



Spiti Calling 2018 - 8 days Fixed Departure Manali - Spiti - Manali

Date: 11th – 18th August, 2018 (Chapter 1) and 13th – 20th October, 2018 (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 motor-able villages and passes, scenic lakes, a 1000 year old culture, beautiful villages, simple people and an out of the world landscape. Come and explore a civilization frozen in time.

Spiti Fixed Departures have been planned in such a way that you explore Spiti like a local and at a pace that helps you acclimatize and enjoy your trip at the same time. Let us take you through this breathtaking region and help you explore the place the way you would want to.



Duration: 7 Nights and 8 days

Double Occupancy: INR 21,500 per person (exclusive of 5% GST)

Single Occupancy: INR 28,500 per person (exclusive of 5% GST)

Short Itinerary:

DAY 1 (11th August/ 13th October): Reach Manali

DAY 2 (12th August/ 14th October): Manali – Rohtang Pass – Batal – Kunzum Pass – Lohsar – Kaza

DAY 3 (13th August/ 15th October): Kaza – Key – Kibber – Kaza

DAY 4 (14th August/ 16th October): Kaza – Dhankar – Tabo – Kaza

DAY 5 (15th August/ 17th October): Kaza – Hikkim – Komic – Langza

DAY 6 (16th August/ 18th October): Langza – Chandrataal

DAY 7 (17th August/ 19th October): Chandrataal – Kunzum Pass – Rohtang Pass – Manali

DAY 8 (18th August/ 20th October): Leave Manali

Detailed Itinerary:



DAY 1, Saturday (11th August/ 13th October) – Reach Manali

Reach Manali in the morning from Delhi/Chandigarh after an overnight journey and check-in to the hotel. You will be free to do whatever you want on this day, but the most important thing is to relax and acclimatise and not overexert. You can visit the Hidimba or Manu temples or visit Vashisht to have a bath in the famous hot spring. If you want to take it easy you can also sit next to the river and read a book or just chill in one of the many good cafés in Old Manali. We can most definitely make some recommendations if you'd like. In case you have missed packing something then this is the time when you should go shopping as Spiti valley doesn't have well stocked chemists or many shops where you will be able to get everything you need. Once everyone has arrived by afternoon, we will hold a small briefing session along with the guide. This will also be a good time for you to get acquainted

with the rest of the group. We suggest you call it an early night as your body needs proper rest for the long journey ahead. As we will be leaving very early the next day, proper rest will help you in acclimatising.



DAY 2, Sunday (12th August/ 14th October) – Manali to Kaza

Today we head to Spiti valley which will take around 10 hours (220 kms), if everything goes as planned. We leave early in the morning as we have a long way to go and ascend the mighty Rohtang Pass. We shall spend some time at the pass and then head towards Gramphoo for breakfast. From Gramphoo you will start noticing a change in terrain with less trees and more steep mountain peaks and the start of a barren landscape. From here we head towards Chatru and cross some of the biggest waterfalls which can be a nightmare for any non-experienced driver. The terrain will change drastically from Chatru and all you will see is rocks all over with huge streams overflowing on the road and converging in the ruthless Chandra river. We shall take regular halts for you to soak in your surroundings, admire the great landscape and feel the fresh air. We will take a lunch break at Batal at the famous Chandra Dhaba, where you can meet the famous Chacha and Chachi who have been a saving grace to a few hundred who have been stuck in bad weather over the years. From here we head to Kunzum Pass and at Kunzum top you we will stop for you to pay our respects to the Kunzum Goddess and as you enter Spiti valley. The jumpy ride on non-existent roads which started from Gramphoo will end in Lohsar. From Lohsar head to Kaza after a small break. It will take another 2 hours of beautiful journey. Reach Kaza, check-in and enjoy a cup of tea. We shall have a small briefing session at dinner table. This tiring day will end with you looking at the gorgeous Spitian skies with a million stars the very prominent milky way.



DAY 3, Monday (13th August/ 15th October) – Kaza to Key to Kibber and back to Kaza

Start the day easy over nice breakfast. We will head out to spend our afternoon next to the river where we shall serve you lunch picnic style and you can spend time relaxing and soaking in the Spitian sun. After lunch, we shall head to Kye monastery, the centre of learning in Spiti valley. The monastery is set on a small hill from where you get a complete view of the valley. Have a cup of tea at the monastery and spend some time on the roof from where you can click pictures and videos. Next we shall head to Khibber village, which used to be the highest motor-able village in the world before Komic took that place. The mountains around Khibber are home to the rare Snow Leopard and Siberian Ibex. If you are lucky you can get a sighting. We head back to Kaza from here.



DAY 4, Tuesday (14th August/ 16th October) – Kaza to Dhankar and Tabo and back to Kaza

After a relaxed breakfast in the morning we will head to Tabo Monastery via a short visit to Dhankar Monastery and Lake. Dhankar village used to be the seat of the Spitian King in ancient times. Dhankar monastery, claimed to be 1000 years old, is on the cliff of a mountain over-looking the confluence of Pin and Spiti rivers. Due to the loose soil that is prevalent in cold deserts, Dhankar monastery is an endangered site and being on the edge it becomes one of the most beautiful monuments in this valley. There can be no better setting of a monument than Dhankar Monastery. If you are

upto it, you can hike to Dhankar lake (source of water to Dhankar village) which is a steep walk of 45 minutes. The climb is optional. Spend some time at the lake and head back. We will then make a move towards Tabo monastery, also known as the “Ajantas of the Himalayas”, which is more than 1000 years old. Paintings and murals on the walls of the main sanctum makes it a master piece and worth visiting. We head back to Kaza from here and end the day.



DAY 5, Wednesday (15th August/ 17th October) – Kaza to Langza, Hikkim and Komic

We head out to Langza this morning after breakfast. Langza is the 2nd highest motor-able village after Komic and is home to many a fossil. If you are lucky then you are sure find some beautiful fossils while you take a stroll across the village. 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. Not to forget your loved ones, visit the world’s highest post office in Hikkim and post a few post cards them. Trust us you will be amazed at the post office and meeting the post master. 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. Life in Spiti might be harsh but the other side is that you will never come across such warmth and welcoming people. You will understand that while sharing space with a local family.



DAY 6, Thursday (16th August/ 18th October) – Langza to Chandrataal

After Breakfast with your host family, we head towards Chandrataal Lake. This is another location where you will find 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 shot as stunning as the last one. Tonight we camp in style; excellent dome tents set up to protect you from the cold and biting night winds. You can warm up by the communal fireplace if you'd like and meet other travellers.



DAY 7, Friday (17th August/ 19th October) – Chandrataal to Manali

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

DAY 8, Saturday (18th August/ 20th October) – Manali and Back

Trip ends this afternoon as you head back to take your bus back to Delhi or respective places and take some of memories back of a isolated civilisation and trans Himalayan terrain. Trip ends here.

What is included:

- All Transport in Innova/ Scorpio/ Xylo from Day 2 to Day 7
- 4 people in each vehicle
- Accommodation for 7 nights on twin sharing basis
- 3 meals on each day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) from Day 2 to Day 7
- 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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