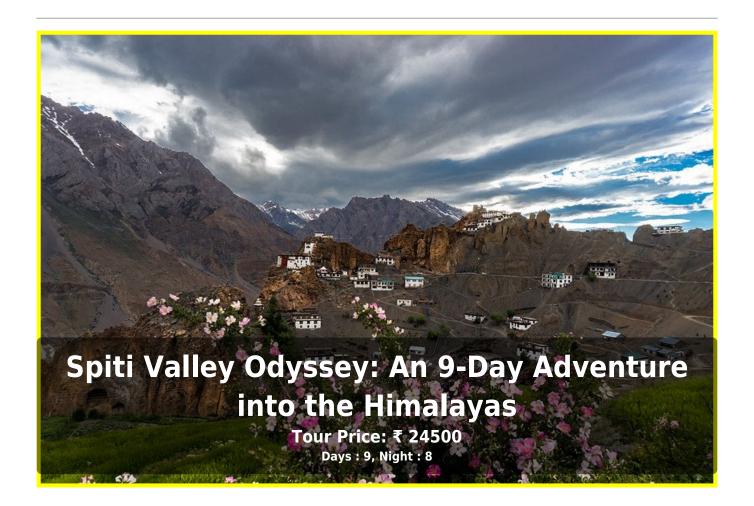


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# **Spiti Valley Expedition from Chandigarh**

# FREE Excursion to the World's Highest Motorable Villages

#### **Tour Overview:**

Embark on a thrilling 9-day adventure starting from Chandigarh, exploring the mesmerizing landscapes of the Spiti Valley. Witness the magic of the world's highest motorable villages, serene monasteries, pristine lakes, and breathtaking mountain passes. This journey takes you through the apple orchards of Narkanda, the quaint charm of Chitkul, the sacred vibes of Kalpa, and the raw beauty of Kaza, culminating with a visit to the enchanting Chandratal Lake.

Stay in comfortable accommodations ranging from hotels to camps, and travel in luxury vehicles like Innova or Tempo Traveller for a seamless experience. Whether you're marveling at the crescent-shaped Chandratal or enjoying the serenity of the Key Monastery, every moment in Spiti is a postcard-worthy memory.

## Key Highlights:

- Traverse the lush orchards of Narkanda and the remote beauty of Chitkul.
- Visit the ancient Tabo Monastery, known as the 'Ajanta of the Himalayas.'
- Explore Langza, Hikkim, and Komik—Asia's highest villages.
- Witness the sparkling Chandratal Lake under the starry night sky.
- Drive through the majestic Kunzum La and Rohtang Pass.

#### Why Choose This Tour?

This meticulously planned itinerary ensures a perfect blend of leisure and adventure, with guided insights and comfortable stays to make your Spiti experience unforgettable.

#### **ITINERARIES:**

• Day 1: Day 1: Arrival in Chandigarh

Arrival: Upon reaching Chandigarh, meet the driver who will transfer you to your pre-booked hotel. Briefing: Meet your road captain who will discuss the trip, including terrain details and the day-wise itinerary. Activities: Relax and explore the well-planned city of Chandigarh if time permits. Optional sightseeing: Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake, or Sector 17 Market. Meals: Dinner Overnight Stay: Hotel in Chandigarh.

- Day 2: Day 2: Chandigarh to Narkanda | The Apple Capital of India
   Travel Distance/Time: 173 km | 5.5 hours Activities: Drive through the scenic Himalayan
   Expressway. Enroute stop at Chail, a serene hill station surrounded by pine forests and
   orchards. Arrive at Narkanda, known for its apple orchards and Deodar trees. Highlights: Enjoy
   the fresh mountain air and the aroma of apple and cherry trees. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner
   Overnight Stay: Hotel in Narkanda.
- Day 3: Day 3: Narkanda to Chitkul | The Last Inhabited Village on the Indo-Tibetan Border

Travel Distance/Time: 176 km | 6 hours Activities: Journey along the Sutlej River, passing through Kinnaur Valley. Take a right from Karcham to reach Chitkul. Visit Hindustan ka Akhri Dhaba for a meal. Highlights: Breathtaking views of the Baspa River and the lush landscapes of Chitkul. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Overnight Stay: Homestay/Hotel in Chitkul.

