# Spiti Expedition

Chandigarh - Shimla - Sangla - Kalpa - Tabo - Kaza - Chandrataal - Manali - Chandigarh

Tour PackagesCustomised

## Tour Basics •

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| **Duration:** 9 Days 8 Nights | **Route:** Chandigarh - Shimla - Sangla - Kalpa - Tabo - Kaza - Chandrataal - Manali - Chandigarh |

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## About This Trip •

A Spiti Valley expedition with Chandratal Lake is one of the most raw and breathtaking Himalayan journeys you can experience. This high-altitude adventure takes you through rugged mountains, ancient monasteries, remote villages, and dramatic landscapes that feel almost otherworldly.

Starting from the lush green valleys of Kinnaur, the journey gradually transitions into the cold desert terrain of Spiti. You'll explore iconic places like Key Monastery, Hikkim, Komic, Langza, Dhankar, and Pin Valley, each offering unique cultural and scenic experiences.

The highlight of the journey is undoubtedly Chandratal Lake, also known as the "Moon Lake," famous for its crystal-clear blue waters and surreal surroundings. Camping near the lake under a sky full of stars is an unforgettable experience.

This Spiti Valley tour package with Chandratal Lake is perfect for travellers seeking adventure, solitude, and a deep connection with nature. Whether you're planning a Spiti Valley itinerary with Chandratal Lake or looking for a complete Spiti Valley with Chandratal package, this journey offers the perfect blend of thrill and serenity.

**Places to visit in Spiti Expedition**

### Chandratal Lake

**Chandratal Lake, located in the Lahaul region, is a crescent-shaped high-altitude lake near the source of the Chandra River. Known as the trekker's paradise, it offers mesmerising reflections, stunning landscapes, and unforgettable camping experiences, making it a must-visit destination for adventure and nature lovers.**

## Key Monastery

**Key Monastery is the largest monastery in the Spiti Valley and an important training centre for monks. Perched at 4,166 meters above sea level, it houses ancient murals, scriptures, and Buddha images while offering breathtaking views of the Spiti River and surrounding mountains.**

## Kunzum Pass

**Kunzum Pass is one of the highest motorable passes in India, connecting the Lahaul and Spiti valleys. Popular among bikers, it offers thrilling drives, stunning mountain views, and a sacred temple where travellers seek blessings before continuing towards Chandratal Lake.**

## Pin Valley National Park

**Pin Valley National Park is a cold desert park located in Spiti Valley, known for its rare flora and fauna. It protects endangered species like snow leopards and is named after the Pin River, forming a natural boundary between Spiti and the surrounding regions.**

## Dhankar Monastery

**Dhankar Monastery is a historic Buddhist monastery dramatically perched on a cliff above Dhankar village. Located between Kaza and Tabo, it offers breathtaking views of river confluences and holds immense cultural and spiritual significance in the Spiti Valley region.**

## Tabo Monastery

**Tabo Monastery, located in Tabo village, is one of the oldest continuously operating Buddhist monasteries in the Himalayas. Built like a fortress, it features ancient murals and scriptures and hosts daily prayers, making it a significant spiritual and cultural attraction.**

## Kibber

**Kibber is a high-altitude village in Spiti Valley known for its traditional lifestyle and scenic beauty. Once part of ancient trade routes, it now serves as a base for the Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary and offers insights into local culture and farming practices.**

## Kaza Market

**Kaza Market is the main shopping hub of Spiti Valley, offering Tibetan handicrafts, prayer flags, woollens, and souvenirs. Visitors can explore local artefacts, clothing, jewellery, and unique items reflecting the rich culture and traditions of the Himalayan region.**

### Gue Village

**Gue Village is famous for preserving a 500-year-old mummy of a Buddhist monk, Sangha Tenzin. Located near Tabo, this unique attraction fascinates visitors with its history, mystery, and well-preserved remains found in a natural sitting posture.**

### Tibetan Shops in Spiti

**Tibetan shops in Spiti Valley offer a wide range of handicrafts, including jewellery, artefacts, woollens, and paintings. Influenced by Tibetan culture, these shops provide perfect souvenirs, allowing travellers to take back memories of Spiti's rich heritage and traditions.**

