



Spiti Calling 2018 - 10 days Fixed Departure Shimla - Kinnaur - Spiti - Manali

Date: 15th - 24th June, 2018 (Chapter 1) and 14th - 23rd September (Chapter 2)

Spiti valley also known as the “Middle Land” is a Trans-Himalayan terrain bordering with Tibet at an average altitude of 4000 meters. Spiti valley is home to some of the oldest monasteries in the Himalayan region like Tabo monastery, Dhankar monastery, Sherkhang monastery and Kye monastery, strong hold of Buchen Lamas in Pin Valley, famous for Tibetan medicine system and Amchis, fossils of Langza village, highest motorable villages and passes, scenic lakes, 1000 years old culture, tough life, beautiful villages and people and out of the world landscape. Come and explore with us your inner self as we go through a civilization frozen in time. Spiti Fixed Departure have been planned in a way that you explore Spiti like a local and at a pace that helps you acclimatize and enjoy at the same time.

A trip that covers the least explored of Himachal with the trip starting from Shimla and then touching the east most parts of Himachal like Sangla and Kalpa taking the Hindustan Tibet Road with Sutlej (coming from China) all along the way. After covering Kinnaur, you shall drive through the Trans-Himalayan deserts of Spiti valley ending your trip in Manali.



Duration: 9 Nights and 10 days

Double Occupancy: INR 34,000 per person (exclusive of GST)

Single Occupancy: INR 41,000 per person (exclusive of GST)

Short Itinerary:

DAY 1 (15th June/14th September): Reach Chandigarh - Chail - Kufri - Narkanda

DAY 2 (16th June/15th September): Narkanda - Rampur - Sangla

DAY 3 (17th June/16th September): Sangla - Chitkul - Recong Peo - Kalpa

DAY 4 (18th June/17th September): Kalpa - Khab - Nako - Sumdo - Gue - Tabo

DAY 5 (19th June/18th September): Tabo - Dhankar - Pin Valley

DAY 6 (20th June/19th September): Pin Valley - Kaza - Kye - Khibber - Kaza

DAY 7 (21st June/20th September): Kaza - Langza - Hikkim - Komic

DAY 8 (22nd June/21st September): Langza - Lohsar - Kunzum La - Chandra Tal

DAY 9 (23rd June/22nd September): Chandra Tal - Batal - Chatru - Gramphoo - Rohtang - Manali

DAY 10 (24th June/23rd September): Manali - Chandigarh

Detailed Itinerary:

DAY 1, Friday (15th June/14th September) - Chandigarh - Chail - Kufri - Narkanda

Everyone reaches Chandigarh by Noon and then we head to Narkanda. We hit the lower Himalayas a few kilometers from Chandigarh and head to Narkanda. We shall escape the traffic of Shimla city and take a different route taking us to Chail and Kufri. Enjoy the beautiful ride via Chail and Kufri. We shall stop for a cup of tea at Chail. Final stop will be Narkanda. If time permits, we shall visit the famous Hatu temple and spend sometime there. Relax in the evening.



DAY 2, Saturday (16th June/15th September) - Narkanda - Rampur - Wangtoo - Sangla

We shall head out early in the morning after breakfast, visit Hatu temple in Narkanda and hit the road to Sangla valley- one of the most beautiful valley in India. On your way after Rampur, you shall also see huge construction sites of Wangtoo Karcham Dam and the ruthless side of Sutlej River. We shall call it a day after reaching Sangla. Stay in Sangla



DAY 3, Sunday (17th June/16th September) - Sangla - Chitkul - Kalpa

Get up in the morning and enjoy the beautiful view of Sangla valley. You can also see the back side of Kinner Kailash peaks from Sangla. After tea, we head for a walk to Basteri village through the woods and crossing the Baspa River. Walk through the village, the apple and apricot orchards and visit the ancient Badri Narayan temple. Have breakfast and leave for Kalpa via a visit to Chitkul- the last village on Indo-Tibetan border. The drive to Chitkul is simply out of the world. Head to Kalpa from Chitkul. Enjoy the scenic view Kinner Kailash peaks over a cup of tea in Kalpa. If time permits, we shall visit the Old Shiva Temple and Buddhist Monastery in Kalpa. Enjoy your evening.



