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SPITI VALLEY -THE OFFBEAT HIMACHAL Shimla-Sangla-Kalpa-Tabo-Kaza-Chandra Tal-Manali-Chandigarh

FLIGHT SCHEDULE:

DAY	DATE	SECTOR	FLIGHT DETAILS	DEP	ARR
THU	5.9.24	KOLKATA-CHANDIGARH	NETAJI EXP	2155	0135
TUE	17.9.24	CHANDIGARH-KOLKATA	6E 6041	2000	2210

The amazing Spiti Circuit Tour passes through Shivalik hills, lesser Himalayan ranges of Shimla, and rugged steep valleys of Greater and Trans-Himalayan ranges. Before reaching Kaza (or Kaja) – the Lahaul and Spiti Valley Circuit route panorama of horizons. In about circuit, the looking landscapes in stark contrast to Greater and Lesser The circuit that goes and lows of



headquarters of district, the Spiti offers a colorful landscapes and 1,100 km long Spiti extraterrestrial- of Spiti Valley stand the rest of the Himalayan region. through the highs Kinnaur, Spiti and

Kullu valleys offers travelers a chance to explore the recently inaugurated all-weather and all-season Atal Tunnel that reduces travel time between Manali and Kaza by around 3-4 hours and distance by over 35 km. Travel time between Kaza and Manali has now been reduced to about 6-7 hours, which earlier used to be 10-12 hours. Spiti – a scarcely populated region abutting the Indo-Tibet border – is the land of monasteries, barren but beautiful mountains of dizzying heights, hospitable and super-friendly people.

The Spiti river cuts the region into two parts. Originating from Kunzum Ranges, the river drains the region before its confluence with the Sutlej River at Khab.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01

CHANDIGARH -NARKANDA



After arrive at Chandigarh, proceed to Narkanda which is 165 K.M away from Chandigarh, on the way you can enjoy the scenic beauty of Paramanoo-Shimla, Kufri and Fagu valley. Narkanda is situated at an elevation of 2708 meters of Shimla district, which gives beautiful views of snow capped Himalayas. It is also famous for its apple Orchard, Most of the Himachal apples produce here. After arrival at Narkanda, check in at Hotel. After noon we will visit “Hatu Peak” - Soaring at a height of nearly 12,000 feet above sea level, the Hatu Peak is the highest

peak in the entire Shimla district, located 8km from Narkanda. Surrounded by majestic mountains and covered in a dense green blanket of sky-touching cedar and fir, Hatu Peak may just be paradise on earth. You can also visit Hatu Mata Temple, Stokes Farm, Mahamaya Temple, Tanni Jubbar Lake, Jau-Baug-Kacheri, etc. Dinner and overnight stay at Narkanda.

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DAY 02: NARKANDA TO SANGLA (160 K.M-5 HRS)

After breakfast proceed to Sangla on the way you can stop at Rampur. The road going downhill towards Rampur and from Rampur the straight road goes parallel with River Sutlej till Jeori. From Jeori the road climb up in very straight manner for next 12 Kilometer till Sarahan. We will reach Karcham Bridge, from where road turn right and goes towards Sangla after a 42 K.M, 4 hrs from Narkanda. We have to travel 17 K.M more to reach Sangla. On the way to Sangla, you can visit famous Bhimakali temple at Sarahan and also on the way Sutlej View point, Royal Palace and Bird Sanctuary. Check in at Hotel and overnight stay at Sangla.



DAY 03: AT SANGLA, VISIT CHITKUL, RAKCHAM, BUDDHIST MONASTERY

After breakfast visit Chitkul-the last village towards Tibet / China border over Baspa river valley.

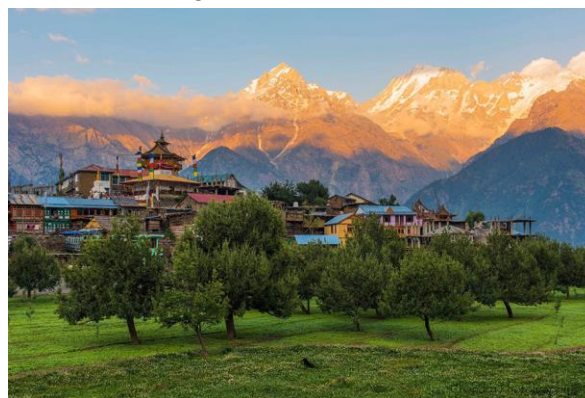


Baspa River is tributary of Sutlej river, originating at Tibet near Mansarovar it join with Sutlej River near Karcham. Also visit Rackham village for its picturesque view of Sangla Valley. Our last destination is Sangla Buddhist Monastery, which we can see next day also-in time of going to Kalpa. Return back to hotel, Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 04: AT KALPA, VISIT KINNAUR-KAILASH, NAGINI TEMPLE, SAPINI FORT

