

Tour Name: Exotic Himachal – Delhi, Shimla, Manali, Dharamshala & Amritsar

Tour Duration: 10 Nights/ 11 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/32cta5pk>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable journey from Delhi to the enchanting Himalayan cities of Shimla, Manali, and Dharamshala, culminating in the sacred city of Amritsar. Start with a half-day tour of Delhi's iconic sites before heading to Shimla, where colonial charm meets breathtaking mountain vistas. In Manali, explore scenic landscapes and adventure spots, while Dharamshala offers a spiritual retreat with its Tibetan culture and the residence of the Dalai Lama. Conclude in Amritsar, home to the Golden Temple and Jallianwala Bagh, witnessing rich history and spiritual depth. This tour blends cultural heritage, natural beauty, and spiritual experiences for an enriching journey through Northern India.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.
- In the afternoon, embark on a half-day city tour of New Delhi. Visit Qutub Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the tallest brick minaret in the world, known for its intricate carvings and historical significance.
- Explore Humayun's Tomb, another UNESCO World Heritage site and a masterpiece of Mughal architecture with its symmetrical garden layout, reflecting pools, and red sandstone mausoleum.
- Drive past Lutyens' Delhi, named after the British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, showcasing grand colonial-era architecture and wide, tree-lined boulevards.
- Return to your hotel for relaxation after your journey, soaking in the cultural and historical richness of Delhi.

Day 2: Delhi - Shimla (364kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Shimla, enjoying a scenic drive through the picturesque Himalayan foothills, passing through quaint towns and lush green landscapes.

- En route, visit Pinjore Gardens (Yadavindra Gardens), an ancient Mughal garden dating back to the 17th century. Marvel at its cascading fountains, trimmed lawns, and terraced gardens, providing a serene start to your journey.
- Continue your drive to Shimla, the former summer capital of British India, nestled amidst the towering hills of Himachal Pradesh. Check-in at your hotel upon arrival.

Day 3: Shimla

- After breakfast, embark on a full day of exploring Shimla's rich heritage and natural beauty.
- Begin with a visit to the mall Road, Shimla's iconic promenade lined with colonial-era buildings, shops, and restaurants, offering panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.
- Explore Christ Church, located on the Ridge, known for its stunning stained-glass windows and neo-Gothic architecture that transports visitors back to the British Raj era.
- Visit the Viceregal Lodge (Rashtrapati Niwas), a majestic structure built in Scottish baronial style, once the summer residence of the British viceroys. Explore its grand interiors and well-maintained gardens that overlook the Shimla valley.
- Continue to the State Museum, which houses a fascinating collection of artifacts, sculptures, paintings, and coins depicting the rich cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh. The museum provides insights into the history, art, and traditions of the region.
- Take a leisurely stroll to Scandal Point, a historic square where locals and tourists gather to enjoy stunning views of the Himalayas and discuss local gossip and legends.
- Optionally, visit Jakhoo Temple, dedicated to Lord Hanuman and situated atop Jakhoo Hill. The temple offers not only spiritual solace but also panoramic views of Shimla town and the surrounding pine forests.

Day 4: Shimla - Manali (257kms)

- Enjoy breakfast before departing for Manali, a scenic journey that winds through the lush valleys and towering peaks of the Himalayas.
- En route, visit Kullu Valley, famous for its picturesque landscapes, sprawling apple orchards, and vibrant local markets offering handcrafted woolens and handicrafts.
- Check-in at your hotel in Manali and relax amidst the serene surroundings.

Day 5: Manali

- After breakfast, visit Hadimba Devi Temple, an ancient wooden temple nestled amidst serene cedar forests, dedicated to Goddess Hadimba Devi, offering a tranquil retreat and beautiful architectural details.
- Explore Manu Temple, located in Old Manali, dedicated to Sage Manu, the progenitor of human civilization according to Hindu mythology, offering panoramic views of the valley and the Beas River.
- Visit the Museum of Himachal Culture & Folk Art, showcasing a rich collection of artifacts, costumes, utensils, and musical instruments depicting the cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh, providing insights into the region's traditions and lifestyles.
- Proceed to Vashisht Village to visit Vashisht Temple and Vashisht Hot Water Springs, known for their therapeutic properties and serene surroundings. Take a dip in the natural hot springs and relax amidst the picturesque village setting.
- Enjoy a leisurely walk along the Mall Road, Manali's bustling hub lined with shops, cafes, and local markets offering souvenirs, handicrafts, and woolen garments. Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere and soak in the local culture.

Day 6: Manali

- After breakfast, embark on an excursion to Solang Valley, renowned for its adventure activities such as paragliding, zorbing, and skiing (seasonal). The valley's picturesque landscapes and snow-capped peaks offer an adrenaline-filled experience amidst natural beauty.
- Visit Rohtang Pass (subject to availability and weather conditions), a high-altitude mountain pass that offers breathtaking views of the Himalayan glaciers and snowfields. It is a popular destination for snow activities and photography enthusiasts.

Day 7: Manali - Dharamshala (230kms)

- Have breakfast at the hotel and proceed to Dharamshala, the spiritual home of the Tibetan leader, the Dalai Lama.
- Visit the Norbulingka Institute, dedicated to preserving Tibetan art and culture. Explore its workshops, gardens, and temple complex that reflect traditional Tibetan architecture and craftsmanship.
- Check-in at your hotel in Dharamshala and unwind amidst the serene surroundings.

