

## 9 Days Taj and Himalayan Odyssey-Himachal Pradesh

*The North Indian state of Himachal Pradesh derives its character and identity from the mighty Himalayan Mountains. As a destination, Himachal has all one would expect from what is undoubtedly, the world's greatest mountain system. It is a place where nature has woven a combination of both the majestic and the gentle.*

### **Day 01          Arrival Delhi**

Meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight in hotel.

### **Day 02          Delhi-Agra**

**(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Half day tour of New Delhi. *New Delhi:* India's capital and an important gateway into the country. Visit Lutyen's Delhi-drive past **President's palace** and also known as Rashtrapati Bhawan, **India gate**, a World War I memorial. Lutyen's city is characterized by wide, tree-lined avenues, parks and palaces built for important Indian Princes.



Later visit **Gandhi Smriti**- Housed in the Old Birla House on 5, Tees January Marg, New Delhi, is the sacred place where Mahatma Gandhi's epic Life ended on 30 January 1948. Mahatma Gandhi had lived in this house from 9 September 1947 to 30 January 1948.

Thus, the hallowed house treasures many memories of the last 144 days of his life.

Drive to Agra (approx. 4 Hrs.). Arrive and check-in to hotel.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

### **Day 03          Agra-Delhi-Kalka-Shimla (Overnight train)          (Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Visit **Taj Mahal:** - Described as the most extravagant monument ever built for



love, this poignant Mughal mausoleum has become the de facto tourist emblem of India. It was constructed by Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his second wife Mumtaz Mahal.

Visit **Agra Fort**: - Constructed of the massive red sandstone Agra Fort on the bank of River Yamuna, was begun by Emperor Akbar in 1565.

Later drive back to Delhi (approx 4 Hrs.). Arrive Delhi and transfer to local restaurant for early dinner. Later transfer to railway station for overnight train to Kalka/Shimla- **2130 Hrs. on 2tier AC Sleeper.**

**Day 04 Arrive Kalka-Shimla (Toy Train) (Breakfast on board/Dinner)**

Arrive Kalka at 0440 Hrs. Connect Toy Train at 0545 Hrs.- 52451 Shivalik Express from the next platform.

Arrive Shimla at 1035 Hrs. Transfer to hotel. Some rest.

Walk around the Mall of **Shimla**: The capital of Himachal Pradesh and former summer capital of British India. Shimla is the state's most important centre. Bulging at its seams with unprecedented expansion, Shimla retains a colonial aura, with its grand old buildings, among them the stately Viceregal Lodge, charming iron lampposts and Anglo-Saxon names. Scandal Point, associated with the former Maharaja of Patiala's escapades, offers a view of distant snow clad peaks.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 05 Shimla (Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Excursion to Kufri. **Kufri**:- Kufri (2510m) is a nondescript little village, but the nearby countryside offers some good hiking, including a hike to nearby Mahasu peak. Horses can be hired for trips around the valley and hills. The Himalayan Nature Park has a collection of animals and birds unique to Himachal Pradesh.

Return to Shimla city and day is free at leisure. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 06 Shimla-Manali (Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Drive to Manali (approx 7-8 Hrs.). Arrive Manali and check in to hotel. Nestled in the lap of Pir Panjal range on the bank of Beas River this hill station sheer nature's bounty. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 07 Manali-Rohtangpass-Manali (Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Visit **Hadimba Devi Temple**- It is a small temple situated in the dense forest is very interesting. Hadimba is said to be the wife of Bhima from the epic of Mahabharata. Vashist hot baths where a natural sulphur spring is piped into a modern bath house.

Later drive [to famous Rohtang Pass \(3978 mts.\)](#). Which [offer some of the most spectacular views of the awesome Himalayas](#). For centuries, the Rohtang Pass has been [the gateway for trading routes of Lahaul, Ladakh & Central Asia](#).

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 08          Manali-Chandigarh-Delhi          (Breakfast/Dinner on board)**

Breakfast. Drive to Chandigarh (approx 8-9 Hrs.).

Arrive Chandigarh & transfer to the railway station for train to Delhi 1820/2155 Hrs. 12012 Shatabdi Exp. on AC Chair Car.

Meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight in hotel.

**Day 09          Delhi-Further Destination          (Breakfast)**

Breakfast. On time transfer to the International airport for flight to further destination.

**End of our service**

Days	Night's	City Name	Cat "A" (3 Star)	Cat "B" (4 Star)	Cat "C" (5 Star)
01/02	1	Delhi	Africa Avenue GK	The Royal Plaza	The Metropolitan
02/03	1	Agra	Taj Vilas/ Bhawna Clarks Inn	Mansingh Palace	Clarks Shiraz
<b>03/04</b>		<b>O/N train</b>	<b>Overnight on board</b>		
04/06	2	Shimla	Landmark Hotel	The Combermere	Clarks Shimla
06/08	2	Manali	Johnson Lodge	Manu Allaya	Manu Allaya
08/09	1	Delhi	Africa Avenue GK	The Royal Plaza	The Metropolitan
2pax	<b>7</b>	Twin sharing	<b>SGD 1310 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1554 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1633 PP</b>
3/4pax			<b>SGD 1220 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1464 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1543 PP</b>
5/8pax			<b>SGD 1167 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1411 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1490 PP</b>
8/10pax			<b>SGD 1083 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1327 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1406 PP</b>
		Single Supp	<b>SGD 505</b>	<b>SGD 748</b>	<b>SGD 825</b>

#### **Cost inclusions:**

- 7 Night's accommodation at hotel mentioned, twin/double sharing.
- Meals as per the Itinerary.
- All transfers, sightseeing, excursions and drives using excellent AC vehicle.
- Service of English speaking local guides.
- All payable monument entrance fees. (As per the itinerary). Subject to change.
- Train fare Delhi/Kalka on 2tier AC sleeper & Kalka/Shimla on first class.
- Train fare Chandigarh/Delhi on aircon chair car.
- All **PRESENT** applicable government taxes. **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**.

#### **Cost exclusions:**

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, aerated drinks or bottled water used in room/restaurant, items ordered on room service, mini bar etc..
- Meals apart from those indicated in the itinerary
- Camera fees are not included in the cost
- Cost incurred in obtaining visa or insurance.
- Cost incurred in case of hospitalization or evacuation.
- Internet charges- WI-FI (*where chargeable*).
- Tips/ gratuities paid to driver, guides, room boy, bellboys etc.

**Above cost valid from 01 Oct 19 to 31 Mar '20 (Not valid from 20 Dec-06 Jan '20).**

**Above cost DO NOT include any surcharge for X'mas and New Year Eve hotel might have for Gala Dinner. Keep all clients informed of this.....**

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