After breakfast proceed to Kalpa which is only 38 K.M away from Sangla; so we decide to first visit

places like, Suicide Point, Narayan Nagian Temple and Sapini Fort before reaching to Kalpa Hotel. Situated at a height of 6050 meter Kinnaur-Kailash is a Mountain range of Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. As per Hindu mythology Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati resides in Kinnaur -Kailash. This mount is one of the Pancha-Kailash peak in Mount Himalaya (others are-Mount Kailash, Sikhar Kailash, Adi Kailash and Mani Mahesh Kailash).Mount Kailash height is 6638 Meters. On the way to Karcham Dam, first we will visit Badri Bishal Temple, Bodh Gram and Kamru Fort also Kamrup Mata Mandir. Thereafter crossing Pouri we will reach at Rekong Pio- District Headquarter. Then we will reach our hotel at Kalpa. From Kalpa we will visit Roghi Village, Suicide point and Chini Village-Hubu Lankar Monastery and Narayan Nagin Temple. Also you can see the Kailash Kinnaur Range from here clearly. Return back to hotel, dinner and overnight stay at Hotel.



DAY 05: KALPA TO TABO

After breakfast check out from Kalpa hotel and proceed towards Tabo via Rekong Pio, Pouri, Sahid Setu, Dubling, Khab Bridge, Nako Lake, Nako Monastery, Gue Monastery, Malling Nala, Moon Land, Chango Village, Sumdo (border of Kinnaur and Spiti district), Gue Village-Monastery-Gue Mommy. Till date we were travelling in Kinnaur District, but, today we reach at Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh after crossing Sumdo Border. Sutlej River which originated in Tibet from Rakhas Tal near Mount Kailash is the longest branch of Indus River flows through our Journey. The most surprising story of

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Sangha Tenzing-a Buddhist monk, who did natural self mummification to protect local people against harmful insects. This Gue Monastery mummy is 500 years old and came to notice after an earthquake in 1975-buried under soil. The process of this mummification needs continuous fasting without any liquid intake. Every part of his body is intact



till date. Evening arrive at Tabo, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 06: TABO TO KAZA

After breakfast visit Tabo Monastery, you can see built in Year 996 Old Tabo Monastery built by mud and stone; and recently Built New Tabo Monastery, also we will visit Shanti Stupa, Chorten, residence of Monks and Millennium Guest House. Return back to Hotel and check out. We will to Kaza via Tabo Bridge, Spiti River, Sichling Village, Dhankar Monastery, Dhankar Fort, Dhankar Lake, Lalung Monastery. Dhankar also a confluence place of Spiti River and Pin River. Kaza is the district city of Lahaul-Spiti, all facility of modern day life you will get here. Arrive Kaza, Dinner and overnight stay at Kaza.



DAY 07: AT KAZA, VISIT PIN VALLEY, MUD VILLAGE, LANGZA, KOMIC AND HIKKIM

Early morning we visit Kaza Monastery near our hotel with its Chorten and after breakfast Excursion trip to Gulling village, Pin Valley- over Pin River and Mud village-specially famous for its natural beauty. You can trek to Parvati Peak here which ends at Manikaran, Kullu district. Snow Leopard and Siberian Ibex is the local wild animal you may see if you are lucky enough. Another sightseeing spot from here you may visit Langza Village which is also famous as Fossil Village. 5 Crore years back from today, this place was merged under Tethys Sea; but, two big land mass situated in two side of



Tethys sea -Gondwana and Laurasia begin to move towards Tethys Sea, as a result land mass of Tethys sea begin to fold and rise as Himalayan range. All the sea creatures of Tethys Sea remains as Fossil and you can see this fossil everywhere in Langza village. You can see **Mount CCKN**-height 6300 meter (Chau Chau Kan Nilda, means-The Princess Mountain on which Sun and Moons Shines) from Langza Village throughout the year. Komic village, Komic Monastery is the highest motorable village and Monastery (15040 feet) of the World. Hikkim, another village in Spiti is Hikkim, situated at 14567 Feet above sea level, here situated the highest Post Office of the World. Return back to Hotel, Dinner and overnight stay.



DAY 08: KAZA TO KUNZUM PASS, CHANDRA TAL, STAY AT SWISS TENT

After breakfast check out from Kaza and proceed towards Chandra Tal, on the way we will cross Kunzum Pass-which remain closed due to snow fall from October to May. Mobile network also not available

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in this route. We will visit Key Monastery and Kiato Moonland on the way to Kunzum Pass. Key Village-Key Monastery situated at 13688 feet high, this is the highest Monastery at Spiti; built by a follower of Atis-Dipankar. We will cross 120 feet long suspension Chicham Bridge- highest bridge in Asia (13600 feet). You can see Spiti Horse (Chamurthi Horse) here which is mostly used by Indian



