## **JOURNEY TO INDIA**

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Discover Kinnaur and Spiti valley on Wheels in - Himalaya.

A fascinating 25 days journey through middle lands of Himalayas, Journey go over from Delhi to Shimla, all the way through the valleys of -Lahual, Kinnaur and Spiti. Finally journey ends up in Ladakh, lastly flying back to Delhi.

Our journey dates are: - 10th July '2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> August '2018 and 21<sup>st</sup> August '2018 to 14<sup>th</sup> September '2018

This unbelievable journey provides an opportunity to see splendor of Great Indian Himalayas without any strive of walking on high altitudes or on rough landscape.



Entire tour travel is by luxury cars. A part of this journey which is from **Delhi to Kalka** (Kalka is a small town close to **Chandigarh**) will be covered by First Class airco train. Next leg of journey is what I call cream on top of the cake! That is 5 hours travel from Kalka to Shimla, by a narrow gauge UNESCO heritage toy train

which races through lush green hills spread on 90 kilometers stretch between



Kalka and Shimla.

Crossing 108 tunnels those carved through mountains, this one *is indeed a* refreshing part of this journey which gives a feeling of travelling back in time.

Journey will navigate through Spiti Valley a desert mountain valley located in Eastern part of Indian Himalayas; Spiti accurately means middle land (Land between Tibet and India) Spiti valley is research and cultural centre of Buddhists.



Spiti houses 2 oldest world famous monasteries (Key and Tabo Monasteries image is on left side)

Journey further navigates though Kinnaur region which is surrounded by Tibet,



Offers an extremely beautiful landscape.

Three high mountains ranges that surround Kinnaur, are Zanskar, Greater Himalayas and Dhauladhar range of mountains. Most of Kinnaur is some sort of a lap formed by the twisty rivers. The 3 rivers Sutlej, Spiti and Baspa and their tributaries run through Kinnaur and in turn have their own valleys. All these valleys are simply breathtaking. The slopes are covered with thick wood, orchards, fields and picturesque hamlets mountain. The journey through this region was opened to non Indians in 1989. The Hindustan-Tibet Road, also known as the National Highway 22, guides you to Kinnaur and presents an idyllic picture of life from a height of (4000m). The road that runs along the banks of river Sutlej, finally enter Tibet at Shipki La Pass. Our trip is put together that has a great deal of discovering the local life style, their culture, heritage, customs and traditions - some have

been captured in cameras/ videos, our attempt has been to interact on a first hand basis with *the locals* - discover the simple and yet happy lifestyles which is what makes it all in all, a fascinating journey. Finally crossing over Kunzum La pass we get on to the national highway between Manali and Ladakh.



Ladakh is a region in Indian state of J&K. That currently extends from the Kunlun mountain range to the main Great Himalayas to the south, inhabited by people of Indo-Aryan and Tibetan descent. It is one of the most scattered populated regions in Jammu and Kashmir and its culture and history are closely related to that of Tibet. Ladakh is renowned for its remote mountain beauty and culture main highlight is visiting some famous Buddhist monasteries like Hemis, Tikse and TukTuk.



Dear Travelers the door is open, If you need a stimulation to make an inner retreat of your body and soul; or feel an honest desire to develop your senses of organism; or there is a longing of making

peace with your soul; or you simply wish to admire the magnificence of mother nature and mighty Himalayas. Let us imagine if life is not always perfect in every way then how it looks like? I invite people to dream a new dream with VIRENDER!

That is to discover Himalayas by cars, the trip is going to be full of fun – company and venture for all – enjoyed more by those who relish the unknown, are ready for the ups and downs of an adventurous high mountain drive that takes you through some rough stretches, does not recall the smooth 5\* hotel comforts, does not really care what is there around the bend or after the next curve – he simply wishes to enjoy the holidays or should we say AN EXPERIENCE in the midst of the mighty Himalayan peaks – thundering waterfalls – power packed rivers - thick forests – fruit gardens - and the drives through all kinds of terrain. Coupled with meeting smiling local village folks, visiting ancient and new Buddhist monasteries, homes, community possibly participating in the ongoing festivals with local villagers – in short witnessing the Buddhist way of life where one feels that time has almost stood still amidst the calm and beauty of Mother Nature.

During this travel we will be camping in tents, sleeping under a huge and clearly visible milky way. Some night stays will be in basic Hotels. Cooking our own fantastic food in our kitchen tent and eating in dinning tent, of course separate toilet tents will be pitched.

For detailed trip itinerary, prices and conditions, write to Virender, virender@journeytoindia.co.in