

VAISHNO DEVI SPECIAL PACKAGE 2011

JAMMU, KATRA, DELHI

Tour Code No.	No. of days	Starting Date	Charge (Including Food)
90 NI B	3	Every Month	Rs.6000/-

Day 01 : Pick up from Jammu Airport / Railway station . Jammu Sight Seeing. N/R in JAMMU

Day 02 : Morning Journey to Katra. Vaishno Devi Darshan. N/R in KATRA

Day 03: Journey to Jammu By Road and drop at Rail Way station/ Airport .

Terms & condition

1. 50% Reduction in the charge for Children between the age of 5 and 11 yrs
2. Entry Tickets and pony charge, Helicopter charge etc wherever required for sight seeing do not come under the total tour charge
3. Cost of Vegetarian Delicious food is included in the Charge
4. Charges of Accommodation in Good Double Rooms on twin sharing basis at all places of stay are included in the Tour Charge.
5. Cost of Road Transportation in good condition vehicle (depending up on the number of passengers) is included in the Tour Charge.
6. Cost for Guide Service is included in the Tour Charge.
7. Company's representative as Tour Manager will accompany the journey from beginning to end .
8. **Booking:** - The full amount of the tour cost should be remitted through the company's bank account (details given below) 60 days prior to the date of journey .
9. Cancellation : - 50 % of the amount will be lost against cancellation not received before 30 days of the tour starting dates. Cancellations received thereafter will not be eligible for any refund.

10.If the journey is blocked /diverted/ cancelled for reasons beyond our control such as Road Bandh, Train Delay Strike, Natural Calamities, (Earth Quake, Flood, Cyclone, Tsunami etc) the Company will not allow any refund.

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Jammu

Jammu, also known as **Duggar**, is one of the three administrative divisions within [Jammu and Kashmir](#), the northernmost [state](#) in [India](#). [Jammu city](#) is the largest city in Jammu and the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu City is also known as "City of Temples" as it has many temples and [shrines](#), with glittering *shikhars* soaring into the sky creating the ambiance of a holy and peaceful Hindu city.

Home to some of the most popular [Hindu](#) shrines, such as [Vaishno Devi](#), Jammu is a [pilgrimage](#) destination in India.



Raghunath Temple

Jammu region is adjacent to Kashmir valley (Bordered in brown).

During the partition of India the ruler was Maharaja Hari Singh and he along with all the other princes was given the choice according to the instruments of partition of India in 1947, to freely accede to either India or Pakistan, or to remain independent. The princes were however advised to accede to the contiguous dominion, taking into consideration the geographical and ethnic issues.

Ethnically, Jammu is largely Dogra, which group constitutes approximately 67% of the population. There is also a sizable population of [Punjabi](#) descent, most of them being [Hindus](#) and [Sikhs](#).

Jammu is the only region in the state of Jammu and Kashmir that has a [Hindu](#) majority population - 65% of Jammu's population practice [Hinduism](#), 30% practice [Islam](#) and most of the remainder are [Sikhs](#).

Places of interest

Jammu is known for its landscape, ancient temples, [Hindu](#) shrines, [Amar Mahal Palace](#) (a castle type) now a Museum, [gardens](#) and [forts](#). [Hindu](#) holy shrines of [Amarnath](#) and Vaishno Devi attracts tens of thousands of Hindu devotees every year. Jammu's beautiful natural landscape has made it one of the most favoured destinations for adventure tourism ^{[4][4]} in [South Asia](#). Jammu's historic monuments feature a unique blend of Islamic and [Hindu](#) architecture styles.

Purmandal

Purmandal, also known as *Chhota Kashi*, is located 35 km from Jammu city. An ancient holy place, it has several temples of [Shiva](#) and other deities. On [Shivratri](#), the town wears a festive look and for three days as people celebrate the marriage of Lord Shiva to Goddess [Parvati](#).

Vaishno Devi shrine



The [Vaishno Devi shrine](#) attracts millions of Hindu devotees every year

The town of [Katra](#), which is close to Jammu, contains the [Vaishno Devi](#) shrine. Nestling on top of the [Trikuta Hills](#) at a height of 1700 m is the sacred cave shrine of Vaishno Devi, the mother [goddess](#). At a distance of 48 km from Jammu, the cave is 30 m long and just 1.5 m high. At the end of the cave are shrines dedicated to the three forms of the mother goddess—[Mahakali](#), [Mahalakshmi](#) and [Mahasarasvati](#). [Pilgrims](#) start trekking to the cave temple, which is 13 km from Katra, enter in small groups through a narrow opening and walk through ice-cold waters to reach the shrines. According to legend, the mother goddess hid in the cave while escaping a demon whom she ultimately killed.

KATRA

Katra or Katra Vaishno Devi as it is popularly called is a small town in the hilly northern state of [Jammu and Kashmir](#). It is 2,473 ft above the sea level and is 50 Km away from [Jammu](#). The town serves as the base camp for visiting the famous **Ma Vaishno Devi Shrine**, which is 13 Km uphill from Katra. Situated in the foothills of Trikuta Mountains, Katra is visited by more than 6.2 million devotees each year. The town has a number of souvenir shops and the local market is

filled with stalls selling dry fruits, *prashad* and other items offered to Maa Vaishno Devi. There is a **state handicraft emporium** close to the bus stand where you can check out shawls and other woollen items. A number of vegetarian restaurants and food outlets have mushroomed in the close vicinity.

Activities:

A trip to the cave shrine is by far the most important activity in Katra. Majority of the devotees prefer to trek up the 13 Km route to the shrine. But there are other options available as well. You can hire a *palki* or take a pony ride. The state government also offers helicopter service from Katra and Jammu up to the shrine.

VAISHNO DEVI

Indian spiritual tradition has propounded four Purusharth (objectives) of a human life. These being Dharm (Righteousness), Arth (Material Pursuits), Kaam (Contentment) and Moksh (Enlightenment). Shri Mata Vaishno Devi is believed to grant all the four boons to those who visit Her Holy Shrine. She is considered to fulfill anything and everything that a person wishes for in life, in a righteous way. It is an experience of all, that no one goes empty handed from Her Great Pilgrimage.

The journey to the **Holy Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi** is thus an enchanting journey of the places where Mata Vaishnavi had spent some time while observing various spiritual disciplines and penances. The culmination of this journey is at the Holy Cave where She merged Her Human form with the astral form of Her creators, the three Supreme Energies