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9 Days Trans-Himalayan-Trail Tour

DAY 01 ARRIVE DELHI

Upon arrival at Delhi International Airport, you will be met by an India representative and be assisted for the check in at the hotel.

Delhi remains one of the oldest surviving cities in the world today. It is in fact, an amalgam of eight cities, each site being built in a different era by a new dynasty/ruler. Today the remains of forts, palaces and buildings are spread across the city, hence adding to its character. Delhi through its 1000-year-old history has evolved into a culturally secular city – absorbing different religions, diverse cultures, both foreign and indigenous, and yet functioning as one organic entity. It was known for its riches – both material and cultural – foreign travelers were hypnotized by it – books have been written on it since time immemorial, poets have loved it and Kings and Emperors have fought over it.

Spend one night at The Lebuva. Accommodation is in deluxe room, inclusive of breakfast.

DAY 02 DELHI – CHANDIGARH – MANALI

After early breakfast you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Chandigarh. Upon arrival, you will drive to Manali.

As per the legendary cradle of all human kind it was at **Manali** that life began again



& is only appropriate, perched on the hill to...a breath- taking natural beauty which There are high mountains surrounded by snow and deep boulder strewn gorges. There are thick forests full of cool breeze and bird songs. There are fields of wild flowers, small picturesque hamlets and fruit laden orchards. Spend one night at Sarovar Portico. Accommodation is in Superior room, inclusive of breakfast.



DAY 03 MANALI – KAZA

Early morning proceed for half day tour visiting **Hadimba Devi Temple, Manu Temple, Tibetan Monastery and Vashisht Village.**

Later drive to **Kaza**. On this drive you will come across some villages of Spiti valley like **Hal** and **Ragrik**.

On arrival in Kaza check in at guest house.

Sprawling over the eroded flood plain of the Spiti River, Kaza is the administrative and transport hub of Spiti subdistrict. The setting is wonderfully rugged – jagged mountains rise on either side or the river coils across the flat valley floor like a python with indigestion. The original, whitewashed village is separated from the modern administrative compound at New Kaza by a stream. The Dalai Lama is set to open the new Sakya Gompa in New Kaza in 2008.

Spend three nights at Guest House inclusive of all meals



DAY 04 KAZA – TABO - KAZA

After an early breakfast, drive down to Tabo and visit **Tabo Gompa**, reputed to be the oldest (an inscription on a wall here indicates, it was founded in 996 AD) continuously functioning Buddhist monastery in India and the Himalayas, with its original decoration and iconographic program intact.

Further move on to see **Dhankar monastery**. Dhankar, the traditional capital of Spiti, sits pretty on a hilltop. The fort here overlooks the Spiti valley and it was used as a



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jail in olden days. Today, more than 160 lamas reside here.

A statue of Dhyana Buddha where four complete figures of Buddha sit back to back is the main attraction of this more than seven-century old monastery.

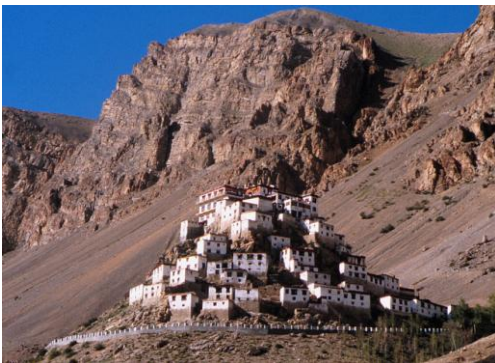
About an hour's trek (about 3 kms.) from here on a slightly uphill track is a small lake that sits languidly in a bowl. After lunch, return back to Kaza for overnight.

DAY 05 IN KAZA

After breakfast, leave to visit **Pin Valley** (declared a national park in 1987, Pin Valley is located in the cold desert region of the Spiti valley. With its snow laden unexplored higher reaches and slopes the park forms a natural habitat for a number of endangered animals including the Snow Leopard and Siberian Ibex. The elevation of the Park ranges from about 3,500 metres to over 6,000 metres near KaDogri at its highest point. Because of its high altitude and extreme temperatures, the vegetation in the area is scant and mostly dominated by alpine trees, patches of Himalayan cedar and smatterings of several medicinal plants. In summer, flowers decorate the valley with startling hues. Along with animals, rare birds like the Himalayan Snow Cock, Chukor, Snow Partridge and the Tibet Snow Finch also flourish in the area.

