

Tour Name: The Hill Stations of North India & Golden Temple Tour

Tour Duration: 12 Nights/ 13 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/hdn3jus4>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable journey with our "North India Expedition: Mountains, Monasteries, and Monuments" tour. Begin in Delhi, where you'll explore iconic landmarks like Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb. Journey through the Himalayan foothills to Shimla, soaking in colonial charm at Viceregal Lodge and Mall Road. In Manali, discover ancient temples and adventure in Solang Valley. Continue to Palampur for tea estate tours and Tibetan monasteries, then explore Dharamshala's Kangra Art Museum and serene Dal Lake. Conclude with Amritsar's Golden Temple and the vibrant Wagah Border Ceremony, blending spirituality and cultural diversity in one captivating expedition through North India.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Upon arrival in Delhi, transfer to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel and take some time to relax after your journey.

Day 2: Delhi Exploration

- After a fulfilling breakfast at the hotel, embark on exploring the vibrant city of Delhi.
- Qutub Minar: Marvel at this 73-meter-tall minaret, an architectural marvel of the Mughal era, adorned with intricate carvings and inscriptions. Explore the surrounding Qutub Complex, including the Iron Pillar, known for its rust-resistant composition.
- Humayun's Tomb: Explore the stunning UNESCO World Heritage site, known as the first garden-tomb in India, blending Persian and Mughal architectural styles. Wander through its lush gardens and marvel at the mausoleum's grandeur, a precursor to the Taj Mahal.
- India Gate: Pay homage at this war memorial dedicated to Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during World War I. Enjoy a leisurely walk around the expansive lawns, especially delightful during sunset.
- Lotus Temple: Visit the serene Bahá'í House of Worship, notable for its lotus-shaped architecture symbolizing purity and peace. Spend time in meditation or contemplation inside the tranquil prayer hall, open to people of all faiths.

- **Raj Ghat:** Pay respects at the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi, marking the spot of his cremation. Experience the peaceful ambiance of the memorial gardens dedicated to the Father of the Nation.
- **Red Fort:** Discover the majestic fort complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site, showcasing Mughal architecture and history. Explore its palaces, museums, and sprawling courtyards, imagining the grandeur of Mughal emperors.

Day 3: Delhi - Shimla (364km)

- After a hearty breakfast at the hotel, embark on a picturesque journey to Shimla, a charming hill station in the Himalayas.
- **Viceregal Lodge (Rashtrapati Niwas):** Tour this British-era architectural marvel, once the summer residence of the British viceroys, offering panoramic views of Shimla from Observatory Hill. Explore its Gothic-style architecture and well-manicured gardens.
- **The Ridge and Mall Road:** Stroll along Shimla's iconic promenade, The Ridge, known for its panoramic views of the snow-capped Himalayas and colonial-era buildings. Visit the Christ Church, an iconic landmark with beautiful stained glass windows.
- **Jakhu Temple:** Visit the ancient hilltop temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman, offering stunning views of Shimla and the surrounding hills. Look out for playful monkeys that inhabit the area.
- **Shimla State Museum:** Explore the museum showcasing Himachal Pradesh's cultural heritage, featuring collections of ancient sculptures, paintings, and artifacts reflecting the region's history and traditions.

Day 4: Shimla Exploration

- After breakfast at the hotel, continue exploring Shimla's enchanting attractions.
- **Kufri:** Explore this picturesque hill station known for its panoramic views and adventure activities like horse riding and yak rides (seasonal). Visit the Himalayan Nature Park to see local wildlife and vegetation.
- **Christ Church:** Admire the neo-Gothic style architecture of this historic church located on The Ridge, known for its stunning stained-glass windows depicting biblical scenes.
- **Summer Hill:** Visit this quaint hill station offering peaceful walks amidst lush greenery and serene surroundings. Explore the Himachal Pradesh University campus and enjoy scenic views.

- Tara Devi Temple: Trek to the hilltop temple dedicated to Goddess Tara Devi, known for its spiritual ambiance and panoramic views of Shimla and the Shivalik range.

Day 5: Shimla - Manali (310kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, journey to Manali, another picturesque hill station known for its scenic beauty and adventure sports.
- Hadimba Devi Temple: Discover this ancient wooden temple dedicated to Hadimba Devi, surrounded by dense cedar forests, dating back to 1553. Explore the nearby Van Vihar National Park.
- Manu Temple: Visit the sacred site dedicated to Sage Manu, offering spiritual solace amidst serene surroundings near the Manalsu River.
- Old Manali: Explore the rustic village known for its charm, cafes, and local markets offering handicrafts and souvenirs. Visit the Manu Maharishi Temple and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere.

Day 6: Manali Adventures

- After breakfast at the hotel, indulge in various adventure activities and cultural exploration in Manali.
- Solang Valley: Engage in thrilling adventure activities such as paragliding, zorbing, and skiing (seasonal) amidst breathtaking landscapes and snow-capped peaks. Enjoy panoramic views of the Himalayas.
- Rohtang Pass: Drive up to this high mountain pass (subject to availability), offering stunning views of glaciers and snow-capped peaks. Experience snow activities during the season.
- Tibetan Monastery: Discover Tibetan culture and handicrafts at the Gadhan Thekchhokling Gumpa in Manali. Visit the Tibetan Market for unique souvenirs and artifacts.

