

# Lahaul-Spiti Road Odyssey 8 Nights: High Mountain Passes & Villages

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Destination  
**Himachal**

Duration  
**8 Nights 9 Days**

Starting from  
**Rs. 48,700 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Manali · 1N**

↖ **Keylong · 2N**

↖ **Sarchu · 1N**

↖ **Kaza · 3N**

↖ **Tabo · 1N**

## Overview

Lahaul-Spiti Road Odyssey 8 Nights: High Mountain Passes & Villages is an immersive Himachal tour package and an exhilarating Himachal Adventure tour package designed for travelers seeking high-altitude landscapes, remote Buddhist monasteries, and iconic mountain passes. Over 9 days and 8 nights you'll traverse the dramatic Lahaul and Spiti valleys, cross legendary passes like Rohtang, Baralacha La, and Kunzum La, and explore traditional villages such as Kaza, Kibber, Komik, and Tabo.

### Highlights:

- High mountain passes: Rohtang Pass, Baralacha La, Kunzum Pass
- Spiti Valley villages & monasteries: Kaza, Key Monastery, Tabo Monastery, Dhankar
- High-altitude villages & culture: Kibber, Komik, Hikim (home to one of the highest post offices)
- Wildlife & landscapes: Pin Valley National Park, dramatic canyons and stark high-altitude deserts
- Adventure & acclimatization: Offbeat road-tripping, short hikes, optional trekking opportunities

This 8 and 9 Himachal Adventure tour package balances adventure driving days with relaxed village exploration and cultural immersion.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation: 8 nights in hotels/guesthouses/camps as per itinerary (twin/double sharing).\n- Meals: Daily breakfast (as specified); select dinners where mentioned.\n- Transport: All transfers and sightseeing by a comfortable 4x4 vehicle or SUV with experienced driver.\n- Permits & Fees: Road permits where required (subject to local rules).\n- Local Guidance: Local driver-guide experienced in high-altitude routes.\n- Entrance Fees: Monument/monastery entry fees as per itinerary.\n- Emergency Support: Basic first-aid kit and coordination for medical emergencies.\n- This is an adventure-centric Himachal Adventure package tailored for road-trippers and culture seekers.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare/Train: Arrival and departure to Manali (these are not included).\n- Meals: Lunches and dinners unless specified.\n- Personal: Travel insurance, personal expenses, tips, laundry.\n- Permits & Fees: Any special permit fees if introduced by authorities during travel (not in advance).\n- Optional Activities: Trekking guides, camping upgrades, cultural experiences that are optional and paid locally.\n- GST & Service Charges: Government taxes or service charges not included in the package cost.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival & Acclimatization in Manali**

Arrive in Manali (by road/air). Transfer to your hotel and spend the day acclimatizing to the altitude. Short walks and light sightseeing: visit Hidimba Devi Temple, stroll Mall Road, and relax at the Vashisht Hot Springs. Tip: Keep activity light on arrival day; drink plenty of fluids and avoid alcohol.

Day

2

### **Manali to Keylong via Rohtang/Gramphu**

Early departure across the famous Rohtang Pass (seasonal—may be subject to snow/permit restrictions). Descend into the Lahaul valley, passing scenic hamlets and rivers. En route stop at Gramphu and scenic viewpoints. Reach Keylong/Jispa by late afternoon. Evening at leisure to relax and acclimatize further. Note: Rohtang access depends on local regulations and weather.

Day

3

### **High Pass Drive: Baralacha La to Sarchu**

Today is a true adventure driving day. Cross Baralacha La with sweeping views of glacial valleys and high-altitude lakes. Continue across rugged terrain toward Sarchu, the iconic high-altitude camping ground on the border of Lahaul and Ladakh/Spiti routes. Evening camping experience (winterized tents when required) and star-filled skies. Prepare for a cold night; temperatures can drop significantly.

Day

4

### **Sarchu to Kaza via Kunzum Pass & Losar**

Descend from Sarchu and head towards Spiti Valley—cross Kunzum Pass, enjoy panoramic views, and stop at Losar for refreshments. Continue the descent into Spiti and reach Kaza, the valley's administrative and cultural hub. Evening orientation walk in Kaza Market. Altitude remains high; carry necessary medications and stay hydrated.

Day

5

### **Kaza Villages & High-Altitude Settlements**

Full day exploring the high-altitude villages around Kaza. Visit Kibber (one of the highest inhabited villages), Komik (a high-altitude village with panoramic vistas), and Hikkim (famous for one of the highest post offices). Finish with a visit to the iconic Key Monastery perched above the valley. Optional short hikes available around Kibber and Komik for acclimatized guests.

