

# MOUNTAIN & MYSTIC TOUR OF INDIA

## Day 01 ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive Delhi by International flight

Assistance upon arrival and transfer to hotel

Delhi - the capital of India, is a fascinating city with complexities and contradictions, beauty and dynamism, where the past co-exists with the present. Many dynasties ruled from here and the city is rich in the architecture of its monuments. Delhi is not only the present metropolis of India but also a necropolis. Because of its location on the banks of the river Yamuna, Delhi has witnessed the rise and fall of many cities over the last five millennium.

**Overnight in Delhi**

## Day 02 DELHI / SHIMLA

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Shimla by surface (350Kms / 7-8 hrs drive). Upon arrival, check-in at hotel Located in the north-west Himalayas at an altitude of 2,205 m, the city of Shimla, draped in forests of pine, rhododendron, and oak, experiences pleasant summers and cold, snowy winters. The city is famous for its buildings styled in tudorbe than and neo-gothic architecture reminiscent of the colonial era. Shimla is connected to the city of Kalka by one of the longest narrow gauge railway routes in India. The city is named after the goddess Shyamala Devi, an incarnation of the Hindu Goddess Kali.

**Overnight in Shimla**



## Day 03 IN SHIMLA

Breakfast at the hotel

**Morning:** Enjoy a walk of about 2½ km through the forest up to the Jakhoo temple. Jakhoo temple located at 2,455 m above sea level is the highest peak of Shimla and offers a panoramic view of the town. An ancient "monkey God 'Lord Hanuman' temple, can be reached from the ridge near Church.

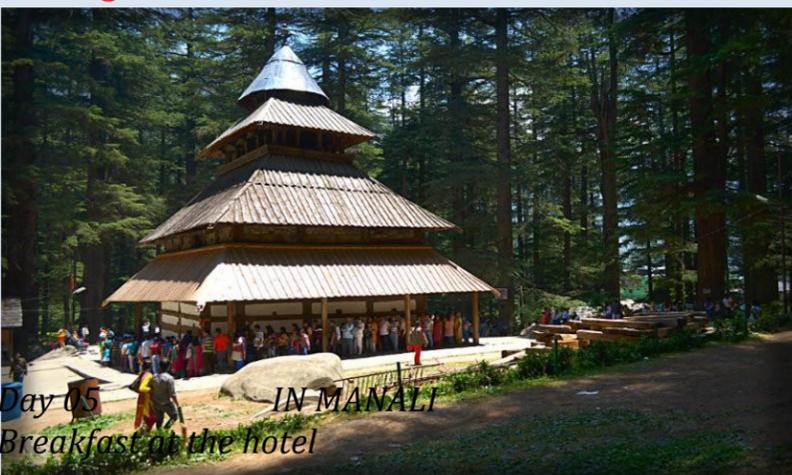
**Afternoon:** City tour of Shimla visiting the Christ Church, situated on the Ridge is the second oldest church in Northern India. It has a very majestic appearance and inside the church, there are stained glass windows which represent faith, hope, charity, fortitude, patience and humility; Shimla State Museum was opened in 1974, has tried to project hill-out and the cultural wealth of the state. There is a collection of miniature Pahari paintings, sculptures, bronzes wood-carvings and also costumes, textiles and jewelry of the region. & Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, housed in the Viceregal Lodge, built in 1884-88 during the British times. It has spacious gardens and is ringed by beautiful pine trees.

**Overnight in Shimla**

## Day 04 SHIMLA / MANALI

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Manali by car (250 Kms / 8-9 hrs drive). Upon arrival, check-in at hotel Situated at the northern end of Kulu Valley, Manali has spectacular views of snowcapped peaks and wooded slopes. The Beas rushes along its rocky course amid grassy meadows carpeted with wild flowers which wagtails hop along from stone to stone along the stream's edge.

**Overnight in Manali**



Day 05 IN MANALI  
Breakfast at the hotel

**Morning:** Excursion to Nagar

**Afternoon:** Manali tour visiting Hadima Devi temple, Tibetan monastery and if time permits old Manali village and the mall.

**Overnight in Manali**

**Day 06 MANALI / DHARAMSALA**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Dharamsala by car (250 Kms / 8-9 hrs drive). Upon arrival, check-in at hotel. Nestled in the Dhauladhar range, this jewel of a hill station provides a breathtaking view of Kangra valley. Dharamsala is divided into two parts. Kotwali Bazaar and the regions further down the valley, which is at an average height of 1250 meters, are known as Lower Dharamsala, while McLeod Gunj (1,800 meters in height) and surrounding areas are known as Upper Dharamsala. Lower Dharamsala is mainly populated by Indians, while McLeod Gunj is teeming with Tibetans.

Dharamsala has been replicated to resemble a mini Tibet. When His Holiness the Dalai Lama had to flee Tibet to continue the Tibetan struggle from Chinese oppression, he was granted asylum in Dharamsala. The Residence of His Holiness is located opposite the TsuglagKhang (Central Cathedral), which is about ten minutes' walk from McLeod Gunj

**Overnight in Dharamsala**

**Day 07 IN DHARAMSALA**

Breakfast at the hotel

**Morning:** Explore McLeodganj, visiting Dalai Lama's temple and other interesting places.

**Afternoon:** Visit Norbulinga, the Tibetan school and its center where young Tibetans learn paintings, handicrafts etc.

**Overnight in Dharamsala**



**Day 08 DHARAMSALA / CHANDIGARH**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Chandigarh by car (250 kms / 6-7 hrs). Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. As the capital of the states of Punjab and Haryana, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh it is a prestigious city. The face of modern India, Chandigarh, is the manifestation of a dream that Pt. JawaharLal Nehru envisaged and Le Corbusier executed.

**Overnight in Chandigarh**

**Day 09 CHANDIGARH / DELHI / DEPART**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Delhi airport by car (250 kms / 5-6 hrs). Upon arrival, connect flight for onward destination.

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