

Shimla to Manali 5-Night Scenic Drive: Hill Stations & Valleys

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Destination
Himachal



Duration
5 Nights 6 Days



Starting from
Rs. 20,300 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↩ Shimla · 2N

↩ Manali · 3N

Overview

Discover the best of Himachal with this carefully curated Himachal tour package ideal for families and couples. The Shimla to Manali 5-Night Scenic Drive combines colonial charm, alpine forests, apple orchards, and the snow-capped beauty of the Pir Panjal range. Perfect as a Himachal Family tour package, this itinerary balances relaxed sightseeing in Shimla with adventurous, scenic drives and valley exploration around Manali.

Highlights:

- Shimla Mall Road & Ridge – colonial charm and shopping
- Kufri & Naldehra – panoramic viewpoints and easy family outdoor time
- Scenic drive via Narkanda & Theog – Himalayan vistas en route to Kullu-Manali
- Solang Valley & Rohtang (optional) – adventure playground and snow activities
- Old Manali & Hadimba Temple – local culture and temples

This 5-night, 6-day Himachal Family package is ideal for families seeking both relaxation and light adventure. For snow at Rohtang, check seasonal accessibility and permits.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights (2 nights in Shimla, 3 nights in Manali) on selected basis
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 dinners
- ✓ Transfer from arrival point to Shimla and Shimla to Manali by private vehicle
- ✓ Local sightseeing as per itinerary by private vehicle
- ✓ Experienced local driver and toll/parking charges
- ✓ 24/7 emergency support and travel assistance
- ✓ Ideal for those searching for a Himachal Family Retreat package – family-friendly hotels and activities included.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Flights / Trains to arrival point and from departure point
- ✗ Rohtang Pass permits, entry fees, and additional charges for Rohtang/Atal Tunnel (if visited)
- ✗ Adventure activity charges (paragliding, zorbing, ropeway) and optional excursions
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, laundry, telephone calls
- ✗ Travel insurance and medical expenses
- ✗ Note: Permit requirements and peak-season supplements may apply for certain segments (Rohtang). Book in advance for peak holiday dates.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Shimla — Settle in and Leisurely Walk

Arrive at Shimla (by road/train/air to Chandigarh or Kalka + toy train option). Transfer to the hotel, check-in and relax. Spend the evening exploring the Mall Road and the Ridge. Enjoy colonial architecture, local crafts, and cafés. Light walking — good for families and those acclimating to the altitude.

Day

2

Shimla Sightseeing — Kufri & Naldehra Excursion

After breakfast, take a half-day excursion to Kufri for panoramic views of the Himalayas and easy outdoor activities suitable for all ages. On the return, stop at Naldehra to see the scenic golf course and pine forests. Afternoon at leisure in Shimla; consider visiting the Viceregal Lodge or local markets. Carry warm layers; weather can be crisp even in summer.

Day

3

Scenic Drive to Manali — Via Narkanda and Rampur

Check out after breakfast and begin the scenic drive from Shimla to Manali. Travel through Narkanda (great photo stops) and descend via apple orchards near Rampur and Kullu valley. Arrive in Manali by evening, check-in and unwind. This stretch is a highlight of the Himachal tour package — expect stunning valley vistas.

Day

4

Manali Local Sightseeing — Hadimba Temple & Old Manali

Spend the day exploring Manali: visit the ancient Hadimba Temple, stroll through the cedar forests, and explore Old Manali's cafés, shops, and riverside walks. Option for a short visit to Vashisht Hot Springs and the local market. A relaxed day suitable for families with kids.

Day

5

Solang Valley Adventure — Optional Rohtang Pass (Seasonal)

After breakfast, drive to Solang Valley for adventure activities: zorbing, paragliding (seasonal), ropeway, and snow play in winter. For those who want a snow experience, proceed to Rohtang Pass (subject to permits and seasonal accessibility) — a must for snow lovers. Return to Manali for the evening. Rohtang requires advance permits and may be closed due to weather; plan accordingly.

Day

6

Departure from Manali — Return Journey

Check out after breakfast. Depending on your onward travel plans, either begin your drive back to Chandigarh/Delhi or continue onward in Himachal. Sightseeing stops en route can be arranged (Kullu handicraft stops, local viewpoint photo breaks). Ensure travel time is planned with rest breaks for a comfortable family retreat.

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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