Day

6

### **Tabo & Dhankar: Ancient Monasteries and Canyon Views**

Drive to Tabo, stopping at Dhankar Monastery with its dramatic cliff-top perch and canyon views. Explore Tabo Monastery — often called the 'Ajanta of the Himalayas' for its ancient frescoes and well-preserved murals. Evening in Tabo village with a cultural walk and photo stops. Important: Some monastery rooms are restricted to visitors; respectful attire is required.

Day

7

### **Pin Valley Excursion & Local Exploration**

Day trip to Pin Valley National Park, a remote pocket of biodiversity home to rare wildlife like the snow leopard and Himalayan blue sheep. Visit Mudh and other small settlements, enjoy scenic walks and village interactions. Return to Kaza late afternoon. Vehicle timings in Pin Valley can be long; pack snacks and water.

Day

8

### **Return Drive through High Passes to Keylong**

Commence the return journey: ascend from Kaza, cross Kunzum Pass again, traverse Sarchu and Baralacha La, and continue towards Keylong. This long driving day showcases changing landscapes from Spiti's stark deserts to the greener Lahaul valley. Evening arrival and overnight in Keylong/Jispa. Roads are rough in places—expect variable driving times.

Day

9

### **Keylong to Manali Departure**

After breakfast, drive back to Manali through scenic Lahaul and the final stretch over Rohtang/Gramphu (if open). Drop at Manali bus stand or airport for onward journey. Trip concludes with fond memories of the Lahaul–Spiti road odyssey. Departure times depend on your onward travel schedule; confirm drop location in advance.

## **🔍 Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **🔍 What are the top tourist destinations in Himachal Pradesh?**

Top tourist destinations in Himachal Pradesh include Shimla, known for its colonial architecture; Manali, a hub for adventure sports; Dharamshala, home to the Dalai Lama; and Kasol, famous for its picturesque landscapes. Don't miss the stunning landscapes of Spiti Valley and the tranquility of Dalhousie!

### **🔍 What is the best time to visit Himachal for tourism?**

The best time to visit Himachal Pradesh for tourism is from March to June and September to November. During these months, the weather is pleasant, ideal for exploring scenic landscapes, temples, and adventure activities. Summer offers a respite from the heat, while autumn showcases stunning foliage.

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## ❓ **What are some adventure activities available in Himachal Pradesh?**

Himachal Pradesh offers a plethora of adventure activities for thrill-seekers. You can indulge in trekking, paragliding in Bir Billing, river rafting in Kullu, skiing in Manali, mountain biking, rock climbing, and camping amidst stunning landscapes. Explore the breathtaking trails and experience the ultimate adrenaline rush!

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## ❓ **How to reach Himachal Pradesh from major cities in India?**

Himachal Pradesh is well-connected by road, rail, and air. From Delhi, take a bus or hire a taxi for a scenic drive (about 10-12 hours). The nearest airport is in Bhuntar (Kullu) with flights from Delhi. By train, you can reach Joginder Nagar or Pathankot, followed by a road trip to popular destinations.

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## ❓ **Are there any travel restrictions in Himachal Pradesh due to COVID-19?**

As of October 2023, Himachal Pradesh has relaxed most COVID-19 travel restrictions. However, it's advisable to check for any specific guidelines or requirements before traveling, such as health protocols or mask mandates in crowded places. Enjoy the scenic beauty and adventure activities safely!

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## ❓ **What are the best trekking routes in Himachal?**

Himachal Pradesh offers stunning trekking routes like Triund Trek, Hampta Pass, and Kinnaur Kailash Trek. Explore the picturesque landscapes, lush green valleys, and breathtaking views. Other popular options include Beas Kund and the Great Himalayan National Park trails, catering to both beginners and experienced trekkers.

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## ❓ **What cultural experiences can visitors have in Himachal Pradesh?**

Visitors to Himachal Pradesh can immerse themselves in vibrant local culture through traditional festivals like Kullu Dussehra, explore ancient temples, and participate in folk dances. The region offers authentic Himachali cuisine, handicraft shopping, and opportunities to interact with local communities, enhancing the travel experience.

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## ★ **Traveller Reviews**

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**Nidhi Mehta**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Journey to Remember**

This tour was truly a journey to remember, filled with laughter, beautiful landscapes, and countless memories. Thank you, Himachal!



**Pankaj Singh**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Historical Wonders**

Loved exploring the historical wonders of Himachal. Each site had a story to tell and added to our adventure.



**Nishant Kohli**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### **Peaceful Lakes**

Visiting the beautiful lakes in Himachal was a highlight. Kayaking in the tranquil waters was an experience like no other.



**Seema Joshi**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Delicious Local Cuisine**

The local food was delicious! Each meal was a delightful experience, showcasing Himachal's rich culinary heritage.



**Deepak Yadav**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Adorable Hill Stations**

Each hill station we visited had its unique charm. The ride through the hills was exhilarating! Loved every minute of it.

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