

Adventure & Culture Combo 8 Nights: Trekking to Monasteries

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Destination
Himachal

Duration
8 Nights 9 Days

Starting from
Rs. 41,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Shimla · 2N

↗ Dharamshala / McLeod Ganj · 2N

↗ Bir Billing · 2N

↗ Palampur · 1N

↗ Dalhousie / Khajjiar · 1N

Overview

Adventure & Culture Combo 8 Nights: Trekking to Monasteries is an immersive Himachal tour package that blends high-altitude trekking, serene monastery visits, and cultural experiences across Shimla, Dharamshala, Bir Billing, Palampur and Dalhousie. Ideal for travelers seeking a balanced Himachal Adventure tour package and cultural immersion, this 8 nights / 9 days Himachal Adventure package includes moderate treks, visits to iconic monasteries, paragliding options, and scenic drives through pine-clad valleys. Note: This itinerary is suited for travellers of moderate fitness; some trekking days involve steep climbs and uneven terrain. This offering also works well as part of an "8 and 9 Himachal Adventure tour package" lineup for seasonal promotions.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 8 nights in twin/double rooms (as per category)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 6 dinners
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide in Dharamshala/Bir for monastery visits and treks
- ✓ Permits & parking charges
- ✓ One tandem paragliding voucher (subject to weather & weight restrictions) or local experience credit
- ✓ Emergency assistance and basic first-aid kit
- ✓ GST

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare or train fare to/from Himachal
- ✗ Personal expenses (tips, laundry, phone calls)
- ✗ Lunches and beverages unless specified
- ✗ Trekking gear rental (boots, poles) – available on request
- ✗ Entry fees where applicable (museums/monastery donations)
- ✗ Insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Any extra activities not specified in the itinerary

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Shimla — Settle In & Evening Stroll

Arrive at your arrival point (Chandigarh/Delhi by train or flight) and drive to Shimla (approx. 3.5–4.5 hours from Chandigarh). Check in to your hotel, rest and acclimatize. In the evening, enjoy a leisurely walk along the Mall Road, with time for local snacks and shopping. Tip: Keep hydrated and take it easy the first evening to adapt to altitude and travel fatigue.

Day

2

Shimla Highlights & Short Nature Walk

Explore the colonial charm of Shimla: visit The Ridge, Christ Church, and the Vice Regal Lodge (photo stop). After lunch, take a short nature walk to Gaiety Theatre area or an optional yak ride/photo opportunity. Evening free for local markets.

Day

3

Drive to Dharamshala via Mandi — Evening in McLeod Ganj

Depart early for Dharamshala / McLeod Ganj (approx. 6–7 hours). En route enjoy panoramic views of the Beas and mountain vistas; quick stops at scenic viewpoints and local temples in Mandi. Arrive McLeod Ganj, check in, and attend an evening puja or cultural program if available.

Day

4

Dharamshala: Monastery Visits & Cultural Walk

Spend the day exploring the Tibetan cultural heart: visit the Tsuglagkhang Complex / Dalai Lama Temple, Namgyal Monastery, and the Tibet Museum. Afternoon short hike to Bhagsunag Waterfall and Bhagsu Nag Temple. Tip: Carry a light jacket — hill evenings get chilly.

Day

5

Trek to Triund (Day Trek Option) or Local Trails

Option A (recommended for trekkers): Day trek to Triund (moderate, 4–6 hours round trip) for sweeping views of the Dhauladhar range. Carry water and light snacks. Option B: For non-trekkers, enjoy guided nature walks around McLeod Ganj, visiting local monasteries and cafés. Important: Trek difficulty can vary with weather; trekking gear and sturdy shoes are essential.

Day

6

Drive to Bir Billing — Paragliding & Monastic Peace

Transfer to Bir Billing (approx. 2–3 hours), world-famous for paragliding. On arrival, explore the Tibetan Colony and visit the Chokling Monastery or Tushita Meditation Centre for a peaceful session. Afternoon option for tandem paragliding (bookable locally). Note: Paragliding depends on weather and weight restrictions.

Day

7

Local Trek & Village Walks in Bir

Enjoy a guided easy-to-moderate trek through tea gardens and pine forests around Bir, visiting local hamlets and cafes. Discover the serene monastery life and interact with local Tibetan practitioners. Evening free at leisure – ideal for photography and sunset views over the valley.

Day

8

Drive to Palampur – Tea Gardens & Riverside Relaxation

Drive to Palampur (approx. 1–1.5 hours). Explore sprawling tea estates, the Tashi Jong Monastery (if open), and the tranquil Neugal Khad river area. Evening at leisure with a traditional Himachali dinner. Tip: Try local Himachali cuisine like siddu or dhaam when available.

Day

9

Dalhousie & Khajjiar – Meadows and Departure

Drive to Dalhousie / Khajjiar (approx. 3–4 hours). Spend the day at Khajjiar, often called 'Mini Switzerland of India' – walk the grassy meadows, visit Khajji Nag Temple, and enjoy optional horse rides. Late afternoon depart towards Chandigarh/Pathankot for onward connections. End of the Adventure & Culture Combo 8 Nights package.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? 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.

? 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!

❓ 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.

❓ 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!

❓ 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.

❓ 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.

★ Traveller Reviews



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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