



# Go4Explore

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## **Description**

Bordering with Tibet and home to some of the oldest Buddhist monasteries in the Himalayas, Spiti is a cold desert mountain valley, sparsely populated region located in the northeastern part of Himachal Pradesh. The terms 'Spiti' means 'The Middle Land' - the land between Tibet and India. Snow laden landscapes and sub-zero temperatures, road trip to Himachal's Spiti Valley is a once in a lifetime experience. Decorated with beautiful villages, welcoming locals and their 1000 year old culture, Spiti road trip during winters is all about never-ending adventure and white blanket of snow. Come and experience with us as we travel to Himachal's cold desert.

## **Itinerary**

### **Day 0 - Delhi to Shimla | The Expedition Begins**

Assemble at the boarding point in Delhi - RK Ashram Metro Station/Majnu Ka Tila. Start an overnight journey to Shimla and socialize with your co-travellers.

### **Day 1 - Sarahan & Bhimakali Temple**

After arriving in Shimla, we will take a halt near Kufri or Narkanda for breakfast and soak in the much-needed #mountainvibes. Post breakfast, we will drive ahead to reach Sarahan.

After arriving in Sarahan, check in to our cozy homestay/hotel, freshen-up and have some leisure.

Quickly, we will head out to seek blessings at the sacred Bhimakali Temple - the local deity of Sarahan village. Feel free to take a stroll around this sleepy village also known as 'Gateway to Kinnaur'.

In the evening, return back to your comfy abode, savour home-style cooked dinner and overnight stay in a homestay/hotel.

### **Day 2 - India's Last Village : Chitkul | Sangla Valley**

Wake up early in the morning and post breakfast, we will drive ahead from Sarahan to reach the Sangla/Chitkul - the last Indian village before the Indo-Tibetan border.

After arriving in Chitkul, take a stroll around the village and visit Mathi Temple dedicated to the Goddess of the local people of Kinnaur. Treat your stomach with a satisfying plate of steamy momos or *rajma chawal* at '*Hindustan Ka Akhri Dhaba*'. What can be more magical than relaxing near the pristine Baspa River? A perfect location in the lap of majestic Himalayas to disconnect from the urban madness and connect with nature.

Post exploration, check in to our cozy homestay/hotel in Chitkul/Sangla, freshen-up and have some leisure.

In the evening, enjoy a warm bonfire, savour home-style cooked dinner and overnight stay in a homestay/hotel.

### **Day 3 - Ajanta of Himalayas : Tabo**

Wake up early in the morning and post breakfast, drive from Chitkul/Sangla to Tabo village - home to the oldest Buddhist monastery located in Spiti Valley. Get mesmerized by the shape-shifting landscapes of snowy mountains with every turn.

Enroute we will explore the sleepy Nako village, and visit the famous Nako Lake and Monastery.

After arriving in Tabo village, take a walk inside the Tabo Monastery and learn about the history of this Tibetan spiritual site also known as 'Ajanta of Himalayas'. Interact with the Buddhist monks in the monastery or village locals of Tabo if you feel like.

Savour home-style cooked dinner and overnight stay in a homestay/hotel.

### **Day 4 - A Day On Road | Exploring Dhankar, Langza, Komic & Hikkim Villages**

The day you waited for so long on this Winter Spiti expedition is finally here. Post breakfast, drive from Tabo to Kaza along the frozen Spiti river, for an action packed exploration of various monasteries & villages nestled in Spiti Valley.

Enroute Kaza, we will take a halt at Dhankar Village, interact with the Buddhist monks residing in cliff top Dhankar Monastery.

Visit Spiti's gorgeous fossil village Langza and get clicked with the iconic statue of Medicine Buddha with your clan. Feel proud for making it to the World's highest motorable village Komic and absorb in the jaw dropping vistas of snow-laden Himalayas. The day will come to end at Hikkim village known for its World's highest post office.

After arriving in Kaza, check in to our cozy homestay, freshen-up and have some leisure. Savour home-style cooked dinner and overnight stay in a homestay.

#### **Day 5 - Julley Kaza | Ki Monastery, Chicham & Kibber Villages**

Wake to a peaceful mountain morning in your homely abode in Kaza offering stunning views of snowy mountains. Post breakfast, quickly head out to visit the biggest and most popular Buddhist monastery nestled in the gorgeous Spiti Valley - Ki Monastery. Spend quality time speaking to the monks or sip a cup of herbal tea in Ki Monastery's kitchen.

Explore the Kibber village - home to snow leopard and various other wildlife species like Himalayan Ibex and Red Fox to name a few. Take some #InstaPerfect shots at Chicham Bridge - Asia's highest suspension bridge connecting the peaceful Kibber village.

