## **Dharchula Itinerary**

## Day 1: Arrival in Dharchula

- **Morning**: Arrive in **Dharchula**, a scenic town located in the Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand, situated near the Indo-Nepal border.
  - The journey from **Kathgodam** (approximately 280 km) to Dharchula takes about 9-10 hours by road. The route offers stunning views of the **Kumaon** hills and the **Kali River**.
- Afternoon: Check in to your hotel or guesthouse in Dharchula. After settling in, take a leisurely walk around the town to explore its local market and environment.
- **Evening**: Visit **Kali Mandir**, a popular temple dedicated to Goddess Kali. It's located on a hilltop and offers panoramic views of the surrounding region and the Kali River.
- Night: Overnight stay in Dharchula.

## **Day 2: Explore Dharchula and Surroundings**

- Morning: After breakfast, head to Narayan Ashram, situated about 30 km from Dharchula. This serene place is known for its peaceful environment and breathtaking views of the Kumaon Himalayas. It's also a significant spiritual center, offering insight into the local culture and spiritual traditions.
- Afternoon: Visit China Border at Chongla Pass. It's a sensitive and remote area, so permission is required to visit. This visit provides a glimpse of the India-China border and offers spectacular views of the Himalayan peaks.
  - If permission is not granted for the border area, a visit to Malla (Upper) Dharchula is a great alternative. This village offers a more authentic experience of rural life, with beautiful landscapes.
- **Evening**: Return to Dharchula for a quiet evening by the **Kali River**. You can also enjoy the local cuisine at a guesthouse or homestay.
- Night: Overnight stay in Dharchula.

## Day 3: Scenic Exploration and Departure

- **Morning**: After breakfast, take a short trek to **Tawaghat**, a beautiful place situated on the banks of the **Kali River**, around 12 km from Dharchula. This region offers picturesque views and a peaceful atmosphere.
  - You can also visit **Adventures Point** or the **Trekker's Hut** for a short trek and to experience the rustic lifestyle of the local villagers.
- Afternoon: Visit Jhulaghat, located about 8 km from Dharchula. The area is known for its hanging bridge and tranquil atmosphere. Take some time to relax and enjoy the view of the Kali River flowing between India and Nepal.
- Evening: Begin your return journey to Kathgodam or your onward destination.