



# The Beauty of Himalayas

## 12 day tour to Delhi, Shimla, Manali, Dharamshala & Amritsar

The two states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand constitute the Himalayan Region. Blessed with some of the most spectacular and beautiful landscapes in the world, it is a travellers paradise. Lofty snow peaks, deep gorges, lush green valleys, fast flowing rivers, enchanting mountain lakes, flower bedecked meadows, beautiful temples and monasteries steeped in time, it is a lifetime experience for a traveller. So come on board this unforgettable journey and explore the region offering memories of a lifetime.



### Day 1 Australia ✈ Delhi

Fly from Australia to Delhi, capital of India. Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure or for your own activity. Stay overnight in Delhi for 2 nights.

### Day 2 Delhi

Meal: B/D

Enjoy morning breakfast; proceed for guided sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid - literally meaning the Friday Mosque; India's principal and biggest mosque, Chandni Chowk, old Delhi's most famous, oldest and busiest shopping strip, lined with a mix of stalls, shops, food outlets and temples. It is here through a narrow shop-lined street you will be transported by cycle rickshaws on your most picturesque journey of the tour. Next visit the 17th-century landmarks: Lal Qila - the Red Fort palaces which you drive past, take a photo stop at the iconic war memorial arch, India Gate, visit embassy area, Central Secretariat, President's House, Parliament House, followed by visit to Humayun Tomb. Later visit 72-meter-high, tallest red brick minaret in the world, Qutab Minar (12th Century AD) built out of red sand stone and marble. Stay overnight in Delhi.

### Day 3 Delhi 🚗 Kalka (By Shatabdi Express)

Shimla (By Narrow Gauge Toy Train)

Meal: B/D

Morning transferred to New Delhi railway station to board express train to Kalka. (Packed breakfast will be provided today). Upon arrival in Kalka, board narrow gauge Toy Train for onward but the most scenic journey to Shimla. This train is registered in The Guinness Book as the greatest narrow gauge engineering marvel in India. The train passes through the breath-taking landscapes of majestic Himalayas, 103 tunnels, 969 bridges, 919 curves and more than 20 railway stations

in its entire journey. On arrival at Shimla railway station, met by THO Executive to be assisted with transfer to hotel for check-in. Stay overnight in Shimla.

### Day 4 Shimla

Meal: B/D

Dwelling on a panoramic location, the hilly Shimla town is surrounded by green pastures and snow-capped peaks, accompanied by structures made during the colonial era, creating an incomparable aura. The magnificent old sites and structures hold the reminiscences of the pre-independence era, when India was ruled by the British. After leisurely breakfast, explore the Ridge, situated along the Mall Road, which is the hub of all cultural activities of Shimla. While walking through the Mall Road, visit Scandal Point, a point where Mall Road joins Ridge Road. It is named after the incidence where emperor of Patiala, smitten by daughter of Viceroy of India, kidnapped her from this point. Visit the Indian Institute of Advance Study, built in 1884-1888, Viceregal Lodge. Enjoy scenic view of valley of Shimla from the top of Jakhoo Hill and Hanuman Temple, the highest point in Shimla. Visit Lakkar Bazaar for shopping of artefacts made from wood. Stay overnight in Shimla.

### Day 5 Shimla 🚗 Manali (7-8hrs)

Meal: B/D

Today after breakfast take a scenic drive to Manali. The town is covered by high mountains surrounded by silent snow and deep boulder strewn gorges. The Beas River rushes along its rocky course amid grassy meadows carpeted with wild flowers and wagtails hop along from stone to stone along the stream's edge. Beautiful flower lit green pastures, and fruit laden orchards add to the picturesque landscape. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Stay overnight in Manali.



**Day 6 Manali** Meal: B/D  
 After breakfast explore Naggar – the former capital of the Rajas of Kullu. The town is home to two old temples and a small museum, and is the home of Russian painter the late Nicholas Roerich. Besides the Roerich Art Gallery, Naggar also has a 500-year-old castle built in the Kathkuni style. In the vicinity there are several temples that will keep you engaged. After lunch proceed to visit Hidimba Devi Temple or Dhungri Temple which is one of the most important temples in the region. Conclude your day with Manu Temple visit which is named after the sage Manu who meditated when he came in this area. There is a large modern Tibetan temple and also a small handicrafts center to be explored. Stay overnight in Manali.

**Day 7 Manali – Dharamshala (7-8hrs)** Meal: B/D  
 After breakfast travel to Dharamshala, a town set against the backdrop of the vivid Dhauladhar Mountains, perched on the high slopes in the inner reaches of Kangra Valley. Enjoy another scenic ride crossing many small villages to arrive in Dharamshala. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Stay overnight in Dharamshala.