## Stay Categories & Options •

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| **Basic** | Persons: 2 | INR 42,500.00 | ~~INR 46,500.00~~ | Save INR 4,000.00 |
| **Basic** | Persons: 3 | INR 34,500.00 | ~~INR 39,500.00~~ | Save INR 5,000.00 |
| **Basic** | Persons: 4 | INR 29,500.00 | ~~INR 34,500.00~~ | Save INR 5,000.00 |
| **Basic** | Persons: 6 | INR 26,500.00 | ~~INR 31,500.00~~ | Save INR 5,000.00 |
| **Luxury** | Persons: 2 | INR 68,500.00 | ~~INR 75,500.00~~ | Save INR 7,000.00 |
| **Luxury** | Persons: 3 | INR 61,500.00 | ~~INR 68,500.00~~ | Save INR 7,000.00 |
| **Luxury** | Persons: 4 | INR 57,500.00 | ~~INR 63,500.00~~ | Save INR 6,000.00 |
| **Luxury** | Persons: 6 | INR 53,500.00 | ~~INR 58,500.00~~ | Save INR 5,000.00 |

## Itinerary •

Day 1: Chandigarh to Shimla| Dist: 112km | Time: 03 to 04 hr

- Begin your journey from Chandigarh to Shimla, passing through scenic valleys and winding mountain roads of Himachal Pradesh.

- Arrive in Shimla and spend your time exploring nearby attractions, markets, and viewpoints at your own comfortable pace.

Meals: Dinner

Night: Stay at the Hotel in Shimla

## Day 2: Shimla to Sangla | 225 km | 06-07 hours

- Drive from Shimla to Sangla via Karcham, enjoying breathtaking views of rivers, valleys, and dramatic Himalayan landscapes throughout the journey.
- Upon reaching Sangla, check into your hotel and later visit Chitkul, the last inhabited village near the Indo-Tibetan border.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the Hotel in Sangla

## Day 3: Sangla to Kalpa | Dist: 90 km | Time: 01 to 02 hr

- Travel from Sangla to Kalpa, witnessing spectacular views of the majestic Kinner Kailash range and beautiful surrounding mountain scenery.
- In the evening, visit Suicide Point and explore local markets and culture at the charming town of Reckong Peo.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the Hotel in Kalpa

## Day 4: Kalpa to Tabo | 161 km | 05-06 hours

- Drive towards Tabo, stopping at the serene Nako Lake and enjoying a relaxing break in the picturesque Nako village.

- Visit the unique Gue Monastery, famous for its naturally preserved mummy, before continuing your journey towards Tabo village.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the homestay in Tabo

## Day 5: Tabo to Kaza | 48 km | Time: 02-03 hours

- Depart from Tabo to Kaza, visiting the historic Dhankar Monastery perched dramatically on a cliff overlooking the confluence below.
- Explore the scenic Pin Valley, visit Mudh village, and witness the beautiful Lingti waterfall during your journey to Kaza.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at Homestay in Kaza

## Day 6: Hikkim, Langza and Komic | Dist: 50 km | Time: 7 to 10 hr | Altitude: 3800 m to 4590 m

- Visit Langza village, known for its giant Buddha statue and fossil-rich surroundings, offering panoramic views of the Spiti valley.
- Explore Komic, one of the highest motorable villages, and visit Hikkim, home to the world’s highest post office.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the homestay in Kaza

## Day 7: Kaza to Chandrataal Lake | Dist: 98 km | Time: 8 to 10 hr | Altitude: 3800 m to 4250 m

- Visit the iconic Key Monastery before starting your adventurous journey towards the breathtaking Chandrataal Lake through rugged mountain terrain.
- Cross the famous Chicham Bridge and Kunzum Pass, experiencing thrilling high-altitude roads and mesmerising views throughout the drive.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the camps in Chandrataal

### Day 8: Chandrataal to Manali | Dist: 111km | Time: 8 to 10 hr | Altitude: 4250 m to 2050 m

- Begin your descent towards Manali, driving through the challenging terrains of Batal, Chhatru, and Koksar with stunning landscape transitions.
- Pass through the engineering marvel, Atal Tunnel, and reach Manali by evening, followed by hotel check-in and relaxation.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the hotel in Manali

### Day 9: Chandigarh Depart | Dist: 515 km | Time: 10 to 11 hrs

- Enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel, complete check-out formalities, and prepare for your return journey to Chandigarh.
- Drive back comfortably to Chandigarh, concluding your memorable and adventurous Spiti Valley trip with unforgettable mountain experiences.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Nil

## Inclusions •

Stay will be provided on a double or triple sharing basis as per the hotel/homestay plan.

