

In the Lap of the Himalaya - Delhi @ Shimla

Day - 01	Bengaluru / Delhi	By air
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Morning Transfer from hotel to airport to catch flight for Delhi (IC 505-0930 / 1200 hrs).

Upon arrival in Delhi transfer and check-in at hotel.

India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds - the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast spiral skyscrapers the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders to the region's ancient legacy. The first impressions for any visitor travelling in from the airport are of a spacious, garden city, tree-lined with a number of beautiful parks.

Evening proceed for sound and light show at Red Fort.

OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL

Day - 02	Delhi
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Breakfast at hotel.

Proceed for full day **City tour of Delhi**, which reflects the legacy the British left behind.

The tour to Delhi will include a visit to the **Qutab Minar**, the tallest stone tower in India. Qutub-ud-din Aibak started construction in 1199. Pulling down 27 Hindu and Jain temples and using their columns erected the attached Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque. Then visit **Humayun's tomb**, built by the widow of the second Mughal Emperor, Humayun, it is an outstanding monument in the Indo-Persian style, a precursor of the Taj Mahal. Visit to Old Delhi will include visit to the Jama Masjid and walk upto Chandni Chowk, the famous by lanes of Old Delhi and drive past Red Fort. The tour also includes a drive past with photo opportunity of the imposing **India Gate**, the **Parliament building** and the **Rastrapati Bhawan**, the President's residence.



OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL

Day - 03	Delhi / Kalka / Shimla	By Train
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After an early buffet breakfast at the hotel, Check out from hotel and transfer to New Delhi station to board the Kalka Shatabdi Express train to Kalka leaving New Delhi at 07:40 hrs and arriving Kalka at 1145 hrs.

Upon arrival at Kalka Train station, transfer from Shatabadi Express to the Toy Train that will chug through the Shivalik range to Shimla the erstwhile Summer Capital of the British India.

Departure by Himalyan Queen from Kalka at 1210 hrs and arrive at Shimla at 1720 hrs.



Meandering on these trains is a galvanizing experience as one passes through the breathtaking landscapes of majestic Himalayas, tunnels/ bridges and lush green valleys embellished with pine, oak trees. This magnificent train was inaugurated by the British viceroy, Lord Curzon in November 1903, almost covering the distance of 96 km from Kalka through the curving tracks, up to Shimla hills- the summer capital of colonial India. The train passes through 103 tunnels, 969 bridges, 919 curves and 20 railway stations in its entire journey.

Upon arrival in Shimla transfer and check-in at hotel.

The British called **Shimla** the "Queen of Hill Stations." Situated in the northwest Himalayas, Shimla the summer capital of India before independence is now the capital of Himachal Pradesh. Shimla derives its name from "Shyamala":- the goddess Kali, whose temple existed in the dense forest that covered Jakhu Hill in the early 19th century. The English named it Shimla. Covering the area of 18 sq. km. at a height of 7,238 ft. Shimla is surrounded by pine, deodar, oak and rhododendron forests. Its well-developed facilities, easy accessibility and numerous attractions make it one of Indian's most popular and biggest hill-stations.

After freshening up we will proceed for a guided acquaintance stroll on The Mall.

OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL

Day - 04 **Shimla**

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, we will be met by our guide who will guide us for a walking tour through the heritage of Shimla that includes the visits to the heritage buildings that were built during the British period and are still known for their elegant architecture. For example: Ellerslie (Himachal Pradesh Secretariat building), The Vice Regal Lodge, State Museum, Gorton Castle, The Railway Board Building, Christ Church, Gaiety Theatre, Scandal Point, The Combermere Bridge.

Walk down on the **Mall**, from this central area, the town spills downwards, with winding roads linking up settlements and stone steps connecting each layer, open only to the pedestrians. Dominating the eastern end of the Ridge is the **Christ Church**, which was consecrated in 1857. It is a prominent yellow painted building with a Victorian-Gothic spire. Next to the church is the mock-**Tudor Library**, built in 1910. It has a collection of historical books and subscribes to most English language dailies. On the other extreme of the central square is the **Scandal Point**. The place got its curious name after the daughter of a high-ranking British officer eloped with the Maharaja of Patiala from here.



Afternoon visit the most impressive colonial edifice of Shimla, the **Viceregal Lodge**, now known as the Rashtrapati Niwas (President's House). Sitting on the flat top of Observatory Hill, this Elizabethan mansion was built in 1888 for Lord Dufferin.

Return to your hotel after tour.

OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL

Day - 05 **Shimla /Kalka / Delhi** **By Train**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Later in time transfer to Shimla railway station to board the Himalyan Queen for Kalka at 1030 hrs. It reaches Kalka at 1605 hrs.

Arrive Kalka and connect New Delhi Shatabdi at 1745 hrs which arrive New Delhi at 2150 hrs.

Arrive Delhi. Transfer to international airport or city hotel as per the case may be.

*****END OF SERVICES*****

Tour Cost in INR (Indian Rupee)

Number of Persons traveling together	Twin Sharing (Per person)	Single Room (Supplement)
Minimum 22 Pax	29500	20000

Airfare Supplement

Sector	Class	Airfare (per person)
Bengaluru / Delhi	Economy	5000

Hotels envisaged :

City	Hotel	Room Type	Meal Plan
Delhi	Le Meridien	Executive	Breakfast
Shimla	Radisson Jass	Deluxe	Breakfast

Tour cost includes

- Accommodation at Delhi (02 nights) and Shimla (02 nights) total 04 nights on bed, breakfast and taxes basis
- All transportation, sightseeing and excursions as per itinerary using exclusive Air-conditioned deluxe coach in Delhi and Toyota Innova in Shimla
- Services of a Government approved local English speaking guide during sight seeing
- Assistance at airports, railway stations and hotels from local representatives
- Entrance tickets to monuments as per itinerary
- Train fare for Delhi / Kalka / Shimla / Kalka / Delhi in Executive chair car for Delhi / Kalka /Delhi sector and Chair car for Kalka / Shimla / Kalka sector.
- Special highlight – Toy train ride from Kalka to Simla.

Tour cost does not includes

- Any items of personal nature like tips, laundry, telephone, room service, portage etc.
- Meals, other than breakfast
- Airfare (wherever required) is specified extra. Current fares have been listed that are subject to change / revision at the time of booking.
- Movie camera ticket etc., wherever applicable is extra and payable directly

Note:

- Shopping opportunity for local handicrafts will be provided during sight seeing tours.