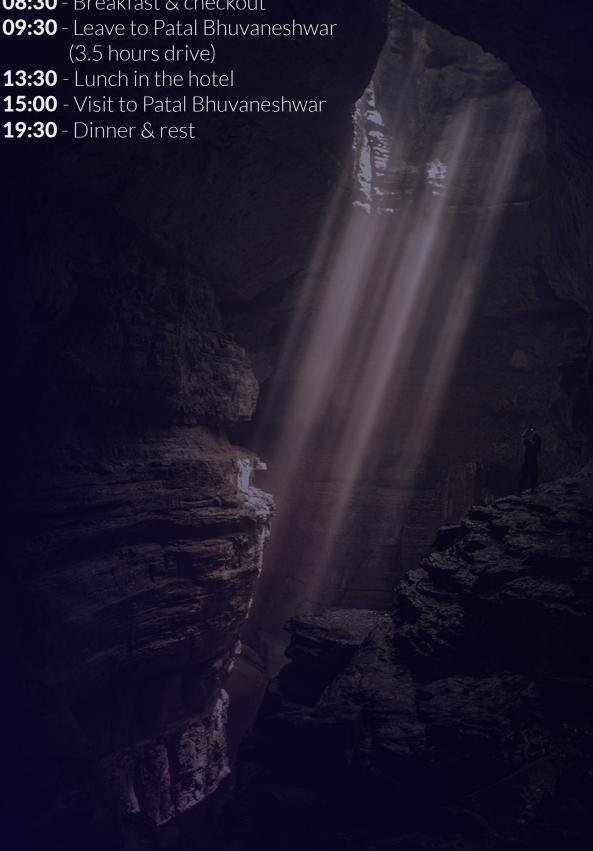




Day 4 - 24 September

FINDING SHIVA WITHIN

08:30 - Breakfast & checkout





Patal Bhuvaneshwar Temple

Patal Bhuvaneshwar is a very ancient cave temple. 'This amazing cave is as old as the earth itself,' says the inscription near the temple. A mention of the temple is found in the Skanda Purana: 'One who wants to feel the presence of the eternal power should come to the sacred Bhuvaneshwar, located near the confluence of Ramganga, Sarayu and Gupt Ganga.'

The Patal Bhuvaneshwar cave temple is not just one cave, but a series of interconnected caves. To get into the temple, you need to walk, and sometimes even crawl, through an underground tunnel, holding onto massive chains. The tunnel is quite narrow but it has lighting. The descent itself is a thrilling and unforgettable experience that prepares one to meet Mahadev. This is the only way in and out of the temple.

After descending to a depth of 90 feet (27.4 m), the entire underground world of Lord Shiva is revealed. Turning back and looking up, you can see that the entrance to the temple is guarded by Adishesha himself, the king of snakes. He looms over those who enter this shrine. This colossal-sized rock formation has an exciting, uncanny resemblance to the hood of Adishesha, who holds the entire universe on it.





Day 5 - 25 September

THE PATH OF A YOGI

08:30 - Breakfast & checkout

09:30 - Leave to Dunagiri (6 hours drive)

