Winter Spiti

Delhi - Shimla - Sangla - Chitkul - Tabo - Kaza - Tabo - Kalpa - Shimla - Delhi

Group PackagesGroup Tour

Tour Basics •

Duration: 08 Days 07 Nights	**Route:** Delhi - Shimla - Sangla - Chitkul - Tabo - Kaza - Tabo - Kalpa - Shimla - Delhi

Delhi — 8D 7NShimla — 7D 6N

About This Trip •

Embark on a unique adventure through the stunning landscapes of Winter Spiti Valley, a remote Himalayan region that turns into a beautiful white wonderland during the colder months. This journey is ideal for those seeking authentic experiences, untouched beauty, and a profound connection with nature.

Starting from Shimla, the only accessible route in winter, the trip takes you through the rugged terrain of Kinnaur. You will pass scenic villages like Kalpa and Nako before reaching the snow-covered heart of Spiti. You will explore ancient monasteries such as Key, Tabo, and Dhankar, cross Asia's highest suspension bridge at Chicham, and visit charming villages like Kibber, Langza, and Komic, which are among the highest inhabited places in the world.

What makes this journey truly special is the chance to see Spiti in its most authentic and peaceful state, free from crowds. You will stay in traditional homestays, warm up around wood-fired stoves, and enjoy local hospitality like never before.

Prepare for icy roads, limited amenities, and dry compost toilets. However, expect unmatched beauty, starlit skies, and a life-changing experience. The Winter Spiti Valley expedition is not about luxury; it focuses on meaningful moments and the raw beauty of the Himalayas.

If you're eager to step out of your comfort zone and enter a world where time slows down and nature takes over, this winter expedition is waiting for you.

The Famous places to visit in the Spiti Valley

Planning a trip to Winter Spiti Valley? Here are the most famous attractions and must-visit spots you can explore on your snow-covered adventure through this Himalayan wonderland.

1. Key Monastery – Iconic Landmark of Spiti

Key Monastery is one of the most visited places in the Spiti Valley. It is a 1,000-year-old Tibetan Buddhist monastery located atop a hill near Kaza. In winter, it's surrounded by white snow, making it a stunning sight for photographers and spiritual travellers alike.

2. Chicham Bridge – Asia’s Highest Suspension Bridge

A must-see on any Spiti winter itinerary, Chicham Bridge is the highest suspension bridge in Asia. It connects the remote villages of Chicham and Kibber.

3. Kibber Village – Snow Leopard Capital of Spiti

Located at 14,200 ft, Kibber is one of the highest inhabited villages in the world. In winter, it becomes a prime location for snow leopard spotting tours. The landscape here is dramatic and pure white during the colder months.

4. Tabo Monastery – UNESCO Monastery in Winter

Tabo Monastery, with a history spanning over a millennium, is often referred to as the "Ajanta of the Himalayas" for its ancient wall paintings and centuries-old mud-built temples. Even during the harsh winters of Spiti.

5. Dhankar Monastery – Cliffside Wonder

Built on a rocky cliff at 12,774 feet, Dhankar Monastery stands overlooking the confluence of the Spiti and Pin Rivers. In winter, it offers stunning landscapes, making it an ideal destination for those seeking a peaceful and spiritually enriching experience.

6. Langza – Home of the Giant Buddha

Langza village is one of Spiti’s most scenic spots, known for the massive Buddha statue overlooking the valley. The vitowns are also famous for fossil hunting and are completely snow-covered in winter, offering incredible photo opportunities.

7. Komic Village – World’s Highest Motorable Village

Perched at 15,127 feet, Komic proudly stands as the world's highest motorable village. In winter, Spiti and Komic transform into a snow desert, attracting travellers seeking untouched landscapes and deep cultural immersion.

8. Hikkim – World's Highest Post Office

Hikkim is home to the world's highest post office, where you can send real postcards from an altitude few ever reach, making it a truly unforgettable experience, especially in the heart of winter.

