

Spiti Monastic Heritage 7 Nights: Ancient Gompas & Cultural Immersion

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Destination
Himachal

Duration
7 Nights 8 Days

Starting from
Rs. 43,300 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ Shimla · 1N

↖ Sangla · 1N

↖ Kalpa · 1N

↖ Tabo / Nako · 1N

↖ Kaza · 3N

Overview

Explore the high-altitude deserts, centuries-old gompas and living Buddhist traditions with this immersive Himachal tour package. Designed for culture lovers and light-adventure seekers, this Himachal Adventure tour package covers the spiritual heart of Spiti Valley across 8 days and 7 nights. Journey through scenic mountain roads, crystal-clear high-altitude lakes and remote villages while experiencing the monastic heritage of Tabo, Kaza, Key Monastery, Dhankar and more.

Highlights:

- Ancient Gompas: Tabo Monastery, Key Monastery, Dhankar Monastery
- High-altitude Villages: Kaza, Langza, Hikkim, Komic
- Scenic Passes & Valleys: Kunzum La, Pin Valley National Park
- Cultural Immersion & Local Life in traditional Spitian villages
- Photography & Paleontology: Fossils at Langza and panoramic vistas

This 7 and 8 Himachal Adventure tour package is ideal between June and October (weather permitting). Prepare for long drive days and high-altitude conditions – acclimatization and flexibility are essential.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation: 7 nights in twin/double rooms on standard/heritage category as chosen
- ✓ Meals: Daily breakfast (select packages may include some dinners)
- ✓ Transport: Arrival-to-departure private vehicle (SUV/Innova/Tempo Traveller depending on group size) with experienced driver
- ✓ Sightseeing & Local Guide: Local guide for key monastic sites (Tabo/Dhankar/Key) as mentioned
- ✓ Permits & Road Taxes: Required inner-line permits and road permits (where applicable)
- ✓ Driver Allowance & Parking: All driver allowances, tolls, parking and fuel for the itinerary
- ✓ Emergency Support: First aid kit and 24/7 operator support
- ✓ Taxes: Applicable government taxes included
- ✓

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Shimla / Manali and return
- ✗ Meals not mentioned (lunches, dinners unless specified in selected package)
- ✗ Personal expenses: drinks, laundry, phone, tips, camera fees
- ✗ Travel insurance and evacuation charges
- ✗ Monument entry fees not listed as included and any additional local guide fees
- ✗ Extra nights, early check-in/late check-out charges
- ✗ Any costs incurred due to road closures, landslides, weather-related delays (client to bear)
- ✗ Recommendation: Purchase high-altitude travel insurance and carry essential medications. Ensure flexible travel dates during the shoulder seasons.

Note: Specific inclusions can be customized on request.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Shimla & Orientation

Arrival & Welcome: Arrive at Shimla (by road/rail/air transfer as per arrival). Meet your driver and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a relaxed evening walk along the Mall Road to acclimatize and witness colonial-era architecture.

Important: Ensure you rest well – the next days involve long mountain drives. Hotel check-in and a short briefing about the Spiti route with your driver guide.

Day

2

Shimla to Sangla (Baspa Valley) – Scenic Drive into Kinnaur

Drive from Shimla to Sangla through breathtaking apple orchards, terraced fields and riverside hamlets. En route visit small mountain towns, local markets and scenic viewpoints. Evening at leisure in Sangla – enjoy views of the Baspa River and surrounding peaks.

Tip: Carry warm layers for the evening and keep cameras ready for valley vistas.

Day

3

Sangla to Kalpa – Traditional Villages & Panoramic Views

After breakfast, explore nearby villages like Chitkul (seasonal) or stroll through Sangla. Continue to Kalpa, the heart of the Kinnaur range with spectacular views of Kinnaur Kailash. Visit local apple orchards and the charming stone houses in Kalpa village.

Note: Roads narrow in places; expect picturesque but winding drives.

Day

4

Kalpa to Tabo via Nako – Entering Spiti Valley

Depart Kalpa early for the long drive into Spiti. Cross high passes and contrast-rich landscapes to reach Nako and then Tabo. On arrival in Tabo, check in and visit the UNESCO-heritage-like Tabo Monastery, known for its ancient wall paintings and stuccos – a highlight of this Himachal Adventure package.

Important: Carry necessary permit documents and maintain hydration at altitude.

Day

5

Explore Tabo and Dhankar – Monastic Traditions

Spend the morning exploring Tabo Monastery in depth with a local guide, learning about its 1000-year-old murals. Later drive up to Dhankar Monastery (perched dramatically on a cliff) and visit Dhankar Lake and the nearby old fortress-cum-village.

Highlight: Spectacular cliff-top panoramas and immersive monastic culture make this a cornerstone of the Spiti Monastic Heritage experience.

Day

6

Kaza Local: Key Monastery, Kibber, Langza, Hikkim & Komic

Transfer to Kaza, the administrative hub of Spiti. Full-day exploration of the nearby high-altitude villages: visit Key Monastery (an architectural and spiritual landmark), then head to Kibber for wildlife spotting, Langza for fossils and panoramic photo ops, and the tiny hamlets of Hikkim (home to one of the world's highest post offices) and Komic.

Tip: Carry cash for remote purchases and respect local customs when visiting monasteries.

Day

7

Pin Valley Excursion or Kunzum La & Chandratat (seasonal)

Choose a full-day excursion: either explore Pin Valley National Park (known for ibex, snow leopards in the higher zones and unique trans-Himalayan flora) or, season permitting, drive via Kunzum La to Chandratat – one of Himachal's most iconic high-altitude lakes (requires additional entry/permits). Return to Kaza in the evening for a cultural program or relaxed dinner.

Note: Chandratat trip is seasonal (usually July–September) and involves rough terrain; this is a key feature of the Himachal Adventure package.

Day

8

Return Journey to Shimla / Departure

After breakfast, begin the return journey toward Shimla (or a predetermined drop-off point such as Rampur/Shimla/Manali depending on your booking). Enjoy final mountain landscapes and stop for scenic viewpoints and meals en route. End of the Spiti Monastic Heritage 7 Nights package with hotel drop or onward transfer arrangements.

Important: This is a long drive day – plan onward travel accordingly. Thank your guide and driver for a safe trip through the high Himalayas.

? 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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