Day 8: Dharamshala

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore McLeod Ganj, a vibrant Tibetan settlement and the residence of the 14th Dalai Lama. Begin your visit at the Tsuglagkhang Complex, which houses the Namgyal Monastery, the personal monastery of the Dalai Lama. Witness Buddhist monks chanting prayers and soak in the serene atmosphere of devotion.
- Visit the Tibetan Museum within the Tsuglagkhang Complex, displaying artifacts related to Tibetan history, culture, and the Tibetan diaspora. Gain insights into the Tibetan struggle and the preservation of Tibetan heritage.
- Explore the Kalachakra Temple within the complex, dedicated to the Kalachakra teachings of Tibetan Buddhism. Admire the intricate artwork and symbolism that adorn the temple walls.
- Proceed to Bhagsu Nag Temple, an ancient Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its historical significance and spiritual ambiance. Participate in the morning prayers and witness the rituals performed by devotees.
- Visit Bhagsu Waterfall, a scenic cascade located a short hike away from Bhagsu Nag Temple. Enjoy the tranquil surroundings and the natural beauty of the waterfall, which offers a refreshing escape amidst lush greenery.
- Optionally, embark on a short hike to Triund, a popular trekking destination known for its panoramic views of the Dhauladhar mountain range and the Kangra Valley. Trek through pine forests and alpine meadows to reach Triund, where you can savor breathtaking vistas and enjoy a picnic lunch amidst nature's splendor.
- Return to Dharamshala in the evening, reflecting on the spiritual and natural wonders experienced throughout the day.

Day 9: Dharamshala - Amritsar (210kms)

- Enjoy breakfast and depart for Amritsar, a city known for its rich Sikh heritage and the iconic Golden Temple.
- Visit the Wagah Border to witness the ceremonial Beating Retreat and the flag-lowering ceremony conducted by the Border Security Force (BSF) and Pakistan Rangers at sunset.
- Check-in at your hotel in Amritsar and relax amidst the cultural vibrancy of Punjab.

Day 10: Amritsar - Delhi (Train No. 12032, AMRITSAR SHTBDI, 1650/ 2315)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.

- Visit the Golden Temple, the holiest shrine of Sikhism, renowned for its stunning golden architecture, serene sarovar (sacred pool), and the tranquil spiritual ambiance. Participate in the community kitchen (langar), where volunteers serve free meals to thousands of visitors daily.
- Explore Jallianwala Bagh, a historic public garden that commemorates the tragic massacre of innocent civilians by British troops in 1919. Walk through the garden and visit the memorial, reflecting on the impactful history.
- Visit the Partition Museum, dedicated to the memory of the partition of India in 1947. The museum showcases personal stories, artifacts, and exhibitions that provide a deep insight into the human impact of partition.
- Head to the Durgiana Temple, often compared to the Golden Temple for its similar architectural style. This Hindu temple is dedicated to Goddess Durga and is an important religious site in Amritsar.
- Visit the Gobindgarh Fort, a historic military fort turned cultural hub. Explore the museum, enjoy cultural performances, and witness the history of Punjab brought to life through light and sound shows.
- Transfer to the railway station for your train journey back to Delhi, reflecting on the rich cultural and historical experiences of Amritsar.

Day 11: Delhi - Departure

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Depending on your departure time, explore more of Delhi's iconic landmarks such as Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb, or Akshardham Temple, reflecting the city's rich history and architectural marvels.
- Transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your memorable tour of the exotic Himalayan cities.

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Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,856	1,541	1,357	1,426	1,277	1,262	1,179	1,117
4★ Deluxe	3,316	1,756	1,571	1,641	1,492	1,477	1,394	1,332
5★ Luxury	4,601	2,543	2,205	2,275	2,126	2,111	2,028	1,966

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 455 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 700 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,351

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 62 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 81 | 5★ Luxury: USD 176

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 10 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- AC Train ticket from Amritsar - Delhi
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.

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- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 10 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Shimla x 2 nights: Toshali Royal View/ Hotel Willow Banks
- Manali x 3 nights: De Vivendi Resort/ Snowcrest Manor
- Dharamsala x 2 nights: Nibaana/ The Divine Hima
- Amritsar x 1 night: Golden Sarovar Portico/ The Fern Residency

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Shimla x 2 nights: Clarks Hotel/ Radisson Blu
- Manali x 3 nights: Manuallaya - The Resort Spa/ Tiaraa Hotels & Resorts
- Dharamsala x 2 nights: Fortune Park Moksha/ Adivaha
- Amritsar x 1 night: Ramada by Wyndham/ Regenta Place

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Shimla x 2 nights: The Oberoi Cecil/ Taj Theog Resort & Spa
- Manali x 3 nights: Baragarh Resort & Spa, Manali - IHCL SeleQtions
- Dharamsala x 2 nights: Radisson Blu Resort/ Hyatt Regency Resort
- Amritsar x 1 night: Hyatt Hotel/ Holiday Inn Amritsar Ranjit Avenue

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Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- Rate Modifications: Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust

the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.

- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.