Daily breakfast and dinner are included, as outlined in the itinerary.

All tours, sightseeing stops, and excursions will follow the planned schedule.

Costs for the driver, tolls, and parking are covered.

All necessary travel permits are included in the package.

## Exclusions •

Lunch is not included in the package.

5% GST will be applicable.

Oxygen cylinders are not part of the package.

Entry fees for monasteries in Spiti are not covered.

No refunds will be provided if the trip is cut short voluntarily.

Personal expenses such as laundry, phone usage, tips, etc., are excluded.

Additional costs due to unforeseen events like landslides or road closures are not included.

Anything not mentioned under “Inclusions” is considered an exclusion.

Room heaters will be chargeable separately.

Travel insurance is not provided.

Breakfast on the first day is not part of the package.

## FAQs •

**Q:** What is the Spiti Expedition?

**A:**

Spiti Valley is a cold desert mountain valley located in Himachal Pradesh, known for its barren landscapes, Buddhist monasteries, and unique culture.

**Q:** What is the Spiti Valley famous for?

**A:** Spiti Valley is famous for its monasteries like Key Monastery, high-altitude villages, stunning landscapes, fossil sites, and peaceful Buddhist culture.

**Q:** Which is the best time to visit Spiti Valley?

**A:**

The best time to visit Spiti Valley is from May to October when roads are open, and weather conditions are relatively stable.

**Q:** What is the weather like in Spiti Expedition?

**A:**

Spiti Valley weather remains cold throughout the year. Summers are pleasant, while winters are extremely harsh with heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures.

**Q:** Is Spiti Valley dangerous?

**A:**

Spiti Valley is not dangerous if travelled responsibly. However, high altitudes, rough roads, and weather conditions require proper planning and acclimatisation.

**Q:** What is included in the Spiti Valley with Chandratal package?

**A:**

A typical Spiti Valley with Chandratal package includes accommodation, meals, transportation, sightseeing, and camping near Chandratal Lake.

**Q:** How far is Chandratal Lake from Spiti Valley (Kaza)?

**A:**

The distance from Kaza to Chandratal Lake is approximately 98 km, taking around 7–10 hours depending on road conditions.

**Q:** What is the distance from Chitkul to Spiti Valley?

**A:**

The distance from Chitkul to Kaza (Spiti Valley) is approximately 200–220 km, usually covered in 7–9 hours.

**Q:** Are Spiti expeditions available from Delhi?

**A:**

Yes, Spiti Expedition from Delhi are widely available, usually covering Manali, Spiti Valley, and Chandratal Lake in a circuit.

**Q:** What makes a Spiti Expedition special?

**A:** A Spiti Expedition offers a mix of adventure, culture, remote living, high-altitude driving, and surreal landscapes unlike anywhere else in India.

**Q:** Is Chandratal Lake accessible all year round?

**A:**

No, Chandratal Lake is accessible only from June to October, as the route remains closed during heavy snowfall in winter.

**Q:** What type of accommodation is available during the trip?

**A:**

Accommodation includes hotels, homestays in Spiti villages, and camps near Chandratal Lake for a complete mountain experience.

**Q:** What is the distance between Spiti Valley and Chandratal Lake?

**A:**

The distance between Spiti Valley (Kaza) and Chandratal Lake is around 98 km, depending on the chosen route.

**Q:** Is acclimatisation required for the Spiti Expedition?

**A:**

Yes, acclimatisation is very important due to high altitude, especially when travelling from lower regions to places like Kaza and Chandratal.

## Get in Touch •

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