Later visit **Ki monastery** and **Kibber village**. Ki gumpa is a Gelugpa sect monastery. Its hilltop position points to a post-thirteenth century construction. The three storied structure consists largely of storage rooms at the bottom level, while the middle floor houses the Dukhang- the assembly hall- and the uppermost floor has another temple and the head Lama's quarters, on one side of an open terrace. The greatest wealth of Ki Gumpa lies in its collection of 'Thangkas' salvaged with difficulty from the devastating raids of the Dogars and the Sikhs in the 19th century. From here a scenic drive takes you into the pasture country of Kibber. The pastures are spread over hundreds of square kilometers. Kibber is small village and is the take off point for the popular trek to Tso Moriri in Ladakh. Further up six kilometers from Kibber, drive up to a still smaller village of Gete consisting of just six houses, it boasts of being the highest village in Asia connected by road.

Drive back Kaza for lunch. Evening will be for relaxation.



DAY 06 KAZA – CHANDRATAL (4270MTS, 130 KM, 7 HRS)

We will drive "Kunzum pass" in the morning enroute to Chandratal (4270 mt) "Lake of Moon" which is 125 km from Losar, from where the Lahaul valley starts taking all the way to the top of Kunzum pass where Chortens prayers flag welcomes. Continue driving over to the foot of the Kunzum pass till at diversion of Chandratal road that leads right up to the Lake. We arrive there by late afternoon. In evening, you can trek around circular trail on periphery of lake.

Chandra Tal Lake is situated at a height of 4300 m & boasting of a circumference of about 2.5 km, the deep blue-water of Chandra Tal Lake with the shade of turquoise, blue. The whole place is quite desolate; almost moon like with the mountains, sand stands in silence & serenity.

Spend one night at pitched camps inclusive of dinner & breakfast.





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DAY 07 CHANDRATAL – MANALI (2050MTS, 125 KM, 6 HRS)

Today we leave the pristine environment of nature to meet the town of **Manali**, via Batal. The road reaches Rohtang pass after some most bizarre but utterly beautiful scenes ever seen on the trip. The mountains change the profile dramatically, from barren to green. We again will come back to green.

Spend one night at Sarovar Portico. Accommodation is in Superior room, inclusive of breakfast.

DAY 08 MANALI – CHANDIGARH

Morning after breakfast we drive on wheel to Chandigarh 320 K M (7hrs).

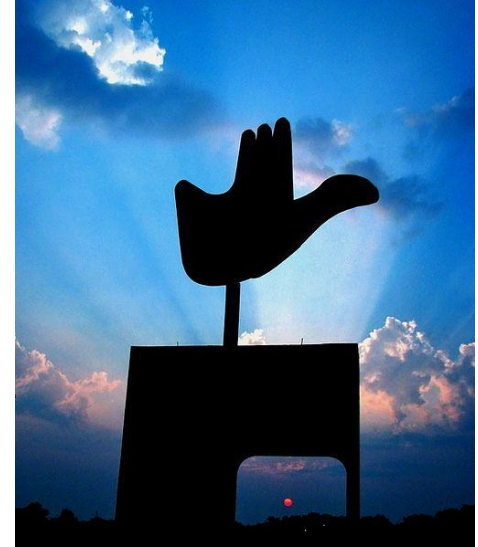
Chandigarh is a well planned city and serves as the capital city for two Indian states, Punjab and Haryana.

On arrival check in at hotel.

In the afternoon enjoy visit to the Rock Garden and Rose Garden.

Chandigarh is the best-planned city in India, with architecture which is world-renowned, and a quality of life, which is unparalleled. As the capital of the states of Punjab and Haryana, Serenity and a city are two diametrically opposite concepts, which however, get belied in the 'City Beautiful'. Chandigarh is a rare epitome of modernization co-existing with nature's preservation.

Spend one night at Park Plaza. Accommodation is in Superior room, inclusive of breakfast.



DAY 09 CHANDIGARH – DELHI & DEPART

After a leisurely morning, in time proceed to airport to board flight to Delhi where you will board your connecting flight to for your flight back home.