Day 7: Manali - Palampur (180kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before proceeding to Palampur, known for its lush tea gardens and tranquil atmosphere.
- Palampur Tea Gardens: Take a guided tour of the sprawling tea estates, learning about tea cultivation and savoring fresh brews amidst picturesque landscapes. Visit the Tea Factory for an immersive experience.

- Tashi Jong Monastery: Visit the vibrant Tibetan Buddhist monastery, known for its colorful murals, prayer wheels, and serene meditation halls. Interact with monks and learn about their way of life.
- Andretta Pottery Studio: Explore the pottery studio in the quaint village of Andretta, known for its artistic pottery craftsmanship. Participate in a pottery workshop and create your own masterpiece.

Day 8: Palampur - Dharamshala (50kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, travel to Dharamshala, a spiritual and cultural hub nestled in the Himalayas.
- McLeod Ganj: Explore the vibrant Tibetan settlement and visit the Namgyal Monastery, residence of the Dalai Lama. Explore the Tsuglagkhang Complex, including the Kalachakra Temple.
- Bhagsu Nag Temple and Waterfall: Trek to the ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and witness the majestic Bhagsu waterfall, a serene natural attraction amidst the Dhauladhar range.
- Dharamkot: Visit this small village offering panoramic views of the Himalayas and a tranquil retreat. Explore the Vipassana Meditation Centre and immerse yourself in spirituality.

Day 9: Dharamshala Exploration

- After breakfast at the hotel, discover the cultural and natural wonders of Dharamshala.
- Kangra Art Museum: Discover the rich heritage of the Kangra Valley through artifacts, sculptures, and paintings showcasing the vibrant culture of Himachal Pradesh. Visit the Kangra Fort for historical insights.
- Norbulinka Institute: Visit this Tibetan institute dedicated to preserving Tibetan art and culture, known for its thangka paintings, woodcarving, and handicrafts. Take part in traditional art workshops.
- Dalai Lama Temple Complex: Explore the complex housing the main temple, stupa, and residence of the Dalai Lama, offering insights into Tibetan Buddhism and spiritual teachings.

Day 10: Dharamshala - Amritsar (210kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, travel to Amritsar, home to the iconic Golden Temple and vibrant Sikh culture.

- Golden Temple: Experience spiritual bliss at Sikhism's holiest shrine, beautifully set in the middle of a serene lake, adorned with exquisite gold-covered domes. Partake in langar (community kitchen) and immerse yourself in Sikh traditions.
- Jallianwala Bagh: Pay homage at this memorial commemorating the tragic massacre of innocent civilians by British troops in 1919. Visit the Martyrs' Well and the Flame of Liberty.
- Partition Museum: Explore the museum dedicated to the stories and memories of the Partition of India in 1947, offering insights into a significant historical event. Discover personal accounts and artifacts.

Day 11: Amritsar Sightseeing

- After breakfast at the hotel, explore the historical and cultural landmarks of Amritsar.
- Wagah Border Ceremony: Witness the exhilarating Beating Retreat Ceremony at the India-Pakistan border, a symbol of patriotism and national pride. Enjoy the vibrant cultural performances.
- Maharaja Ranjit Singh Museum: Explore the museum dedicated to Maharaja Ranjit Singh, showcasing artifacts and weapons from his reign. Visit the summer palace, Ram Bagh Palace.
- Hall Bazaar: Stroll through this bustling market known for its traditional Punjabi attire, jewelry, and handicrafts. Indulge in local delicacies at the food stalls.

Day 12: Amritsar - Delhi (450kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, drive back to Delhi, marking the end of your memorable journey through North India.

Day 13: Delhi Departure

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your unforgettable North Indian adventure.

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Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 15 April 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,855	2,055	1,735	1,848	1,641	1,590	1,479	1,395
4★ Deluxe	4,307	2,258	1,938	2,051	1,844	1,793	1,682	1,599
5★ Luxury	6,378	3,423	2,961	3,075	2,867	2,816	2,705	2,622

Single Room Supplement**3★ Standard: USD 557 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 806 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,854****Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)****3★ Standard: USD 78 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 90 | 5★ Luxury: USD 253****Price Includes:**

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 12 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.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight fare.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- 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 12 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Shimla x 3 nights: Toshali Royal View/ Hotel Willow Banks
- Manali x 3 nights: De Vivendi Resort/ Snowcrest Manor
- Palampur x 1 night: RS Sarovar Portico/ Infinitea Tea Garden Resort
- 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 3 nights: Clarks Hotel/ Radisson Blu
- Manali x 3 nights: Manuallaya - The Resort Spa/ Tiaraa Hotels & Resorts
- Palampur x 1 night: Araiya Palampur
- 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 3 nights: The Oberoi Cecil/ Taj Theog Resort & Spa
- Manali x 3 nights: Baragarh Resort & Spa, Manali- IHCL SeleQtions
- Palampur x 1 night: Araiya Palampur
- Dharamsala x 2 nights: Radisson Blu Resort/ Hyatt Regency Resort
- Amritsar x 1 night: Hyatt Hotel/ Holiday Inn Amritsar Ranjit Avenue

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.

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- **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.