13:00 - Lunch on the way

16:00 - Check in

18:00 - Dinner

19:00 - Atma Kriya Yoga Course begins





Dunagiri

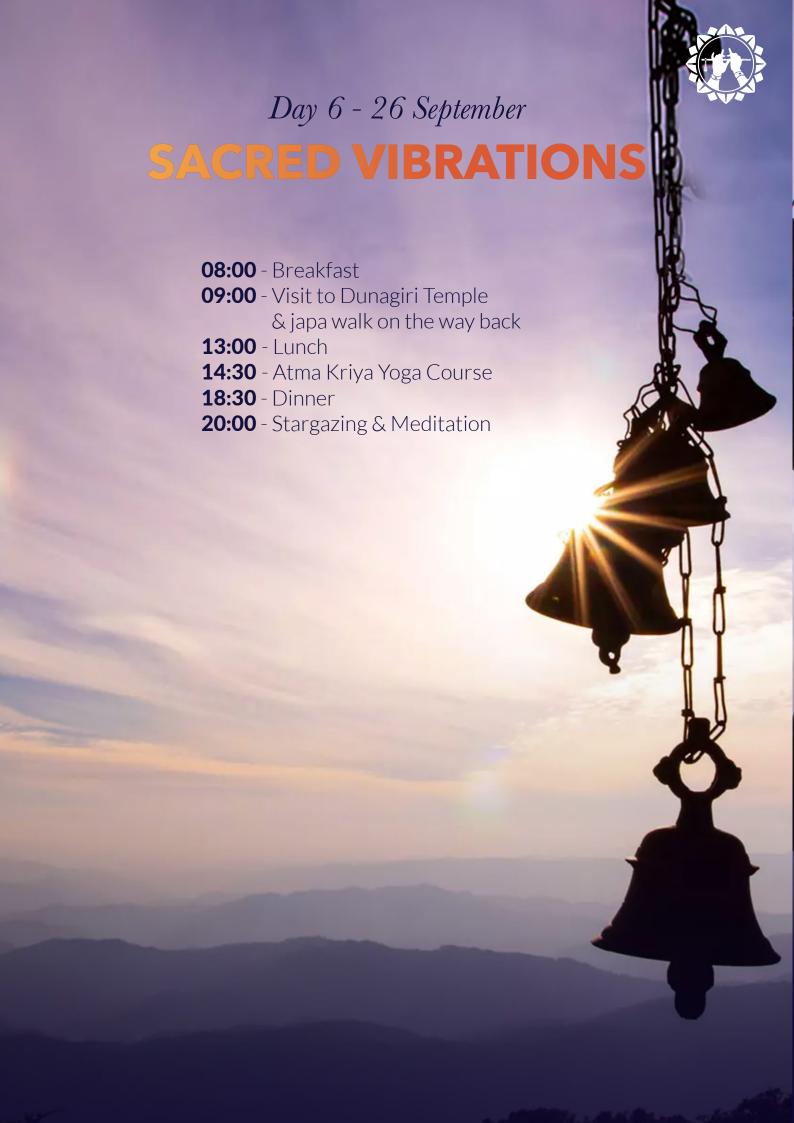
Dunagiri hill, nested in picturesque landscape of serene Himalayan region, is known as a place of great power or a *shaktipeetha*. It is here that the cave of Mahavatar Babaji is located, where the great, immortal yogi used to meditate and where he gave kriya yoga to mankind for the first time. What could be a better place to learn this powerfuln yogic practice?

Atma Kriya Yoga with Achala

Atma Kriya Yoga is not just a traditional meditation or yoga practice. It is a masterfully crafted series of kriyas, techniques which combine meditation, science of breath, visualisation, mantras, mudras and working on your chakras, with a single purpose: to uplift your entire being and fine-tune it to the frequency of the Divine. It is like a daily inner pilgrimage through the layers of your heart to meet with your soul, face to face.

Atma Kriya Yoga is also the yoga of surrender. It is the yoga of surrendering our lower nature and all of our thoughts and actions to the Soul. And it's the yoga of surrendering the Soul to the Divine within us. It is an incredibly precious tool for spiritual transformation and living a soul-centered life, which you will learn during this journey and take with you back home.







Dunagiri Devi Temple

This powerful temple on top of Dunagiri hill is a powerful *shaktipeetha* and abode of Goddess in the form of Vaishnavi, the granter of liberation. There is no deity in this temple, for the Divine Mother is believed to reside there in the form of sacred sound.

There are 360 steps leading up to the temple, representing 360 degrees of the zodiac. Above each step there is a row of bells, which every pilgrim rings while climbing up the stairs. The very experience of walking up those stairs in silence, while being immersed in the purifying vibration of echoing bells, is otherworldly. It is like your whole energy body is being cleansed before you reach the abode of the Goddess.

On top of the hill there is also a sacred place where Mahavatar Babaji himself along with Lahiri Mahashaya used to meditate and practice *kriya yoga* together.

We will meditate here, do a joint practice of Atma Kriya Yoga and receive the blessing from the Saint who lives in a small cave directly opposite the temple, and whom Devi, according to him, constantly visits.



