

Kartik Yatra - 2023

A holy pilgrimage to Sri Jagannath Puri Dham
with

H.H. Radhanath Swami

Website: **www.rgyatra.com**

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Dear Devotees,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The Yatra Committee is glad to inform you that the Annual Kartik Yatra, a residential spiritual program, of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath congregation for the year 2023 will be to Sri Jagannath Puri Dham, one of the most spiritual and religious destinations in India. During this yatra we will visit and learn about the history, spiritual significance and pastimes at the holy places related to Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu in and around Jagannath Puri.

Please read the following details carefully before registering for the yatra.

IMPORTANT DATES

Yatra Itinerary:

ACTIVITY	STARTS ON	ENDS ON
Arrival at Jagannath Puri	Wed, 15 th Nov	
Main yatra at Jagannath Puri	Thu, 16 th Nov	Tue, 21 st Nov, 10pm
Departure from Jagannath Puri	Wed, 22 nd Nov, 8am	

Registration Dates:

Online registration	4 th May, 10am IST	21 st May, 6pm IST
Last date for cancellation of registration with full refund (after deducting processing fee Rs. 300)		31 st July
Details of accommodation available on website	15 th July	
Late registration (with a late fee of Rs. 500) (subject to accommodation availability)	22 nd May	13 th August
Substitution	1 st August	15 th October
Last date for settling all accounts related matters	15 th December	

Accommodation Booking Dates:

ACTIVITY	STARTS ON	ENDS ON
Accommodation for Varishtha Vaishnavas	15 th Aug, 10:00 am IST	25 th Aug
Accommodation for Matajis with children	17 th Aug, 10:00 am IST	25 th Aug
Accommodation for Families with children	19 th Aug, 10:00 am IST	25 th Aug
Accommodation for Single Matajis	21 st Aug, 10:00 am IST	25 th Aug

Accommodation for Single Prabhujis	23 rd Aug, 10:00 am IST	25 th Aug
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ELIGIBILITY

The minimum qualification for applying for the yatra is as follows:

1. Applicant should be chanting minimum 16 rounds of the Hare Krishna Mahamantra daily and following the four regulative principles including refrain from tea & coffee from Gaur Purnima (**7th March 2023**).
2. Applicant should be attending weekly ISKCON satsang programs on a regular basis for at least one year.
3. Applicant should follow the prescribed dress code of Dhoti-kurta for men and Sari for women during the Yatra.
4. Applicant must NOT have any objection from his/her Counsellor/ Spiritual Guide/ Authority/ Guardian/ Regional Facilitator (see Appendix for list of Regional Facilitators from other centres in India & abroad, as authorized by the Yatra Committee).
5. If anyone wants to join the yatra from a location where there is no regional facilitator, can directly contact the Yatra registration team at info@rgyatra.com.
6. Applicant's personal information is up-to-date in the database, particularly
 - a. Photograph (mandatory for security reasons),
 - b. Mobile number if any (for yatra updates),
 - c. Email address (if any),
 - d. Age and gender

YATRA CHARGES

- **Kartik Yatra 2023 charges: INR 4,350.**
Charges include registration, internal traveling, prasadam (breakfast & lunch only) and donations to various temples in the holy Dham.
- Children under 5 years of age (as on 1st October 2023) are waived of registration charges. **HOWEVER, THEY ALSO NEED TO BE REGISTERED.** Please note that they will not be eligible for a separate seat during internal bus travel etc. In case a separate seat is required, they have to pay the full yatra charges. **Accommodation charges WILL be charged for children less than 5 years of age too.**
- Yatra charges shall not be reduced in proportion to number of days you wish to attend the yatra.
- Those devotees desiring dinner prasadam will have to make their own arrangement.

REGISTRATION

- Registration is **MANDATORY** for all devotees attending the yatra **including Brahmacharis,**

Kitchen Team members and children less than 5 years of age.

- Devotees can register online at www.rgmdatabase.com. Those who don't have a login id / password should get the same from their respective counsellor/ regional facilitator.
- Those uncomfortable with online registration can take help of their counsellor/ regional facilitator.
- Payment has to be made online immediately, either with a Credit / Debit card or through Internet Banking. Our payment gateway also provides EMI option for payments. Registration will be confirmed only after the payment process is complete.
- Please note that **only Debit / Credit cards issued in India are acceptable for payment**. In other words, Debit / Credit cards issued OUTSIDE India are NOT acceptable for payment.
- Limited accommodation is available in Jagannath Puri. They will be available on first come first served basis. The sooner devotees register for the yatra, the earlier yatra committee can book more accommodation if required / available.
- If registrations exceed the accommodation available, all new registrations will be put on waiting list. If yatra committee is able to arrange for additional accommodation, waiting list will get confirmed. Otherwise these devotees will have to try for substitution or cancel their yatra participation or arrange their own accommodation.
- Registration shall be strictly non-transferable, i.e. once registered you cannot interchange it with anyone else, except with prior approval of the yatra committee.
- Registration with late fee payment of Rs. 500/- will start from 22nd May and will be allowed till 13th August, subject to availability of accommodation.
- The final decision in all matters will be at the sole discretion of the yatra committee.

