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KINNAUR-SPITI-MANALI

DURATION: 9 NIGHTS, 10 DAYS

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Day 1: Chandigarh to Narkanda (180 km 7 - 8 hrs)

Arrive in Chandigarh and head towards Narkanda. Take appropriate breaks on the way and enjoy the beauty as you leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind. View the lush green valleys and apple orchards on both sides of the road. Stay in the midst of nowhere in Narkanda.

Day 2: Narkanda to Sangla (160 kms 7 - 8 hrs)

Have a nice breakfast with a view of the mountains and head to Sangla via Rampur. You shall meet the Sutlej River at Sainj and from there on it will be with you till Spiti. Sangla is one of the most beautiful valleys in India. We recommend a walk to Baspa River from your hotel.

Day 3: Sangla to Kalpa via Chitkul (100 km 4 hrs)

Go for an early morning walk to Basteri village if you are up for it. Visit the ancient temple there and walk around the village. After breakfast, we take you Chitkul- last village on Indo-Tibet border. From Chitkul, we head to Kalpa. Here you will enjoy the stunning view of Kinner Kailash peaks over a cup of tea.

Day 4: Kalpa to Tabo Via Nako (170 km 9-10 hrs)

You can walk to the Old Shiva temple and Buddhist monastery in Kalpa, if time permits. Have an early breakfast and head to Tabo this day. The terrain will change after Pooh and you will see the end of the tree line. See the confluence of Spiti and Sutlej River at Khab. Lunch at a beautiful village called Nako. If time permits then we visit Gue to see the Mummy.

Day 5: Tabo to Pin Valley via Dhankar (70 km 4 hrs)

Take the morning easy, have your breakfast and visit the "Ajanta of Himalayas"- The Tabo Monastery which is close to 1000 years old now. The murals, thankas and paintings are believed to have been made in a single night by the Gods themselves. You can also hike to the meditation caves, if time permits. Visit Dhankar Monastery- Seat of the King in ancient times- the most beautiful setting of a monument which hangs on a cliff and overlooks the confluence of Spiti and Pin River. Hike to Dhankar Lake, if your lungs permit. We shall head to the last village in Pin Valley- Mudh- for a homestay.

Day 6: Pin Valley to Kaza via Kye and Kibber (80 km 4 hrs)

Wake up to the stunning landscape of Pin Valley National Park. Enjoy a cup of tea and walk around. From Pin, we shall head to visit Khungri monastery- the last hold of Buchen Lamas in Sangam. After this, we make our way to Kye monastery and Kibber Village. Kye monastery is on top of a mountain overlooking the Spiti valley and a huge river bed. It is also the main learning centre for Lamas

following Geluk sect of Buddhism. This monastery houses some 100 odd monks. We shall climb a little further and visit Kibber Village- which was once the highest motorable village in the world.

Day 7: Kaza to Langza, Hikkim, Komic and Back (70 km 3 hrs)

Take the morning easy and today we head to Langza- the main area for Fossils, Hikkim- the highest post office in the world and Komic- one of the highest villages in the world at 4600 meters. A visit to the Tangyud monastery in Komic is also worthwhile. You can see some snow laden peaks during this drive. To make this memorable, you can also hike from Langza to Komic- 3-4 hours. Visit the postmaster of the highest post office in the world at Hikkim and mail some postcards from here. Drive back to Kaza.

Day 8: Kaza to Chandrataal Via Lohsar (120 kms/ 5 hours)

Early morning, we drive to Chandra Tal- The lake of the moon via Lohsar village and Kunzum Pass. The drive on this day will be one of the highlights of the trip. Have a cup of tea at the last village of Spiti valley- Lohsar. After this you will just get closer to the high mountains and all you will see is snow-capped peaks from Kunzum Pass and beyond. The hike to Chandra Tal Lake is 20 minutes from the barricade. The lake is a mesmerizing sight that will leave you speechless for sure. We don't have words to describe it. Spend the night at camp close to the lake.

Day 9: Chandrataal to Manali via Kunzum and Rohtang Pass (120 kms/ 7 hours)

Some people call it tough, some call it adventurous and some call the drive of their life- this is the last day of your trip before you head back to civilization in Manali. The road between Chandra Tal and Manali is the toughest, roughest, most scenic and we guarantee you will skip a few breathes this day. The non-existence of roads, a few water falls, dry and dusty make this terrain difficult. On the other hand, snow-capped mountains, Chandra river flowing to meet Bhaga and the vast landscape make your drive memorable. Spend some time at Rohtang if time permits.

Day 10: Manali to Chandigarh (290 kms/ 10 hours)

Leave early in the morning to catch your evening flight from Chandigarh back to your hometown. Trip ends here.

PACKAGE COST INCLUSIONS

1. Breakfast and Dinner except in Manali
2. Transport and experienced local driver for 10 days as per the plan
3. Stay at the list of hotels shared as per the plan on twin sharing basis
4. Driver to act as a basic guide
5. All expenses for the driver are paid for, including all tolls, fuel, meals and accommodation

PACKAGE COST EXCLUSIONS

1. GST
2. Lunch, snacks and beverages (except the ones with meals)
3. Any kind of insurance/ emergency and evacuation cost
4. Local Guide
5. Bus ticket cost/Monument Entry fee/Cost of permits