• Day 4: Day 4: Chitkul to Kalpa | Spot the Sacred Shivling Rock

Travel Distance/Time: 60 km | 2.5 hours Activities: Retrace your route to Karcham and proceed toward Kalpa via Powari and ReoKong Peo. Marvel at the Kinnaur Kailash Peak and Shivling Rock. Highlights: Spend time in Kalpa, a serene village surrounded by snow-capped peaks. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Overnight Stay: Homestay/Camp in Kalpa.

- Day 5: Day 5: Kalpa to Kaza | Explore the 'Ajanta of the Himalayas'
  - Travel Distance/Time: 208 km | 6 hours Activities: Cross Khab Bridge, witnessing the confluence of Spiti and Sutlej Rivers. Visit Nako Lake and have lunch by the serene lake. Detour to the Gue Monastery to see the 500-year-old mummified monk. Visit the historic Tabo Monastery, also known as the 'Ajanta of the Himalayas'. Highlights: Experience the transition from lush green valleys to barren landscapes of Spiti. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Overnight Stay: Homestay/Hotel in Kaza
- Day 6: Day 6: Sightseeing Around Kaza | Visit Key Monastery and High Villages
  Activities: Visit the ancient Key Monastery, adorned with murals and offering panoramic views.
  Explore Langza, home to fossils and a massive Buddha statue. Visit Hikkim, the world's highest post office, and send postcards to loved ones. End with a trip to Komik, Asia's highest

motorable village. Highlights: Stunning views of the Spiti Valley from high-altitude villages. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Overnight Stay: Homestay/Hotel in Kaza.

Day 7: Day 7: Kaza to Chandratal Lake | Camp Beside the Moon Lake
 Travel Distance/Time: 97 km | 3.5 hours Activities: Drive via Kunzum La Pass, the gateway between Spiti and Lahaul Valleys. Reach Chandratal Lake, a crescent-shaped glacial lake. Enjoy the lake's changing colors and camp under the starlit sky. Highlights: Stargazing and, if lucky, glimpses of the Milky Way Galaxy. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Overnight Stay: Camps near Chandratal Lake.

# Day 8: Day 8: Chandratal Lake to Manali via Rohtang Pass | Witness the Geypan Peaks

Travel Distance/Time: 130 km | 6 hours Activities: Drive through the rugged terrain of the Lahaul Valley. Cross the iconic Rohtang Pass into the lush green Kullu Valley. Arrive in Manali, check-in to your hotel, and relax. Explore the Mall Road or visit the Hadimba Devi Temple (time permitting). Meals: Breakfast Overnight Stay: Hotel in Manali.

Day 9: Day 9: Manali to Chandigarh | Bid Farewell to the Mountains
 Pack your bags and check-out from your hotel to meet the driver who will take you to
 Chandigarh. Reach Chandigarh in the evening and return home with a bagful of memories.
 Manali to Chandigarh Distance: 270 km | Duration: 6 hours 30 minutes The driver will pick you
 up from the hotel in Manali and transfer you to Chandigarh.

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Additional excursions or activities not part of the core itinerary may be excluded.
- 5%GST Extra
- Insurance Laundry Entry Fees
- Other Services That is Not Mentioned in the Inclusions

#### **FAQS:**

# Q: Are oxygen cylinders provided in case of altitude sickness?

**A:** Yes, we carry portable oxygen cylinders for emergencies. We also recommend travelers acclimatize properly and stay hydrated to minimize the risk of altitude sickness.

#### Q: Will there be network connectivity in Spiti Valley?

**A:** Network connectivity is limited in Spiti Valley. BSNL and Jio have limited coverage in some areas. It's best to inform loved ones in advance about potential unavailability of network during the trip.

## Q: How physically demanding is this trip?

**A:** This trip involves traveling through high-altitude areas and some light trekking. Moderate physical fitness is recommended. If you have any medical conditions, please consult a physician before booking.

# Q: Is Spiti safe for families or children?

**A:** Spiti Valley is generally safe for all types of travelers, including families. However, due to high altitudes and colder weather in November, it is advisable to consult your doctor before bringing young children or elderly family members.

# Q: Are solo travelers welcome?

**A:** Yes, solo travelers are welcome! You can join the group and connect with like-minded travelers. This is a great opportunity to explore Spiti Valley with new friends.

# Q: What type of transportation will be provided?

**A:** We provide comfortable Tempo Travellers for the group. If you are traveling from Delhi or Chandigarh, a Volvo bus will take you to Shimla, where the group tour begins.