DAY 4, Monday (18th June/17th September) - Kalpa - Pooh - Khab - Nako - Sumdo - Tabo

Have your breakfast early and head out to enter the cold desert terrain (also known as Trans Himalayan Terrain). As we leave Kalpa, you shall notice the change in terrain where you shall find lesser trees, greenery and increasing rocky, dry kind of mountains- this is when you know that you are entering cold deserts. We shall take a 10 minutes break at Khab- the confluence of Sutlej and Spiti river which is a beautiful scenic spot for photography. From here we head into the high mountains and climb to a beautiful village called Nako- we shall stop here for lunch. Walk through the village and spend sometime next to the lake. Head to the entry point of Spiti from the southern side- Sumdo where we make our entries and head to Gue- where a 550 years old Mummy of a Monk is kept in the sitting position. It is one of its kind in the entire Himalayan region and was found a few years back after an earthquake. You can spend sometime wondering and looking at the Mummy and then we head to our final destination of the day- Tabo. By the time we reach it will be evening and the monastery will be shut. So we shall visit the Monastery next morning. Rest in Tabo



DAY 5, Tuesday (19th June/18th September) - Tabo - Dhankar - Pin Valley

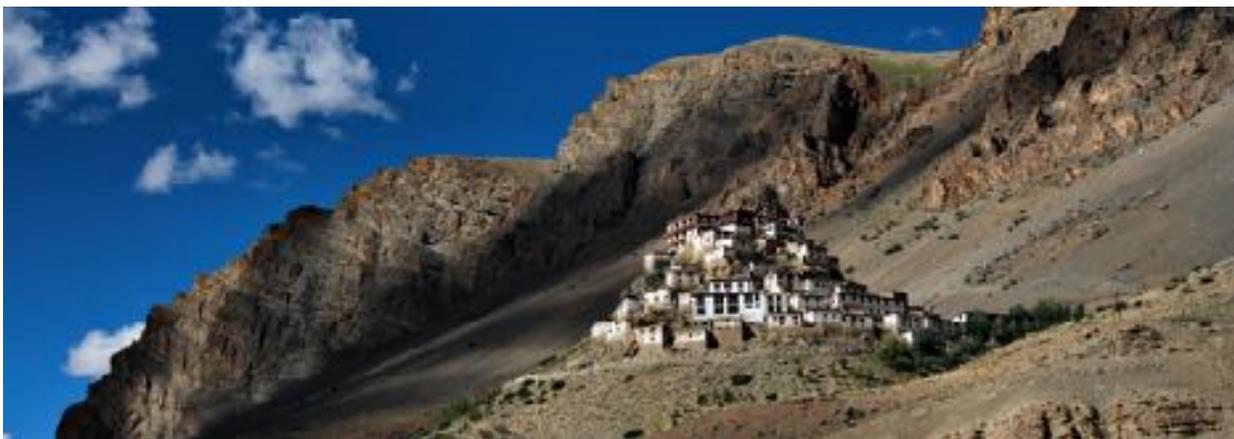
Start your morning with a nice breakfast and a visit to the Ajantas of Himalayas- Tabo Monastery. A 1000 years old monastery and not even a single day has passed since its inception that prayers have not been offered. The murals, wall paintings and thangka will leave you speechless- especially the wall of the 1000 Buddhas in the main sanctum. We shall walk to the other side of Tabo where we shall visit the caves where the monks used to meditate in ancient times. We shall head out of Tabo and our next stop will be Dhankar Monastery- a 1000 years old monument whose setting is like none other. Dhankar Monastery hangs on a cliff overlooking the confluence of Spiti and Pin River. Dhankar used to be the seat of the King in ancient times and the monastery used to follow the sect of the King. The ones who want to check their lung capacity and are adventurous can hike to Dhankar lake which is a 45 minutes hike from Dhankar village. The non-adventurous ones will walk around the village and get ready for lunch. Post lunch we head to Pin valley- the home of Snow Leopard and Siberian Ibex. On our way to Pin Valley- we

shall visit Khungri Monastery in Sagnam which is the strong hold of Buchen Lamas of Nyingma sec of Buddhism. We shall finish our journey for the day at Mudh village- the entry point of Pin Valley National Park. Stay in a homestay at Mudh and understand the life of locals at this altitude- how they live, what they grow, what they eat, how do entertain themselves, their culture, music, food etc etc.