In the evening, return to your cozy rooms in Kaza and have some leisure. Savour home-style cooked dinner and overnight stay in a homestay.

#### **Day 6 - The Kinnaur Kailash**

Wake up early in the morning and post breakfast, bid adieu to Kaza and the mighty Spiti Valley and drive towards Kalpa located in Kinnaur region.

After arriving in Kalpa, visit the famous Roghi (suicide-point) and treat your eyes with the mind blowing view of the holy Kinnaur Kailash. Take a stroll in the beautiful Kalpa village, visit Hu-Ba-Lan-Kar Monastery and Chandika Devi Fort.

In the evening, feel free to explore and sip a cup of hot coffee with your clan in Reckong Peo's local market. Don't miss out on a plate of hot momos and delicious thukpas.

Check in to our cozy hotel, freshen-up and have some leisure. Enjoy the last night of the trip with your clan. Savour home-style cooked dinner and overnight stay in a hotel.

#### **Day 7 - The Expedition Ends**

Wake to a stunning view of the snow-covered Kinnaur Kailash range and post breakfast, drive from Kalpa to Shimla.

Start off your overnight journey from Shimla to Delhi and reach Delhi next morning with lots of amazing memories and unforgettable experiences.

### **Important Note**

Access to high altitude regions of Spiti Valley, especially Hikkim, Komic, Langza villages & Chitkul/Sangla in Kinnaur region etc may be blocked due to excessive snow-fall during winter season. Hence, the visit to these locations is weather-dependent. In such a case, we will look for the best possible alternatives, as feasible.

Travellers residing outside Delhi are suggested to book trains/flights reaching Delhi not later than 4 PM on the trip start date. Similarly, on the trip end date, it is advised to book returning trains/flights leaving post 2 PM.

Numerous factors such as weather, road conditions, the physical ability of participants etc. may cause itinerary change. We reserve the rights to change any schedule in the interest of safety, comfort and general wellbeing as per the call taken by locals, the driver and your trip leader.

### **Package Inclusions**

- Transportation: Delhi to Shimla and back (AC Semi-Sleeper Volvo/Bharatbenz) and Force Traveler at all other times.
- Accommodation on Sharing Basis: Hotels & Homestays.
- Experienced and cool trip leader.
- Explorations and activities.
- Meals: Dinner (6), Breakfast (6).
- Driver allowances, toll taxes, parking, state taxes.

### **Package Exclusions**

- Any extra meals and stay arrangements apart from the ones mentioned under inclusions as per the itinerary.
- Travel Insurance, items of a personal nature like portorage, tips, laundry etc.
- Any inner line permits/environmental permits, entry fees, extra expenses for optional activities or tickets, unless quoted in Inclusions.
- Any other costing involved due to circumstances like natural calamity, weather

conditions, riots, roadblocks, landslides or any other forced circumstances which are out of our control.

- Anything which is not mentioned in the above inclusions.
- GST (5%) is applicable extra.

### **Things To Pack**

- Waterproof and good quality backpack or rucksack is recommended over trolley bags since you'll be changing multiple accommodations during the entire trip.
- Warm woolen jackets/sweaters, air/water resistant jackets, body thermal wears, gloves, caps and extra pairs of socks to protect yourself from wind chill and low temperatures.
- Sunglasses, comfortable clothing and sports shoes.
- Personal water bottle (avoid single-use plastic) to avoid dehydration issues.
- Quick snacks for journeys like dry fruits, biscuits, chocolates, energy bars, glucose sachets.
- Personal care items, sunscreen lotion (prefer SPF30 or higher), lip balm, toiletries, wet wipes and hand sanitizer.
- Diamox (altitude sickness drug), camphor tablets, medicines for motion sickness, fever, stomach ache, headache, cold, body pain and any other personal medicines.
- Phone, camera, power banks and photography equipment.
- ATMs and an adequate amount of cash for shopping, cafe visits.
- Personal identity documents like Aadhaar, driving licence, passport, etc, since it is needed while applying for an inner line permit and other security checks.

## About Go4Explore -

Go4Explore is a community of avid travellers badly bitten by the travel bug who curate fun-filled community trips as per your interest and comfort.

•**Road trips** - Sometimes the most scenic roads in life are the detours you didn't mean to take. We organize short and long weekend road trips from Delhi with like-minded people.

•**Himalayan treks** - Walk on trails, camp under million stars, chill beside warm bonfires and gather memories on our well curated treks.

•**Travel meets** - We love meeting new people and sharing mindblowing travel stories. Travel meetups packed with fun and knowledge sessions by skilled-travellers.

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