



India: 15 Days Himachal Tour

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Difficulty

Easy

Best Season

Overview

Himachal tour is a unique tour. This tour involves a safari through the three former Kingdoms: Kinnaur, Spiti, and Lahaul. And we will go as far as Ladakh. Kinnaur is the land of the Gods with Tibet to the east, in the northeast corner of Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh is a beautiful district having the three high mountains ranges i.e. Zaskar, Greater Himalayas, and Dhauladhar.

The Spiti Valley is a desert mountain valley. It locates in the Himalayas mountains in the northeastern part of the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. The name "Spiti" means "The Middle Land" i.e. the land between Tibet and India. It possesses a distinctive Buddhist culture. It is similar to that found in the nearby [Tibet](#) Autonomous Region and the Ladakh region of India.

A central mass marks Lahaul with uniformly high mountains and massive glaciers. The two rivers, Chandra and Bhaga rise on either side of the Baralacha La. These rivers flow through the narrow Chandra and Bhaga valleys. Lahaul is a land of fascinating Buddhist art and culture. Ladakh is the "land of high passes". And is a region of Jammu and Kashmir, the northernmost state of the Republic of India. These areas are one of the most scenics but very less frequented by tourists and worth a visit that never will be forgotten

Trip Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival at New Delhi.

Transfer to hotel. Free stay.

Day 02: Drive to Chandigarh (about 238 kms)

In the morning after having breakfast we will drive to Chandigarh. Chandigarh derives its name from the

Chandi Mandir temple located in the vicinity of the city and a fort or 'garh' beyond the temple, called Chandigarh. Chandigarh is a union territory, administered by the Government of India and was designed by Le Corbusier. In the evening we arrive in Chandigarh and transfer to the hotel.

Day 03: Drive to Shimla (about 120 kms)

In the morning we drive towards Shimla. The British called Shimla the "Queen of Hill Stations". Shimla is situated in the northwest Himalayas. It was the summer capital of India before independence and it is now the capital of Himachal Pradesh. Shimla derives its name from "Shyamala": the goddess Kali, whose temple existed in the dense forest that covered Jakhu Hill in the early 19th century. It's well developed facilities, easy accessibility and numerous attractions make it one of India's most popular and biggest hill stations.

Day 04: Rest day in Shimla

Today we have a day of sightseeing in Shimla. In our sightseeing we visit the Gothic Christ Church. This Christ church is located on Shimla's prominent ridge. Even today, the church has some interesting memorial tablets while the pews still mark the seats of British Viceroy of India, the Commander-in-Chief and the Punjab's Governor. Later we visit the Jakhu Hill. It is Shimla's highest point and offers a spectacular view of the town, hills and distant mountain ranges. The peak has a temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman. After visiting the temple we return back to the hotel. In the evening we visit the Mall and Scandal Point for shopping. Scandal Point is the hub of Shimla's social life and is said to be so named after a British Commander-in-Chief's daughter eloped from the spot with the Maharaja of Patiala.

Day 05: Rest day in Shimla

The whole day to be spend freely in Shimla to enjoy the natural surroundings.

Day 06: Drive to Manali (about 260 kms)

In the morning after having breakfast we drive to Manali. The landscape here is breathtaking. One can see spectacular views of well-defined snowcapped peaks and wooded slopes. The Beas River rushes along its rocky course amid grassy meadows carpeted with wild flowers and wagtails hop along from stone to stone along the stream's edge. On the other side are deodar and pine trees, tiny fields and fruit orchards. It is an excellent place for a holiday and a favorite resort for trekkers to various regions in Kashmir valley. It is known as the Switzerland of India. In the evening we arrive in Manali.

Day 07: Rest day in Manali

In the morning we will have sightseeing in Manali. Today we will visit Hidimba Devi Temple, Vashisht Hot Water Spring and the Monastery. Hidimba Devi temple was built in 1553. This temple has a superbly crafted four-tiered pagoda roof and is famous for it's exquisitely carved doorway. Vashisht Hot Water Springs are well known. There are old temples dedicated to the sage Vashishth and Lord Rama. In the evening we visit a small Tibetan monastery which houses several Buddha images and Rahella Falls. It is a beautiful picturesque site from where the Beas river falls down from the height of 50 meters above sea level.

Day 08: Rest day in Manali

The whole day to be spend freely in Manali

Day 09: Drive to Dharamshala (about 235 kms)

Today we drive to Dharamshala. Dharamshala has one of the most spectacular settings for a hill station and is split into two parts. The lower part is only known as Dharamshala and is about 9 kms away from the upper part, which is known as McLeodganj. In Dharamshala there is a strong Tibetan influence. The Dalai Lama settled here after the Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1959.

Day 10: Rest day in Dharamshala

Today we visit the Namgyal monastery at McLeodganj. This monastery is the major attraction in McLeodganj and is located on the opposite side of the Dalai Lama's residence. This monastery contains large gilded bronzes of Buddha, Avalokitesvara and Padmasambhava. Afterwards we have a walk through McLeodganj and visit the St. John church. This church has attractive stained glass windows. Lord Elgin, one of the viceroy of the British occupied India was buried in this church. Evening at leisure to visit the markets at Dharamshala

Day 11: Drive to Dalhousie (about 143 kms)

Today we drive to Dalhousie. Dalhousie is a beautiful hill station in Himachal Pradesh. It was established in 1854 by the British as a summer retreat for its troops and bureaucrats, and was named after Lord Dalhousie who was the British Viceroy at that time. Dalhousie is built on and around five hills. Dalhousie is located on the western edge of the Dhauladhar mountain range of the Himalayas and surrounded by the beautiful snow capped peaks. We arrive in the evening.

Day 12: Rest day in Dalhousie

Today we have a day of sightseeing in Dalhousie. The old charm of Dalhousie is reflected in the four attractive churches (e.g. St. John's Church and St. Francis Church). St. John's Church is comfortably located at Gandhi Chowk. This is one of the oldest churches in Dalhousie. Stone walls took the place of wooden planks in 1863, when a visitor complained about it. St Francis Church is also located near it, on a wooded rise above Subhash Chowk. This church was built in 1894, and services are still held on Sundays. Scottish and Victorian architecture can be seen in the bungalows and churches in the town.

Day 13: Rest day in Dalhousie

The whole day to be spend freely in Dalhousie.

Day 14: Drive to Pathankot (about 80 kms) - Delhi (by train)

Today we will drive in Pathankot. From Pathankot we take a night train to Delhi.

Day 15: Drive to Delhi (Departure)

In the afternoon we arrive in Delhi. In the night we transfer to the airport for the flight to home destination.

Trip Includes

- Arrival and transfer from to international airport in Delhi
- 3 star category hotel with breakfast for whole tours
- Sightseeing with cultural guide and private transport as per mention in program
- private transport and English speaking local tour leader for whole tours
- Train ticket as per mention in the program

Trip Excludes

- Monument entrance fees during sightseeing
- Lunch and dinner
- Tips for local staff
- International flight ticket
- Personal expenses
- India visa can be obtain in Indian embassy in on country before depart for India

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