Day 7 - 27 September

GOING DEEPER WITHIN

08:00 - Breakfast

09:00 - Japa walk to Pandhukoli Ashram

13:00 - Lunch

14:30 - Atma Kriya Yoga Course

18:30 - Dinner

20:00 - Stargazing & Meditation





Pandhukholi

Surrounded by breathtaking views, Pandhukoli is the dwelling place of the five Pandava brother during their journey to the Himalayas after the battle of Kurukshetra. Here, they lived and meditated. The top of the mountain now has an ashram where sadhus live. A saint from the Dunagiri Devi Temple lived here for a long time where it is said Mahavatar Babaji once appeared to him.

'In meditation, when the mind is calm, you have a personal contact with the Divine, not outside, but within you. And this inner contact is the most wonderful and the most powerful contact you can ever have.'

- Paramahamsa Vishwananda





Day 8 - 28 September, Indira Ekadashi

BLESSINGS OF THE MASTERS

08:30 - Breakfast

09:30 - Japa walk to Mahavatar Babaji's Cave & Shaktipath in the cave

13:00 - Lunch

15:00 - OM Chanting

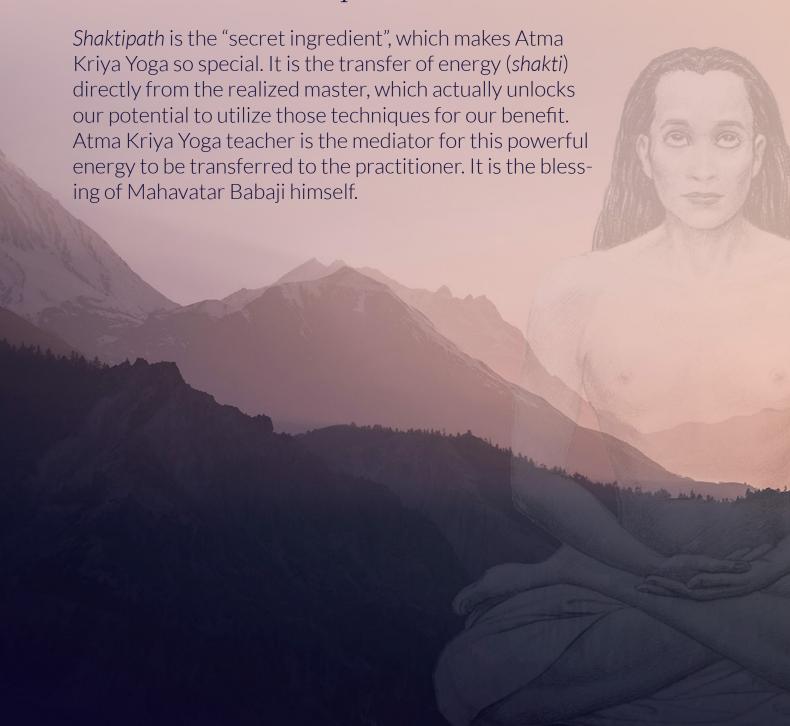




Mahavatar Babaji

The mystical immortal yogi Mahavatar Babaji is known as the founder of all Kriya Yoga traditions. He comes as Guru to great spiritual Masters such as Lahiri Mahasaya, Sri Yukteswar Giri, Paramahansa Yogananda and Paramahamsa Vishwananda. Paramahamsa Vishwananda says about Him: 'Mahavatar Babaji has given Atma Kriya Yoga to humanity for Self-Realisation; for you to move from the state of just being human to the Divine state.'

Shaktipath





Day 9 - 29 September BACK HOME

06:00 - Check out & snack

06:30 - Drive back to Haldwani or Pantnagar

Let your own journey begin

Every end is the new beginning. And no one can remain the same after going on a pilgrimage. This spiritual journey is designed to not only inspire you to reconnect with your spiritual self, but to empower you with spiritual tools, which you take with you into your daily life. Like Paramahamsa Vishwananda says, the most important pilgrimage is the one from mind to heart. And that is the pilgrimage which, from now on, you can take daily with the help of Atma Kriya Yoga and Sri Yantra meditation.

