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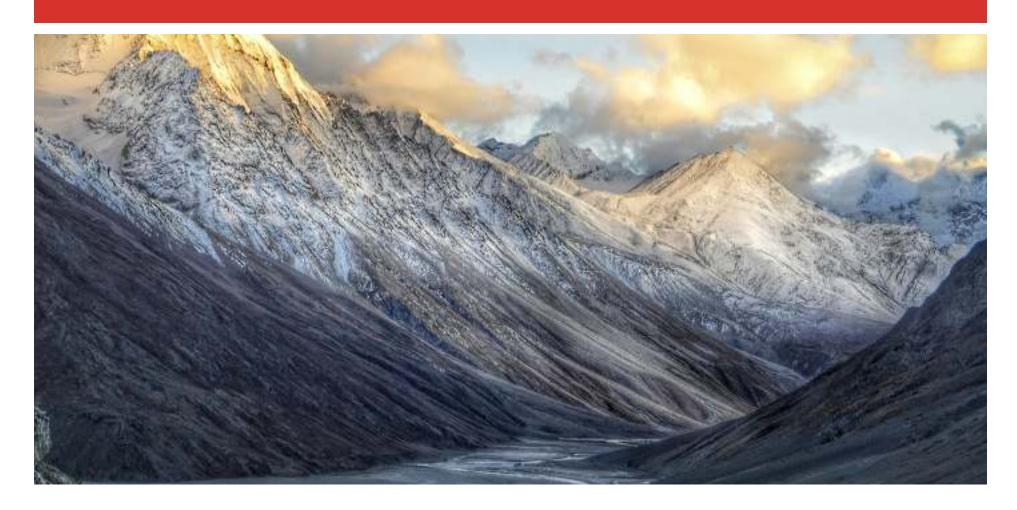




# HIMALAYAN JEEP SAFARI

Delhi - Chandigarh - Shimla - Sarahan - Sangla - Chitkul Pass - Puh - Kaza - Batal - Jispa - Sarchu - Leh - Delhi

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# **About**

Himalayan Jeep Safari is an authentic way to experience high mountain travel. You will travel across the Himalayas in a 4x4 vehicle or a Utility vehicle well suited for such areas. There is an option of carrying a mobile camp as well adding to your adventurous experience.

#### Day 01 :: Delhi

Arrive Delhi. Met upon arrival and transfer hotel for overnight stay.

# Day 02 :: Delhi/Chandigarh/Shimla (Train/Car)

Early morning transfer to railway station for train to Chandigarh. Arrive Chandigarh and drive to Shimla (2030 M). Met on arrival in Shimla and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

#### Day 03 :: Shimla

After breakfast leave for excursion to Kufri, Chail and wildflower hall. Return to Shimla. Afternoon free at to explore on your own or visit the famous Mall Road. Overnight in hotel.

## Day 04 :: Shimla/Sarahan (Vehicle)

Morning after breakfast start jeep safari to reach Sarahan (1920 M) via Narkanda (2690 M). Sarahan is a beautifully located township Amid mountains with Shrikhand Mahadev Peak (5155 M) Looming as a backdrop. Visit Bhimakali temple, a rare combination of Buddhist and Hindu Architecture. The main idol of the goddess is about 200 years old. Overnight stay at hotel.

#### Day 05 :: Sarahan/Sangla (Vehicle)

Morning after breakfast start safari to reach Sangla (2680 M). Arrive and camp on the bank of river Baspa. Sangla has houses on a slope built one upon another with Kinner Kailash Peak (6660 M) dominantly situated in the background. Visit the nearby Kamru Fort, now dedicated to Kamakshi Temple. Overnight stay in tents.

#### Day 06 :: Sangla/Chitkul Pass/Puh (Vehicle)

Morning after breakfast start safari to reach Chitkul pass (3436 M/26 kms.). Arrive and spend some time over the Sangla pass to have Panoramic view of surroundings. This pass opens routes to Garhwal Himalayas. After lunch drive to Puh (3200 M). Close to Tibetan border Puh lies in rain shadow region. Situated on the confluence of Spiti and Sutlej, it is famous for grapes, wood carving and Deodar trees. Overnight stay in tents.

#### Day 07 :: Puh/Kaza (Vehicle)

Morning after breakfast start safari to reach Kaza (3450 M). En-route visit Tabo Monastery (3200 M). Apparently it is an ordinary mud structure but inside it has beautiful Frescoes which earned Tabo the Epithet of "Ajanta of Himalayas". Reach Kaza in the evening. Overnight stay in the hotel.

#### Day 08 :: Kaza

Morning after breakfast excursion to visit Kye Monastery (4116 M/11 kms). The Monastery of Spiti with rare painting and scriptures. The scriptures are written in Bhoti languages the mother tongue of Bhoti as who came from Tibet to Spiti to spread Buddhism in the area. Further drive to Kibber village (4400 M/9 kms) the highest village in the world. Here you can interact with the local people. Return to Kaza for overnight stay.

# Day 09 :: Kaza/Batal (Vehicle)

After breakfast drive to Batal (3960 M) via Kunzum pass (4551 M). Arrive Batal in the evening. Overnight stay in the tent.

# Day 10 :: Batal/Jispa (Vehicle)

Morning after breakfast start safari to reach Jispa (3142 M) stop just after Batal to photograph Bara Shigri Glacier (3657 M). En-route visit Khardong Monastery at Keylong (3350 M). Keylong is an "Oasis of greenfields". Reach Jispa in the evening and camp beside river Bhaga for overnight stay.

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# Day 11 :: Jispa/Sarchu (Vehicle)

Morning after breakfast continue the safari to Sarchu (4253 M) via Baralacha pass (4892 M). The word Baralacha means "A pass with cross road". The pass has roads coming from Zanskar, Ladakh, Spiti and Lahaul. Stop for photographs at "Suraj Tal" (4800 M) a Serene Lake and source of river Bhaga reach Sarchu in the evening and overnight stay in the tents.

#### Day 12 :: Sarchu/Leh (Vehicle)

Morning after breakfast start safari to reach Leh (3523 M) via Kyungshu plains stretched along the road for 45 kms. Here the sheep like animal Kyung could be seen. En-route stop for a while at Lachulang-La (5065 M) and Tanglang-La (5360 M) the 2nd highest pass in the world with the metalled road. Arrive and check into the hotel for overnight stay.

#### Day 13 :: Leh

Morning after breakfast city sight-seeing of Leh. Visit Sankar Gompa, King's palace, bazaar etc. Afternoon visit Spituk and Phyang Gompas. Overnight at hotel.

# Day 14 :: Leh

Morning proceed for sight-seeing of Shey, old summer palace with 12 feet statue of Buddha: Thikse, the superbly situated Monastery on a hilltop overlooking the village and the Indus river and Hemis Monastery the richest and the largest Monastery of the area. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel.

## Day 15 :: Leh/Delhi (Flight)

Morning after breakfast transfer to airport to board flight for Delhi. Met upon arrival and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

# Day 16 :: Delhi/Onward Destination

Full day sight-seeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Await transfer to international airport for flight to onward destination.