**Day 8 Dharamshala** Meal: B/D  
 After breakfast start sightseeing tour of Dharamshala. Home of the Tibetan leader and Noble Laureate the Dalai Lama, Dharamshala overlooks the plains and is surrounded by dense pine trees and Deodar forests. A nearby snowline with numerous streams and cool atmosphere makes the surroundings very attractive. Explore lower Dharamshala, the civil and business area with courts and Kotwali bazaar and upper Dharamshala with places like McLeod Ganj and Forsyth Ganj. Enjoy panoramic view of the tea gardens, beautiful hills, colorful bazaar and colonial lifestyle. Stay overnight in Dharamshala.

**Day 9 Dharamshala Amritsar (6hrs)** Meal: B/D  
 After Breakfast, travel to Amritsar, home to the most sacred shrine, 'The Golden Temple' and the most important holy place in Sikh religion. Amritsar is a thriving city with important devout centres and historical sites, Amritsar exhibits a glorious past. The Golden Temple is the cradle of Amritsar with the city growing around it nurtured by its divine sacredness. Upon arrival check in and stay for two nights in Amritsar.

**Day 10 Amritsar** Meal: B/D  
 After breakfast, visit Sacred Golden Temple the most important holy place in Sikh religion. It has four doorways and gorgeously decorated arches, reflecting influences of Hindu and Muslim styles of architecture. With the temple standing in the middle of a tank, it exudes tremendous architectural brilliance. The four entrances of this holy shrine from

all four directions, signify that people belonging to every walk of life are equally welcome. An amazing fact about this temple is that it has a kitchen that feeds more than 35000 people each day without wasting anything. Enjoy healthy vegetarian meal for lunch at Langar (free Kitchen), one of the largest free kitchen in the world.

Later this afternoon drive for an excursion to Wagah (Indo – Pak Border) for change of guard ceremony. Wagah border post, about 29km from Amritsar on the Grand Trunk, has become famous for the ceremonial closing of gates and lowering of flags of India and Pakistan. Over 5000 people converge on the Indian side alone to watch the ceremony known as 'Beating the Retreat'. As the Flag Code of India mandates that the national flag shall be flown only from sunrise to sunset, the tricolour is hoisted after sunrise and lowered at sunset. The martial ceremony of lowering the flag has been turned into an entertainment at Wagah. It is a highly stylized patriotic aggression on display that is hard to miss and is carried out with great ceremonial pomp and energy. Post ceremony return to hotel. Dinner will be at hotel. Stay overnight in Amritsar.

**Day 11 Amritsar Delhi Australia** Meal: B  
 After breakfast visit Jallianwala Bagh, which tells the sad story of mass killing of April 1919. More than 1500 Indians were killed and wounded here in an indiscriminate firing by the British. It was a carnage that had nationwide ramifications, shaking and enraging the whole country. Jallianwala Bagh venerates the martyrs, keeping the tragic episode in its historical background.

Later this afternoon transfer to Amritsar airport for your flight to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi you will be assisted to take connecting flight bound for Australia.

**Day 12 Australia**  
 Arrive in Australia in the morning.

**The Beauty of Himalayas Tour Dates & Prices**

Tour code	Start Delhi Monday	End Delhi Thursday	Full package with international air departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth	
			Singapore Airlines	
BH170327	27-Mar-17	06-Apr-17	\$4,580	
BH170424	24-Apr-17	04-May-17	\$4,580	
BH170522	22-May-17	01-Jun-17	\$4,580	
BH170717	17-Jul-17	27-Jul-17	\$4,580	
BH170911	11-Sep-17	21-Sep-17	\$4,580	
BH171016	16-Oct-17	26-Oct-17	\$4,680	
BH171113	13-Nov-17	23-Nov-17	\$4,680	
BH180226	26-Feb-18	08-Mar-18	\$4,680	
BH180326	26-Mar-18	05-Apr-18	\$4,680	
Land Only: \$3580			Single Supplement: \$750	

\* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.

\* Please refer to Page 7 for [Tour Inclusions](#) and [Extending Your Holiday](#) details.

\* Land only price: Tour starts from [Arrival transfer in Delhi](#) to [Departure transfer in Delhi](#); including domestic air tickets of Amritsar - Delhi and taxes; but excluding any international air tickets.

\* Camera / video fees may apply in some sightseeing places (at your own expenses).

\* India visa extra see page 8 for details.

# Package prices of Singapore Airlines are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Singapore will be at your own expenses.

\* Stopover in Singapore permitted if flying with Singapore Airlines; extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Singapore can be arranged at additional cost.

**Hotels used for this tour:** 4\* Delhi Holiday Inn Mayur Vihar, 4\* Shimla Woodville Palace; 4\* Manali Banon Resort; 4\* Dharamsala Pride Surya Resort; 4\* Amritsar Ramada Plaza or similar.

**Pre / Post Stay:** \$158 (Delhi) per room per night with breakfast