

Highland Pilgrimage 9 Nights: Sacred Sites of Himachal

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Destination
Himachal

Duration
9 Nights 10 Days

Starting from
Rs. 49,200 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Shimla · 2N

↗ Dharamshala / McLeodganj · 3N

↗ Dalhousie · 2N

↗ Kullu / Manikaran / Baijnath · 2N

Overview

A soul-soothing 9 nights / 10 days Himachal Pilgrimage tour package designed to connect you with the spiritual heart of the Himalaya. This itinerary combines iconic temples, serene monasteries, and scenic hill towns to create an immersive Himachal tour package experience. Explore Shimla, Jawalamukhi, Dharamshala / McLeodganj, Kangra & Baijnath, Dalhousie, Khajjiar, and Kullu-Manikaran – all chosen for their sacred importance and serene landscapes.

Highlights:

- Spiritual visits: Jwalamukhi Temple, Baijnath Temple, Manikaran Sahib
- Cultural & contemplative: Dalai Lama Temple Complex, Norbulingka Institute, Kangra Fort
- Scenic hill towns: Shimla, Dalhousie, Khajjiar
- Comfortable stays: 9 nights in carefully selected hotels with devotional and natural settings
- Local insights: Guided temple visits and cultural orientation at each pilgrimage site

This package is ideal for seekers of spiritual tranquility and scenic beauty. Note: temple darshan timings may vary seasonally; plan flexibility in morning schedules.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 9 nights' accommodation in comfortable hotels (twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 5 dinners
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for temple visits
- ✓ Permit/parking and parking charges at pilgrimage sites
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Emergency assistance and 24/7 helpline

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / train fare to/from Himachal
- ✗ Inner line permits (if applicable for specific restricted areas)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, laundry, and telecommunication charges
- ✗ Any extra meals not mentioned above
- ✗ Entry fees for monuments not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Insurance and expenses arising from unforeseen delays or roadblocks

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Shimla & Leisure Evening

Arrive at your pick-up point (Chandigarh/Manali airport or railway station) and drive to Shimla. Check into the hotel and relax. Enjoy an evening stroll on the Mall Road and visit the Christ Church for a peaceful atmosphere. Tip: Keep the first day light to recover from travel and adjust to altitude.

Day

2

Shimla: Jakhu & Local Temples

Morning visit to Jakhu Temple (Hanuman) with panoramic views of the Shivalik ranges. Later explore Viceregal Lodge (exterior) and the local temples of Shimla for a gentle introduction to Himachali devotional culture. Evening free for personal puja or meditation.

Day

3

Journey to Jawalamukhi (Palampur) & Darshan

After breakfast depart for the sacred Jwalamukhi Temple – one of the most revered Himachal pilgrimage sites. Perform darshan at the perpetually flaming shrine and explore nearby devotional spots in Palampur / Kangra valley. Overnight in the Dharamshala region.

Day

4

Dharamshala: Dalai Lama Temple & Bhagsu Nag

Visit the Dalai Lama Temple Complex and the peaceful Namgyal Monastery in McLeodganj. Later, proceed to Bhagsunag Temple & Falls and spend time in contemplative surroundings. Evening visit to local markets for Tibetan handicrafts. Note: Respect monastery silence rules during prayer hours.

Day

5

Norbulingka Institute, Kangra Fort & Baijnath Temple

Explore the Norbulingka Institute – a center preserving Tibetan art, followed by a scenic drive to Kangra Fort. In the afternoon, visit the ancient Baijnath Temple (Shiva), an important pilgrimage site with intricate stone carvings. Return to Dharamshala region for overnight.

Day

6

Transfer to Dalhousie & Local Sightseeing

Drive to Dalhousie, set among deodar forests. Check-in and visit St. John's Church, Panchpula, and the colonial-era walkways. Evening at leisure – perfect for reflection and quiet rituals.

Day

7

Khajjiar Excursion — 'Mini Switzerland' & Temple Visit

Short drive to Khajjiar, often called 'Mini Switzerland'. Enjoy the meadow and visit the Khajji Nag Temple — a serene local shrine. Return to Dalhousie for a relaxed evening and optional group aarti.

Day

8

Drive to Kullu Valley & Manikaran

Depart early for Kullu. En route enjoy views of the Beas River and Himalayan valleys. Arrive at Manikaran Sahib — an important Sikh pilgrimage site famed for hot springs and gurudwara langar. Overnight in Kullu/Manali region or nearby stay.

Day

9

Baijnath Revisit / Local Temples & Spiritual Evenings

Use this day for deeper darshan at Baijnath (if you prefer a quieter visit) or to explore additional temples in the Kullu valley such as local Shiva shrines. Evening includes a guided devotional session or optional group satsang to round off the pilgrimage energy.

Day

10

Departure — Transfer to Chandigarh/Delhi

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Chandigarh/Pathankot/Delhi for your onward journey. Tip: Allow buffer time for mountain traffic; pre-book drop transfers to meet train/flight schedules.

? 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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