



## **Himalayan Journeys - 15 Days (#16582)**

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### **Trip Highlights**

Delhi-Amritsar-Hoshiarpur-Pragpur-Dharamshala-Kullu-Shimla-Delhi

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 01: Arrival Delhi**

Meeting assistance on arrival at airport and transfer to hotel.

#### **Day 02**

#### **Day 02: Delhi-Amritsar (By Train)**

Early morning transfer to Railway station to board train to Amritsar.



DEP: New Delhi 0720 Hours Shatabdi Express

ARR: Amritsar 1325 Hours

Meeting assistance on arrival at Amritsar Station & transfer for lunch at one of the famous restaurant – Crystal.

After lunch check-in at hotel.

Later proceed to Wagah Border to witness the police post changing of guard, very colourful & unique to the Indian sub-continent. Wagah Border is situated 35 Kms & 01 Hour drive from Amritsar one way on the road to Lahore. Enjoy the retreat ceremony where the Border Security Force (B.S.F.) on the Indian side and The Sutlej Rangers on the Pakistan side performing a well-coordinated and spectacular display which compares very favourably with the changing of the guard in London.

Return to hotel for overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 03

### Day 03: Amritsar-Hoshiarpur (110 Kms/2 Hours)

Early morning visit The Golden Temple - which is the lavishly decorated holiest shrine of the Sikhs. The origin of the temple dates back to 1574 though the temple was completed 1601. Return to hotel for breakfast After breakfast check-out and drive to Hoshiarpur. Check-in at Citrus County.

Later afternoon group will be taken to farm visit on the tractors.

Evening dinner with Punjabi Family with a citrus-wood bonfire around which meals are served, with some soothing music in the background.

Overnight at hotel Citrus County.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 04

### Day 04: Hoshiarpur-Pragpur (75 Kms/1-2 Hours)

After leisurely breakfast drive to JUDGE'S COURT, PRAGPUR.

After lunch enjoy the heritage Village Walk.



The Kangra Valley, where Heritage Village Pragpur is located, is panoramic and replete with history. It is the home of the famous Kangra School of painting and probably the world's - most certainly India's - oldest ruling lineage comes from here.

Heritage village Pragpur is promoted as an example of community involvement in tourism. The core area of Pragpur is notified as a "Heritage village", and along with nearby village of Garli, the surrounding area is a Heritage Zone. The site chosen for Pragpur lies in the shade of the Dhauladhar mountains - the white ranges - and is said to be so located as to receive the astral benefic influence of prayers that have been offered for thousands of years. Founded about 3 centuries ago Pragpur has held onto the essence of an earlier era - unchanged shops, cobbled streets, ornamental village tank, mud plastered and slate roofed houses.

Evening relax at the hotel's orchard.

Overnight at hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 05****Day 05: Pragpur**

Day is free at leisure to explore surroundings (May take optional excursions).

Late afternoon, you will start your nature through walk the passing beautiful countryside and on the way see many scattered hamlets and your nature trek will end the River Beas where you can enjoy High tea at the riverbanks watching beautiful sunset. Indulge in a cooking demonstration at the hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 06****Day 06: Pragpur – Dharamsala (70 Kms/3 Hours)**

After breakfast drive to Dharamsala en-route visiting Kangra Fort.

Kangra Fort, the fort is historically significant; its massive size and the beauty of its structure lend it an added charm. In Shash Fat'h-I Kangra, it is mentioned as a lofty fort, strong, invincible and with beautiful buildings. At the entrance is a museum containing some valuable old photographs of the fort prior to the devastating earthquake of 1905 and some exquisite stone sculptures, carvings, idols and other artifacts. Continue drive to Dharamsala & check-in at hotel



Evening shall remain free at leisure to walk around Mc-Leod Ganj.

Buffet dinner & overnight at Hotel Surya Resort.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 07****Day 07: Dharamsala**

After breakfast Group will be taken on a sightseeing tour of Mc Leod Ganj including a visit to Bhagsunag Temple, St John's Church, Namgyal Monastery, Nechung Monastery, Tibet Museum. Group will also be taken on Kora Walk covering Tsuglagkhang Complex; visit Tsuglagkhang Temple (30 minutes' walk around the temple and residence of H.H. Dalai Lama). During the walk you meet old Buddhist monks and nuns who are singing holy chants while they are walking.

Afternoon, visit Norbulingka Institute where group can witness at its workshops Tibetan artisans practicing handicraft like wood carving, embroidery, thangka paintings. If wish may also visit the Kangra State Museum.

Evening free at leisure to stroll around in Mc Leod Ganj.

Buffet dinner and overnight at hotel Surya resort.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 08****Day 08: Dharamsala-Kullu (200 Kms/6-7 Hours)**

After breakfast check-out and drive through tea gardens of Palampur and en route visit the temple of Baijnath via Mandi, through the picturesque gorge of the river Beas.

Continue your drive along the meandering river 'Beas' that takes us past Apple orchards, teeming bazaars and sleepy Himalayan Villages.

Late afternoon arrive in Raison, check-in at your riverside villas at Neeralaya, your Home by the River. Rest of the day is at leisure to amble around the property, followed by dinner in the "Shack".

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner



**Day 09****Day 09: Kullu**

Enjoy the rest of the day enjoying the peace by the river.

Optional: Excursion to Naggar After breakfast at leisure, you have an option to take a tour to Naggar, the former capital of the Kulu Kingdom. In addition to visiting the 450-year-old Naggar castle, we stroll around the village visiting a handful of stone and wood carved temples dating back to the 15th century. Also worth visiting in Naggar is the Roerich Art gallery (closed on Mondays) or you may wish to take a tour to Himalayan Cheese Factory.