DAY 6, Wednesday (20th June/19th September) - Pin Valley - Kaza - Kye - Khibber - Kaza

Mudh is the starting/ ending point of 2 very famous treks- the Pin Parvati Pass trek and Bhaba Pass trek. Early morning we shall take a walk inside the park and head to Kye and Khibber after breakfast. We shall head to spend sometime next to the river near Kaza over the lunch- all picnic style. Visit one of the most famous monastery of Spiti valley- The Kye Monastery, have a cup of tea with the monks and understand their life. Kye Monastery is the biggest monastery in Spiti valley and is home to a young monks who come here to follow Buddha's path. After spending some time at the Monastery, we head to Khibber village which use to be highest village in the world some time back before Komic took that position. Walk and hike around this beautiful village which is also part of a sanctuary. Head back to Kaza and take rest.



DAY 7, Thursday (21st June/20th September) - Kaza - Hikkim - Komic - Langza

We shall head out to Langza this morning after breakfast. Langza is the 2nd highest motorable village after Komic and is home to Fossil search in the country. If you are lucky then you shall surely find some beautiful fossils while you take a stroll here. To make it a little more interesting at this altitude, the interested ones can hike from Langza to Komic via a small stop at Hikkim. In order not to forget our loved ones, visit the world's highest post office in Hikkim and post a few post cards to your loved ones. Trust me you will be amazed looking at the post office here. Head to our last point for the day, Komic and enjoy the spectacular view of snow capped peaks around over a cup of tea and chat with the monks. The monastery in Komic is functional in winters when temperatures dip down to -30 degrees and roads get blocked and it will be very interesting to understand life and survival of such happy souls at this altitude. Head back to Langza for a homestay with a local family. The life in Spiti might be harsh but each and every aspect of it has a cozy side and you will feel that while sharing space with a local family.



DAY 8, Friday (22nd June/21st September) - Kaza - Lohsar - Kunzum Pass - Chandrataal Lake

After Breakfast with the local family, we head towards Chandrataal Lake. This is another location where you will find it hard to stop clicking photographs. So if you don't have a camera, you should buy one NOW! This lake is a landscape photographer's dream come true, changing its appearance almost with every passing hour, each look as stunning as the other. Tonight we camp in proper adventure style; excellent dome tents set up to protect you from the cold and biting night winds.



DAY 9, Saturday (23rd June/22nd September) - Chandrataal - Batal - Chatru - Gramphoo - Rohtang Pass - Manali

We leave early this morning to Manali after an early breakfast. We shall take a small break at Batal and say goodbye to owners of Chandra Dhaba over a cup of tea. We will try to reach Rohtang pass by early afternoon and spend some time at the pass. Head to Manali and relax. We shall have a small get together in the evening over dinner. Stay in Manali for the night.



DAY 10, Sunday (24th June/23rd September) - Manali - Kullu - Mandi - Chandigarh

Get ready early in the morning to end this beautiful journey and say goodbye to some amazing people who shared this journey with you. We shall drive from Manali to Chandigarh and end the trip.

What is included:

- All Transport in Innova/ Scorpio/ Xylo from Chandigarh to Chandigarh
- 4 people in each vehicle
- Accommodation for 9 nights on twin sharing basis
- 3 meals on each day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) from Day 1 to Day 10
- All entry fees to monasteries in Spiti (if any)

What is not included:

- Snacks and beverages (except the ones with meals)
- Any kind of insurance
- Service tax exclusive
- Cost of any emergency
- Bus ticket cost
- Camera Fees

Cancellation Policy:

In case you need to cancel your plans for the trip due to avoidable/unavoidable reasons, please do notify us in writing regarding the same. The cancellation charges levied will be as follows:

60 - 46 days prior to date of departure: 10% of the tour cost

45 - 16 days prior to date of departure: 20% of the tour cost

15 - 8 days prior to date of departure: 25% of the tour cost

7 - 4 days prior to date of departure: 50% of the tour cost

Less than 72 hours prior to date of departure: No refund

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