

Tour Name: Temples and Hills

Tour Duration: 6 Nights/ 7 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4e8zbfvz>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Temples and Hills," a journey that blends cultural richness with serene mountain retreats. Begin in Delhi, India's bustling capital, where ancient history meets modern vibrancy. Travel to Amritsar, home to the Golden Temple and witness the Wagah Border ceremony. Continue to Dharamsala, nestled in the Himalayan foothills, where Tibetan culture and Buddhist monasteries await. Finally, reach Shimla, the erstwhile British summer capital, renowned for its colonial architecture and panoramic views. This expedition offers a profound exploration of spiritual sanctuaries and scenic splendor amidst the majestic Himalayas.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi, the capital city of India, and transfer to your hotel. Delhi offers a blend of ancient history and modernity, with bustling markets, historic monuments, and vibrant culture.

Day 2: Delhi - Amritsar (Train No. 12925 SWARNA SHATABDI, Departure: 7:20 AM / Arrival: 1:45 PM)

- Transfer to New Delhi Railway Station to board the Swarna Shatabdi Express to Amritsar. Enjoy a comfortable journey through the plains of northern India.
- On arrival in Amritsar, transfer to your hotel and check-in. Amritsar is renowned for its rich Sikh heritage, vibrant bazaars, and warm hospitality.
- Visit the Wagah Border in the evening to witness the famous "Beating Retreat" ceremony, a military practice where Indian and Pakistani soldiers lower their respective national flags.
- Return to your hotel in Amritsar for an overnight stay, immersed in the city's lively atmosphere.

Day 3: Amritsar - Dharamsala (210kms)

- After breakfast, depart for Dharamsala, nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas. The journey offers picturesque views of lush green valleys and serene landscapes.

- Check-in to your hotel in Dharamsala, known for its Tibetan culture and spirituality.
- Visit the Namgyal Monastery, the largest Tibetan monastery outside Tibet, where monks study Buddhist philosophy and conduct prayers.
- Explore the Dalai Lama Temple Complex in McLeod Ganj, including Tsuglagkhang Complex, the spiritual heart of Tibetan Buddhism in exile.
- Visit Bhagsunag Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and trek to Bhagsu Waterfall, a tranquil spot amidst pine forests and cascading waters.
- Return to your hotel in Dharamsala for overnight stay, rejuvenated by the serene Himalayan atmosphere.

Day 4: Dharamsala

- Enjoy breakfast before visiting the Kangra Art Museum, showcasing artifacts of Tibetan and Himalayan culture, including sculptures, pottery, and traditional costumes.
- Optionally, embark on a trek to Triund, a popular trekking destination offering panoramic views of the Dhauladhar Range (subject to weather and fitness level).
- Visit the Tibetan Library, home to rare manuscripts and texts on Tibetan Buddhism and culture.
- Explore St. John in the Wilderness Church, an Anglican church known for its Belgian stained-glass windows and tranquil cemetery.
- Return to your hotel in Dharamsala for overnight stay, reflecting on the cultural and natural beauty of the region.

Day 5: Dharamsala - Shimla (250kms)

- After breakfast, depart for Shimla, the former summer capital of British India, nestled amidst pine-clad hills and scenic vistas.
- Check-in to your hotel in Shimla, a charming hill station known for its colonial architecture and cool climate.
- Visit the Viceregal Lodge, also known as Rashtrapati Niwas, an architectural marvel and former residence of the British Viceroy of India.
- Explore the Himalayan Bird Park, home to various native bird species amidst lush greenery and peaceful surroundings.
- Take a leisurely stroll along Mall Road, Shimla's iconic promenade lined with shops, cafes, and scenic viewpoints.

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- Return to your hotel in Shimla for overnight stay, surrounded by serene Himalayan landscapes.

Day 6: Shimla

- After breakfast, visit Jakhu Temple, dedicated to Lord Hanuman and perched atop Jakhu Hill, offering panoramic views of Shimla.
- Explore Christ Church, a neo-gothic structure known for its magnificent stained-glass windows and serene ambiance.
- Take a ride on the historic Shimla-Kalka Toy Train, a UNESCO World Heritage site, winding through tunnels and verdant hills.
- Visit the Gaiety Theatre and State Museum to delve into Shimla's cultural heritage and colonial history through exhibits and artifacts.
- Enjoy free time to shop for local handicrafts and souvenirs at Lakkar Bazaar, known for its wooden crafts and woolen shawls.
- Return to your hotel in Shimla for overnight stay, reminiscing about the day's explorations.

Day 7: Shimla - Delhi (350kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Shimla before embarking on a scenic drive back to Delhi, traversing through picturesque valleys and rural landscapes.
- En route, visit Pinjore Gardens, a Mughal-style garden known for its cascading fountains, historic structures, and lush greenery.
- Transfer to your hotel in Delhi or to the airport/railway station for your onward journey, concluding the enriching Delhi, Amritsar, Dharamsala & Shimla Private Tour.

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	1,860	1,019	926	951	851	830	775	735
4★ Deluxe	2,246	1,220	1,126	1,152	1,052	1,030	976	936
5★ Luxury	2,981	1,724	1,486	1,511	1,411	1,390	1,336	1,296

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 273 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 458 | 5★ Luxury: USD 834

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 37 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 41 | 5★ Luxury: USD 111

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 6 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 Delhi - Amritsar.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- 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 6 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

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

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 1 night: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Amritsar x 1 night: Ramada by Wyndham/ Regenta Place
- Dharamsala x 2 nights: Fortune Park Moksha/ Adivaha
- Shimla x 2 nights: Clarks Hotel/ Radisson Blu

5 Star Hotels

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

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

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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.

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- 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.