



Himalayan Heritage

12 Night Private Tour

Journey through the bustling streets of Delhi to the serene mountain landscapes of north India on our Himalayan Heritage tour.

This 12 night tour offers you the unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich heritage and culture of northern India, and delve into the enchanting world of the Himalayas. Enjoy captivating sightseeing tours, jump into authentic traditional experiences, and savour awe-inspiring moments at numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The perfect blend of cultural exploration, natural beauty and spiritual encounters await...

Highlights

- Sightseeing tour of Delhi - including rickshaw ride
- UNESCO World Heritage Toy Train journey through Shimla (Queen of the Hills)
- Colonial heritage walking tour of Shimla
- Explore Pragpur village
- Sightseeing tour of Dharamshala
- Evening visit to the Golden Temple
- Sightseeing tour of Amritsar
- Visit the Langar Khana at the Golden Temple and even volunteer if you wish
- Witness the ceremonial changing of the guards in Wagah, the border between India and Pakistan

What's included:

- Getting there: Return flights to Delhi
- Meet and greet at the airport on arrival and departure
- Transport: Return airport transfers and throughout the tour, train journey between Delhi/Kalka, Toy Train journey between Kalka/Shimla and flight between Amritsa/Delhi
- Accommodation: 12 nights total duration (including 1 night on outbound flight) - 2 nights Delhi, 3 nights Shimla, 1 night Pragpur, 2 nights Dharamshala, 2 nights Amritsar, 1 night Delhi
- Meals included: 11 breakfasts
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to attractions

Not included:

- Any meals (other than the one mentioned in the itinerary), drinks, tips, expenses of personal nature.
- Early/late check-in/out service at hotels (surcharge if requested)
- Travel insurance and visa

Full Itinerary

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Board your overnight flight from the UK to Delhi Airport DEL.

Day 2: Arrive in Delhi

Arrive at Delhi airport. Meet and greet provided at the airport followed by private transfers to the hotel for check-in.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Leela Ambience, Delhi or similar.



Day 3: Sightseeing in Delhi

The day starts with a tour of Old Delhi, visiting landmarks such as Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, Raj Ghat, the memorial site of Mahatma Gandhi and explore Humayun's Tomb, a beautiful example of Mughal architecture. As part of your tour, you will also enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride in the narrow streets of Old Delhi.

You will also visit one of the many centres of Project Arman, a project focused on supporting underprivileged children. You will have the opportunity to visit the afternoon day care centre and spend time with the children as part of their flagship project, the Shaping Lives Foundation.

After your visit, drive past Qutub Minar, the first mosque in India.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Leela Ambience, Delhi or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 4: Delhi to Shimla

Transfer to Delhi's railway station for your train to Kalka. From Kalka, board the UNESCO World Heritage Toy Train, which offers breath-taking views as it travels through the Shivalik ranges to Shimla, known as the "Queen of Hills".

Check-in at the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Willow Banks, Shimla or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 5: Shimla Sightseeing

Embark on a colonial heritage walking tour of Shimla. Visit the Viceregal Lodge, now known as the Institute for Advanced Studies, which played a significant role in the partition of India. Explore other heritage buildings such as Scandal Point, the General Post Office, Christ's Church, and more. You have the option to have lunch at Chapslee (time permitting), the former summer residence of the Maharaja of Kapurthala. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Willow Banks, Shimla or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

Day 6: Leisure Day in Shimla

Today is yours to enjoy and explore Shimla.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Willow Banks, Shimla or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

Day 7: Shimla to Pragpur

After breakfast, transfer to Pragpur in the Kangra Valley (approximately 6 hour drive). Pragpur is known for its diverse architectural styles and historic houses. You'll check-in to Judge's Court, a 300-year-old ancestral home of Vijai and Rani Lal, which has been converted into a resort.

In the afternoon, take a walk through the charming town, visit the village market, and explore notable houses like Brij Bihari Lal Butel's and Lala Rerumal's haveli & Chaujjar mansion.

ACCOMMODATION: 3* Judge's Court, Pragpur or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 8: Pragpur to Dharamshala

Drive to Dharamshala (approximately 2 hour drive). In the evening, enjoy a stroll through Kotwali bazaar, a great opportunity for you to interact with the people and get a glimpse into everyday lives of the locals.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Justa Birding Resort, Dharamshala or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 9: Sightseeing in Dharamshala

Today, enjoy a day of sightseeing in Dharamshala. Visit the Tibetan Children's SOS Village and Tsug-Lag-Khang, the most important Tibetan Buddhist temple outside of Tibet. Explore the Norbulingka Institute, where you can learn about Tibetan art, and visit the Anglican church of St. John's in the Wilderness.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Justa Birding Resort, Dharamshala or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

Day 10: Dharamshala to Amritsar

Drive to Amritsar (approximately 4.5 hour drive). Upon arrival at Amritsar, receive a traditional welcome with Aarti (prayer), tikka, and flower garland. In the evening, visit the Golden Temple, a sacred site for Sikhs, where you can witness their religious practices and experience this intensely spiritual experience.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Ramada, Amritsar or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 11: Sightseeing in Amritsar

In the morning, visit Jalianwala Bagh, a memorial to the tragic events of the Indian Mutiny of 1857. Next, return to the Golden Temple and experience the Langar Khana, the communal kitchen where volunteers prepare meals for the visitors.

You can even volunteer and help prepare food for the lunch service and then join the locals for lunch. A simple vegetarian lunch, but likely to be one of the most satisfying meals of the entire trip. It is considered a sacred duty to work for a short time in the Langar.

In the afternoon, drive to Wagah, the border between India and Pakistan, and witness the ceremonial changing of the guards.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Ramada, Amritsar or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

Day 12: Amritsar to Delhi

Enjoy the morning at your own pace, then in the afternoon, board your flight to Delhi. Meet and greet is provided upon arrival followed by private transfers to the hotel for check-in.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* ITC Welcome, or Radisson Blu, or Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, Delhi or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 13: Home

Private transfers to Delhi airport and flight home.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

FAQs

DO I NEED A VISA?

British passport holders require a visa to enter India, and your passport must have an expiry date of at least 6 months after the date you arrive with at least 2 blank pages.

Please check the FCDO website for more information on visas.

WHAT CURRENCY DO I TAKE WITH ME?

Indian Rupee. You can take USD with you which you can get exchanged at the airport or at most hotels for Indian Rupees.

WHO IS THIS TOUR SUITABLE FOR?

This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. Please note the minimum child age is 4 years old.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?

Please note that there are no mandatory vaccinations required to enter India. However, we recommend consulting your GP or a travel health clinic before you travel to ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date and to receive any personalised health advice.

WHEN IS MONSOON SEASON?

Monsoon season is from July through to September.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PACK?

We advise you take biodegradable sun tan lotion and a hat.

When visiting temples and religious houses you often have to take off your shoes and cover shoulders and knees.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE ON TIPS?

While tipping isn't mandatory, it's a thoughtful way to show appreciation, especially considering the modest wages many workers receive. A small gesture can go a long way, so setting aside a little extra for porters, guides, and drivers is always appreciated. Leaving some spare change at restaurants is also a kind way to recognise good service.

DO I NEED TRAVEL/HEALTH INSURANCE?

We advise you to take out suitable travel and health insurance