Return to Raison by the evening to enjoy the peace at your villas.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 10****Day 10: Kullu-Manali-Kullu**

A very early start (5am) to set off north to travel on one of the high motor able roads to Rohtang La ('La' is Tibetan for a 'Pass') (Subject to weather condition). This pass featured heavily in the early exploration of the Western Himalaya. From the pass one looks at two different worlds: one to the south – lush green and inviting, the other to the North, cold and bleak.

Later visit to Manali that includes a visit to the over 400 years old 'Hadimba' Temple built in the characteristic pagoda-style hill architecture set amidst an equally ancient pine forest. The tour can also include a visit to the old Manali village, observing life in a western Himalayan village and its wonderful people.

In the evening return to our hotel a restful evening.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 11****Day 11: Kullu (Trek to Jana Village)**

Followed by breakfast served in the "Gazebo" on the riverside, a beautiful and an invigorating day await those that undertake this fantastic excursion. It is a wonderful mix starting with a jeep safari across suspension bridges, fruit laden orchards, terraced fields, Himalayan villages, pagoda style temples and thick pine forests. Once we leave the comfort (somewhat bumpy!) of our jeeps, we follow a dirt road for some distance traversing across side valleys, mountain springs, wild apricot trees and wooden houses. The easy trail allows us to look around as we walk and also observe the rich



flora and fauna of the region specially the numerous birds that we chance upon; to name a few easily spotted ones; Verditer Flycatcher, Great Barbet, Long Tailed or scarlet Minivets, Woodpeckers and the handsome Yellow Billed Blue Magpies.

At the end of the dirt road is a small ropeway, it gives us an opportunity to understand how the fruit from the apple and pear orchards up in the hills is transported down the steep hillsides, using just the gravitational force of the cartons and a wooden brake! From here we still have another 40 minutes' walk along a much narrower trail going through terraced fields and orchards, descending steeply for

the last 15 minutes (utmost caution required here) to a camp site and picnic spot and it is located on the banks of a pristine little mountain stream that allows us all to cool our heels in the refreshing cold water.

Picnic style lunch is served by village staff. After lunch and an hour of rest, Option: Continue our walk up to Jana Village or head back to the dirt road to ride back in jeeps to Neeralaya.

(The hike to Jana after lunch is a steep one and will definitely test fitness levels of the guests. Besides being an invigorating walk, it rewards us with the understanding of life in a Western Himalayan village with the trail dotted with watermills, sawmills, village deities, its houses and its shy but friendly people!).

Later return back to Neeralaya cottage.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 12

### Day 12: Kullu-Shimla (225 Kms/ 6-7 Hours)

After breakfast check-out and drive to Shimla. On arrival check-in at hotel Shimla: Scottish civil servant Charles Pratt Kennedy built Shimla's first British summer home in 1822 and by half the latter of the 19th century the town had become the summer capital of the British Raj. British soldiers, merchants and civil servants moved there each year to escape the heat and disease of summer in the Indo-Gangetic plains. Imposing Victorian monuments still dot Shimla bearing testimony to pre-independence days of British rule in India.

Visit the Mall, Gaiety Theatre and the Vice Regal Lodge.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 13

### Day 13: Shimla

Full day free at leisure to explore Shimla.



Overnight at Oberoi Clarks

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 14****Day 14: Shimla-Kalka-Delhi**

Full day free at leisure to explore Shimla.

Overnight at Oberoi Clarks After breakfast transfer to Shimla railway station to board Toy train. Enjoy Toy train ride from Shimla-Kandaghat.

Later transfer to Kalka railway station to board train for Delhi

Dep: Kalka 1745 Hours Shatabdi Express

Arr: Delhi 2150 Hours (Except Sunday)

Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 15****Day 15: Depart Delhi**

Transfer to International airport to board flight to onward destination.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

14 Night's accommodation on Twin/Double occupancy on Bed & Breakfast Basis.

01 Lunch , 04 Dinner ( on Fix Menu Basis ).

All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours to be by air-conditioned Innova Car / Tempo Traveller.

Monument entrance fees as per itinerary (1 visit per monument).

AC Chair Car Train Ticket from Delhi To Amritsar & Kalka to Delhi.

Non AC Toy Train Ticket from Shimla To Kalka.

All presently applicable Governments taxes.



**With Best compliments**

Two bottles of mineral water daily in the vehicle.  
Traditional Indian welcome by flower garlands on arrival.

**Exclusions**

Any item of personal nature such as table drinks, Laundry, Telephone calls.  
Camera fees (Still/video) at any monuments.  
Any tipping, gratuities or Porterage anywhere.  
Lunches, Dinner unless specified.  
Any International airfare/Visa Fees.  
Any Domestic air fare.

**Note**

Hotels Envisaged: Based on Base (Standard Category) Rooms  
Delhi - The Park OR Similar  
Amritsar - Fairfield by Marriott OR Similar  
Hoshiarpur - Citrus County OR Similar  
Pragpur - Judge's Court OR Similar  
Dharamshala - Surya Resort OR Similar  
Kullu - Neeralaya OR Similar  
Shimla - Oberoi Clarks OR Similar  
Delhi - Pullman Hotel Aerocity OR Similar

Important Note: Rates **Not Valid From 20 December' 2024 – 05 January' 2025** .

“ All prices are indicative and starting from prices. Final price will be available based on availability and dates of travel”.

**Program Touring / Guide**

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