SACRED HIMALAYAS

An Expedition Through Time — Spiti & Kinnaur

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS • MAY–SEPTEMBER 2027 • MINIMUM 6 TRAVELLERS

Route: Chandigarh – Mandi – Manali – Sissu – Kunzum Pass – Kaza – Tabo – Nako – Kalpa – Sangla – Chitkul – Narkanda – Chandigarh.

Ancient Buddhist monasteries, sacred peaks, remote mountain villages and high passes connecting different worlds and eras. This expedition crosses the extraordinary valleys of Spiti and Kinnaur, where centuries-old traditions endure amid the grandeur of the Indian Himalayas.

DAY 01 | CHANDIGARH – MANDI

Approx. 200 km | 5–6 hours | Overnight: Mandi

Depart Chandigarh in the morning and travel through the picturesque Shivalik foothills. Stop near Bilaspur for views of Gobind Sagar Lake. Continue to Mandi, a historic town on the Beas River, known as "Little Kashi" for its many temples. Subject to arrival time, visit Bhutnath Temple and stroll through the local market. Dinner and overnight stay in Mandi.

DAY 02 | MANDI – MANALI – ATAL TUNNEL – SISSU

Approx. 155–170 km | 6–7 hours excluding visits | Overnight: Sissu

Follow the Beas River through Kullu Valley to Manali. Visit Hadimba Devi Temple in its cedar-forest setting and Vashisht village, known for ancient shrines and natural hot springs. A brief walk along Mall Road is possible if time permits. Continue through the celebrated Atal Tunnel into Lahaul Valley, where green landscapes give way to dramatic rocky peaks. Arrive in Sissu and enjoy views of its waterfall and surrounding mountains. Dinner and overnight stay in Sissu.

DAY 03 | SISSU – GRAMPHU – BATAL – KUNZUM PASS – LOSAR – KAZA

Approx. 145–155 km | 7–9 hours | Kunzum Pass approx. 4,551 m | Overnight: Kaza

An early departure along a rugged high-altitude road via Gramphu, Chhatru and Batal, passing rocky valleys, mountain streams and glacial scenery. Cross Kunzum Pass and stop at Kunzum Mata Temple, where travellers traditionally seek blessings for a safe journey. Admire the spectacular Himalayan panorama before descending to Losar and continuing through Spiti Valley to Kaza, the region's administrative centre. Dinner and overnight stay in Kaza.

DAY 04 | KAZA – KEY MONASTERY – KIBBER – CHICHAM BRIDGE – KAZA

Approx. 65–80 km | 3–4 hours excluding visits | Overnight: Kaza

Visit Key Monastery, one of Spiti's most important Tibetan Buddhist institutions, dramatically perched above the river valley. Continue to the high-altitude village of Kibber, with its traditional homes and mountain scenery. See Chicham Bridge spanning a deep gorge. Return to Kaza, with free time to explore the local market and cafés. Dinner and overnight stay in Kaza.

DAY 05 | KAZA – LANGZA – HIKKIM – KOMIC – DHANKAR – TABO

Approx. 110–135 km | 5–7 hours excluding visits | Overnight: Tabo

Explore Spiti's remarkable high-altitude villages. In Langza, see the large Buddha statue and the area known for ancient marine fossils. Visit Hikkim, home to one of the world's highest post offices, and Komic, among the highest permanently inhabited villages accessible by road. Continue to Dhankar Monastery, spectacularly situated on a cliff above the confluence of the Spiti and Pin rivers. Travel to

Tabo and visit its historic Buddhist monastic complex, founded in AD 996 and renowned for ancient murals and sculptures. Dinner and overnight stay in Tabo.

DAY 06 | TABO – NAKO – KHAB – KALPA

Approx. 165–180 km | 6–8 hours | Overnight: Kalpa

Leave Spiti and travel towards Kinnaur. Stop in Nako for a walk beside its tranquil lake and to see traditional stone houses and an ancient Buddhist monastery. Continue to Khab, where the Spiti and Sutlej rivers meet. Follow the dramatic Sutlej gorge via Pooh and Reckong Peo to Kalpa. Enjoy evening views of the sacred Kinner Kailash mountain range. Dinner and overnight stay in Kalpa.

DAY 07 | KALPA – SANGLA – CHITKUL – SANGLA

Approx. 95–110 km | 4–5 hours excluding visits | Overnight: Sangla

Begin with morning views of Kinner Kailash before travelling into beautiful Sangla Valley along the Baspa River. Visit Sangla village and continue to Chitkul, one of the last inhabited villages on the tourist-accessible road towards the Indo-Tibetan border. Discover traditional wooden houses, local temples and mountain meadows, and enjoy a walk near the Baspa River. Return to Sangla for dinner and an overnight stay.

DAY 08 | SANGLA – RAMPUR – NARKANDA

Approx. 170–185 km | 6–7 hours | Overnight: Narkanda

Travel via Karcham, Wangtu and Rampur Bushahr along the Sutlej Valley. Stop in Rampur for lunch or refreshments. Rocky landscapes gradually give way to forests and apple orchards. Arrive in Narkanda, a peaceful hill station surrounded by conifers. Enjoy a relaxed evening. Dinner and overnight stay in Narkanda.

DAY 09 | NARKANDA – SHIMLA REGION – SOLAN – CHANDIGARH

Approx. 175–190 km | 5–6 hours | End of tour

After breakfast, an early visit to Hatu Peak may be arranged if weather and timing permit, for panoramic Himalayan views. Drive back to Chandigarh via the Shimla region, Solan and Parwanoo. Arrival is expected in the late afternoon or evening, depending on road and traffic conditions. End of expedition.

EXPEDITION PRICES

Per person in USD | Minimum group: 6 travellers

6 travellers — USD 1,052

8 travellers — USD 961

10 travellers — USD 907

Additional adult: USD 363, subject to confirmation of applicable accommodation arrangements.

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PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 8 nights of accommodation along the route
- Breakfast and dinner as per the itinerary

- All scheduled transfers and sightseeing drives
- Guide services and entrance tickets for scheduled visits
- Mineral water during road journeys
- Experienced mountain driver
- One portable oxygen canister per traveller

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Additional portable oxygen canisters: USD 25 per canister, on request. Oxygen does not replace proper acclimatisation, descent to a lower altitude or medical care if altitude sickness develops.

ACCOMMODATION PLAN

Mandi – 1 night | Sissu – 1 night | Kaza – 2 nights | Tabo – 1 night | Kalpa – 1 night | Sangla – 1 night | Narkanda – 1 night. Total: 8 nights.

IMPORTANT OPERATING INFORMATION

Travel season: May–September 2027. The complete circuit via Kunzum Pass is possible only when the seasonal road is open. Departures in May and early June require special confirmation; mid-June to September is generally more suitable, subject to conditions. Approximate total driving distance: 1,300–1,450 km.

The expedition reaches approximately 4,551 metres above sea level. Guests should be briefed on acclimatisation and altitude sickness and consult a physician before travel if they have relevant medical concerns. Road conditions in Lahaul and Spiti can be challenging, with rough surfaces and water crossings. The sequence of visits may change for safety and operational reasons.

Hotel categories, vehicle configuration, guide language, water allowance, local taxes and any permits required for restricted or border areas are subject to confirmation before final booking.

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