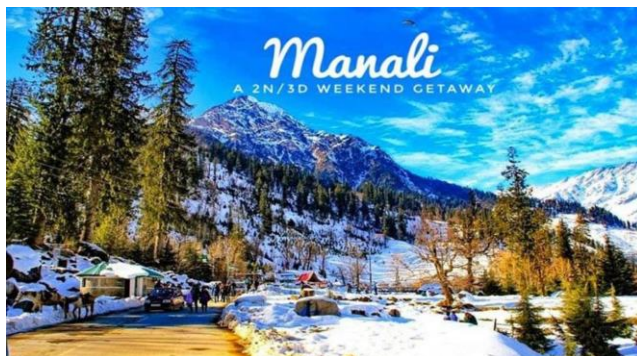
Army-as they can easily accumulated with cold weather and Stiff Mountain roads. Kiato Moonland is another architectural masterpiece of Mother Nature. We will travel through NH 505 most of our journey in this route. After crossing Kiato village we will cross Hansa Village and Losar Village. Most of the travelers in this route, take lunch here. Kunzum Pass / Kunzum Top is the dividing place from Spiti and Lahaul. You can visit Kunzum Mata Temple here, usually travelers take blessing from Kunzum Mata before crossing Kunzum Pass. Kunzum Top is situated at a height of 14950 feet; this is the highest Pass in Himachal (Rotang Pass -13051 feet). You can see Great Glacier (28 KM long) from this

place. Keeping Manali road in left we will proceed towards Chandra Tal on right, on the way we will face various water stream (Glacier Snot) which flows to Chandra River crossing our road. Chandra Tal is allowed to visit till 6 P.M from last check post and you have to walk around one Kilometer from Transport parking area. All tents are allowed 3 Kilometer apart from Chandra Lake, so, we will cross our tents and visit Chandra Tal and then return to our Tent for night Stay. This are fall under Wild Life Sanctuary and no concrete construction is allowed here. Dinner and Overnight stay at Tent.



DAY 09: CHANDRA TAL (1400 FEET) TO MANALI (6400 FEET)

Early morning you can visit another Lake from here named-Samudra Tapu & Lake-which is bigger in size and only One kilometer from our Tent. You can also see from here various Mountain-Peak C B 13, Peak C B 14, Tiger Tooth, etc. In the night sky you can observe **Milky Way** clearly in pollution free night sky here. After breakfast check out from Tent and proceed towards Manali; we will reach Manali via Batal Bridge (you can take a Tea break here at famous Cha Chair Dhaba), Chhatru, Pagla Nala, Gramphu. Chandra Tal to Gramphu (70 K.M) road is very bad, better to say, no road is exist here-as because it is covered by heavy snow most of the year; you have to travel through river bed and crossing various little stream. After Gramphu road is very good and after crossing Atal Tunnel and Solang Valley we will reach Manali soon. You can spent some times at Solang Valley and enjoy various activities. After arrive at Manali, check in to Hotel, day free, in the afternoon you can visit Hadimba Temple, Basist Ashram, Mall road and also for shopping. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.



DAY 10: AT MANALI, VISIT KULLU VALLEY, MANIKARAN

After breakfast excursion trip to Manikaran. Situated at Parvati Valley on the River Parvati in Kullu district, 4 KM from Kasol and 45 KM from Kullu is a pilgrimage center for Hindus and Sikhs. Rama, Krishna and Vishnu Temple are located

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here as well as Gurudwara for Sikhs. This area is also well known for its Hot Spring and its beautiful landscape. On the way return visit Kullu Valley and Mata Vaiushno Devi Temple. Arrive Manali and day free at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at Manali.

DAY 11: MANALI TO CHANDIGARH, VISIT ROCK GARDEN, DROP TO AIRPORT

After breakfast check out from hotel and proceed to Chandigarh crossing a number of Tunnel and Dam. Arrive Chandigarh in the afternoon and visit Rock garden. Drop to Airport at 1600 hrs. Take return flight 6E 6041 to Kolkata, departs at 2000 hrs. Arrive Kolkata at 2210 hrs.

YOUR TOUR ENDS

TOUR COST:

Rs.40, 000- Nett per adult on twin sharing basis

TOUR COST INCLUDES

1. Howrah-Chandigarh Netaji Express on a/c -3 Tires.
2. CHANDIGARH-KOLKATA BY FLIGHT.
3. Entire trip by Tempo Traveller.
4. **01 NIGHT STAY NARKANDA**
5. **2 NIGHTS STAY AT SANGLA / RACKCHAM**
6. **01 NIGHT STAY AT KALPA**
7. **01 NIGHT STAY AT TABO**
8. **2 NIGHT STAY AT KAZA**
9. **01 NIGHT STAY AT CHANDRA TAL TENT**
10. **02 NIGHTS STAY AT MANALI**
11. All sightseeing as mentioned.
12. Breakfast and Dinner every day.
13. *Services of experienced tour escort from our Agency.*

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