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING

- It is **MANDATORY** for every yatra participant to book his or her accommodation and **through yatra committee only**. In other words, yatra participants must not book their accommodation directly in any hotel or guesthouse in Jagannath Puri. However, if you have your own residential facility at Jagannath Puri, you are exempted from above rule.
- Devotees will need to visit www.rgmdatabase.com and choose the room where they would like to stay and with which other devotees. Once one of the available rooms is selected, payment has to be made online immediately for the room.
- For a group of devotees wanting to stay together, one of the group members can book for the whole group, provided he/she has access to profiles of all other group members.
(see "Knowledge Base" page at rgmdatabase.com on how to connect with other members)
- For those devotees who are not net savvy, a counter will be available at Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir at a stipulated time, where a volunteer will register and book accommodation on the devotee's behalf (using the respective devotee's Login Id and Password). Only cash will be accepted at this counter.

Step 1: By 15th July 2023, the accommodation details of all rooms at Jagannath Puri will be available on rgmdatabase.com for viewing and download.

Step 2: On 15th August, 10am IST, accommodation booking will start for Varishtha Vaishnavas (VV).

Varishtha Vaishnavas (VV) are Prabhujis whose age is 60 years or more as on 1st October 2023 and Matajis whose age is 55 years or more as on 1st October 2023.

- On 15th and 16th Aug, only Varishtha Vaishnavas will be allowed to choose accommodation.
- 17th Aug onwards, no preference will be given to Varishtha Vaishnavas. But they can continue to book any available room.

Step 3: From 17th Aug, Matajis with children (MC) can book accommodation as above. Varishtha Vaishnavas who want to form a group with Matajis with children can also book accommodation during this time. Children are: Boys up to the age of **12 years as on 1st October 2023** and girls up to the age of **15 years as on 1st October 2023**.

Step 4: From 19th Aug, Families with children (FC) can book accommodation as above. Higher categories (VV and MC) can continue to register and choose available rooms with families with children.

Step 5: From 21th Aug, single Matajis (SM) can book accommodation as above.

Step 6: From 23th Aug till 25th Aug, any devotee can choose any of the available rooms and book.

SUBSTITUTION

- If any devotee, who has paid for the registration, accommodation and cannot come for the yatra, **he/ she can find a substitute**. The onus of finding a substitute lies with the devotee who is cancelling, but yatra committee can provide help.
- Once paid, the registration & accommodation charges will not be refunded. A fee of Rs 500 from the devotee who is coming and a fee of Rs 300 from the devotee who is cancelling, will be charged by the yatra committee. However, wait listed devotees will get full refund excluding the bank transaction charges. Substitutions will be allowed till 15th October.

TRAVELING

1. Traveling arrangements from one's place of residence to Jagannath Puri and back, have to be made by the participants on their own.
2. Yatra committee will make internal bus travel arrangements for visiting various holy places during the yatra wherever required.
3. For devotees travelling in a group from Bhubaneswar Railway Station to Jagannath Puri Pandal on 15th November and from Jagannath Puri Pandal to Bhubaneswar Railway Station on 22nd November, yatra committee can help them with bus bookings. Such devotees will need to form a group of 45 (max. bus capacity). A representative from the group can request the yatra committee to book a bus on their behalf, online at www.rgmdatabase.com and pay full booking charges online. Names of all 45 devotees in the group will need to be provided at the time of bus booking. Payment made for the bus booking will be non-refundable. Last date for making bus booking request is 31st October 2023.

IMPORTANT CONTACT E-MAIL ID

All Yatra related communication to be send to info@rgyatra.com

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Norms regarding conduct of the devotees pertaining to visiting the places, security, dress code, shopping, regulative principles, etc. would be intimated by the yatra committee through a separate information booklet. All the participants are expected to strictly follow the instructions of the yatra committee and other sub-committees like security, prasadam, etc. Any discrepancy will be viewed seriously and the concerned devotee may be penalized monetarily or debarred from future participation in yatras or both. Counsellors of such erring devotees would also be considered responsible for any misbehaviour of their counselees violating the norms of the yatra. Observations of the vigilance committee will be taken into account for executing the disciplinary action and decision of the yatra committee would be irrevocable in this regard.

FORCE MAJEURE

If yatra needs to be cancelled due to a natural catastrophe or any unavoidable reasons, the yatra committee will refund the appropriate charges after deducting the expenses already incurred.

DISCLAIMER

Devotees attending this yatra are doing so entirely on their own risk. Under no circumstances shall the members of the yatra committee in particular or ISKCON Chowpatty in general, individually or collectively, be liable for any loss/ damage in any way due to any cause beyond your / our control.

Thanking you,

Your servants,

Sanatkumar das & Shyamananda das

(Yatra Coordinators)

APPENDIX "A": LIST OF REGIONAL FACILITATORS (INDIA)

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