

Classic Himachal Delight

📅 7 Nights / 8 Days

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Overview

Experience the majestic charm of North India’s most iconic destinations on this 8-day Classic Himachal Delight tour. Journey through the picturesque hill stations of Shimla and Manali, soaking in the lush valleys and snowy peaks. Explore the lively Kufri and the thrilling Solang Valley for adventure and scenic beauty. Then, discover the spiritual serenity of Amritsar with a visit to the stunning Golden Temple, a symbol of peace and devotion. This tour blends nature, culture, and spirituality perfectly, offering family-friendly experiences and comfortable stays along the way.

Highlights

- 🏰 Golden Temple visit in Amritsar
- 🌄 Scenic Kufri excursions
- 🏂 Adventure at Solang Valley
- 🏰 Exploring Shimla’s colonial charm
- 🏡👨👩👧👦 Family-friendly activities
- 🚗 Comfortable transfers throughout
- 🍽️ Delicious local meals included

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival and Drive to Shimla - Welcome to the Mountains

Your journey begins with a warm reception at Delhi or Chandigarh, where our representative greets you for a scenic road trip into the lap of the Himalayas. As you drive through lush countryside and ascending hills, the chaos of the city slowly fades behind you, replaced by the whispering pines, crisp mountain air, and breathtaking views. By late afternoon or evening, you'll arrive in Shimla, the legendary summer capital of British India.
Check in to your hotel nestled in the serene hills. After a brief rest, step out to explore Mall Road, the bustling heart of Shimla lined with colonial buildings, cozy cafes, and curio shops. Feel the mountain breeze on your face as you gaze at the illuminated skyline and distant snow peaks. Grab a hot cup of chai or apple cider, and let the magic of Himachal slowly wrap around you. This is your soft landing into the world of scenic beauty and warm hospitality.

Day 2 - Discovering Shimla - Heritage Strolls & Hilltop Views

Wake up to a refreshing mountain morning and begin your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel. Step out for a guided tour through the elegant colonial-era architecture that makes Shimla so timeless. Start at The Ridge, a cultural and social hub offering panoramic views of the snow-covered Himalayas. Admire the grand Christ Church, then walk to Scandal Point and browse through the quaint lanes of Lakkar Bazaar, famous for handcrafted wooden souvenirs.
Later, take the scenic Jakhoo Ropeway up to Jakhoo Temple, perched atop a hill and dedicated to Lord Hanuman. As you stand beside the towering statue overlooking the valley, soak in the peaceful spiritual energy. In the evening, unwind at your leisure — perhaps enjoy a Himachali thali at a local restaurant or sip warm cocoa as the hills glow under twilight.

Day 3 - Kufri Excursion - A Day in Alpine Bliss

After breakfast, gear up for a memorable day trip to the charming hill retreat of Kufri, located just 16 km from Shimla. As you ascend, the road winds through deodar forests and open meadows until it opens up to panoramic snow-capped

vistas. Kufri is a delight for all ages, offering a blend of peaceful landscapes and exciting experiences.
Visit Kufri Fun World, one of the world's highest amusement parks, and take in breathtaking views while enjoying rides and activities. Try a pony ride through forest trails to Mahasu Peak, and during winters, play in the snow or try beginner-level skiing and sledding. Return to Shimla by evening, with hearts full of laughter and unforgettable alpine memories.

Day 4 - Journey to Manali - Valleys, Villages & Riverscapes

Post breakfast, say goodbye to Shimla and begin your scenic drive to Manali — one of Himachal's most cherished destinations. The route winds through terraced hillsides, pine forests, and riverside hamlets. Pause en route at the spectacular Pandoh Dam and the bustling Kullu Shawl Factory, where you can shop for handwoven woolens.

Optional: Add an adrenaline-pumping twist to your day with white-water rafting in Kullu (seasonal). Continue your journey along the Beas River, and as you approach Manali, feel the crispness in the air grow stronger. Check into your cozy riverside hotel or resort and relax to the sound of gushing water and rustling pines under starlit skies.

Day 5 - Solang Valley Excursion - Adventure in the Himalayas

Fuel up with breakfast and prepare for a thrilling day at Solang Valley, a favorite destination for both adventure lovers and nature admirers. Located just 14 km from Manali, this wide-open valley offers jaw-dropping views of glaciers and snowy peaks.
Choose from a range of optional adventure activities including paragliding, snow biking, cable car rides, zorbing, and more. During winters, the valley turns into a white wonderland perfect for snowball fights, sledding, and making memories with family or friends. Whether you're soaring through the sky or quietly admiring the peaks, Solang leaves a lasting impression on your spirit. Return to Manali by late afternoon for a peaceful evening of rest or riverside café hopping.

Day 6 - Manali Sightseeing - Temples, Trails & Tranquility

Start your day with a spiritual touch at the ancient Hadimba Temple, set amidst towering deodar trees. Built in traditional Himachali style, the temple exudes mystical vibes and is surrounded by serene walking trails. Next, visit the sacred Manu Temple, dedicated to the sage who is said to be the creator of the human race.
Wander through the bohemian lanes of Old Manali, where traditional wooden homes meet backpacker cafés, tattoo parlors, and local artisan shops. Grab lunch at a riverside café, try freshly grilled trout or wood-fired pizza, and sip on herbal teas. Optional: Relax in the Vashisht hot springs or take a short hike to Jogini Falls. It's a day to slow down and connect with Manali's tranquil soul.

Day 7 - Drive to Amritsar - From Peaks to the Punjab Plains

Wake up early and enjoy your last breakfast in the hills before heading to the plains of Punjab. Today's journey takes you from the quiet Himalayas to the vibrant city of Amritsar (approx. 8-9 hrs drive). Watch the landscapes shift dramatically from mountain passes to golden wheat fields as you cruise through Himachal and into Punjab.
Upon arrival, head straight to the iconic Golden Temple to witness the serene and spiritual Palki Sahib ceremony. As the golden structure glows in the night, reflecting over the holy waters, the atmosphere fills with chants, devotion, and peace. End the evening with a visit to the langar hall — a humbling and beautiful communal dining experience.

Day 8 - Amritsar Local & Departure - A Grand Finale

On your final day, enjoy a wholesome breakfast before diving into Amritsar's rich history. Visit the emotional landmark of Jallianwala Bagh, a peaceful garden commemorating a powerful chapter of India's freedom movement. Stroll through Hall Bazaar for traditional juttis, phulkari embroidery, and Punjabi spices.
If time permits, drive to the Wagah Border to witness the electrifying Beating Retreat ceremony, a patriotic spectacle full of energy, pride, and emotion. Finally, transfer to Amritsar Airport or Railway Station with unforgettable memories of misty hills, vibrant culture, and soulful

moments from your Classic Himachal Delight.

Accommodation Used