9. Nako Village & Frozen Lake

Tucked away in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district, Nako is a picturesque village that serves as the first step into the stark beauty of the Winter Spiti Valley and its dramatic high-altitude terrain. The Nako Lake freezes during winter, offering a picturesque setting surrounded by snowy peaks and historic monasteries.

10. Gue Monastery & Mummy – A Mystical Stop during Winter Spiti

If road conditions allow, visit Gue Monastery, home to a 500-year-old naturally preserved mummy of a Buddhist monk. It's one of the most mysterious places to explore in the valley.

Departure Dates •

NOV: 07, 14, 21, 28

DEC: 05, 12, 19, 22, 24, 26, 28

JAN: 09, 16, 23, 30

Stay Categories & Options •

Basic | Dual Sharing	Persons: 2	INR 20,499.00	~~INR 22,499.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic | Triple Sharing	Persons: 3	INR 19,499.00	~~INR 21,499.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic | Dual Sharing	Persons: 2	INR 17,999.00	~~INR 19,999.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic | Triple Sharing	Persons: 3	INR 15,999.00	~~INR 17,999.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Delhi to Shimla | Dist: 348 km | Time: 07 to 08 hr | Altitude: 238 to 2272m

- You will begin your journey from Delhi at night, travelling by Volvo bus or cab.
- After a scenic 7 to 8-hour drive through the picturesque valleys of Himachal Pradesh, you will arrive in Shimla the next day.

Meals: Nil

Overnight: Journey by Volvo Bus or Cab

Day 2: Shimla to Sangla | Dist: 222km | Time: 07 to 08 hr | Altitude: 2270m to 2632m

- After arriving in Shimla, continue your drive towards Sangla, passing through the scenic towns of Rampur and Karcham along the way.
- By evening, you'll check in to your hotel, and later visit Chitkul – the last inhabited village near the Indo-Tibetan border.

Meals: Dinner

Night: Stay at Homestay/Hotel in Sangla/Chitkul

Day 3: Sangla to Tabo | Dist: 188km | Time: 06 to 07 hr | Altitude: 2630m to 3280m

- After enjoying a delicious breakfast, you'll set off for Tabo.
- On the way, you'll halt at Nako Village for lunch (at your own expense), followed by a visit to Nako Lake and, if time allows, Gue Monastery.
- By evening, you'll continue your drive to Tabo, where you'll spend the night.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at Homestay in Tabo

Day 4: Tabo to Kaza | Dist: 50km | Time: 03 to 04 hr | Altitude: 3280m to 3800m

- After breakfast, you will visit Tabo Monastery and Tabo Caves.
- Later, you'll head towards Kaza, visiting Dhankar Monastery, Pin Valley, and the scenic Lingti Waterfall along the way.

Reach Kaza by evening and settle in for the night at your hotel or cosy homestay.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at Homestay in Kaza

Day 5: Kaza Sightseeing | Morning 9:00 am | Time: 7 to 8 hr | Altitude: 3800m to 4590m

- After breakfast, visit Langza to see the famous Buddha statue overlooking the scenic valley.
- Head to Komic, one of the highest and most remote villages in the world.
- Continue to Hikkim, home to the world's highest post office.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at Homestay in Kaza

Day 6: Kaza to Tabo | Dist: 50km | Time: 03 to 04 hr | Altitude: 3280m to 3800

- Start your morning and visit the iconic Key Monastery, the most prominent and expansive monastery in the Spiti region.
- Continue onwards to Chicham Bridge, the highest suspension bridge in Asia, known for its breathtaking views of the deep canyon it spans.
- Later, you will visit Kibber & local market of Kaza.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Night: Stay at the homestay in Tabo

Day 7: Tabo to Kalpa | Dist: 160 km | Time: 04 to 06 hr | Altitude: 3280m to 2960m

- After an early breakfast, depart for Kalpa, a small village in Kinnaur known for its breathtaking views of the Kinner Kailash range.
- In the evening, visit the dramatic Suicide Point, famous for its deep cliffs and panoramic landscapes.
- Later, explore the local market at Reckong Peo for shopping or a casual stroll.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the Hotel in Kalpa

Day 8: Kalpa to Shimla and Depart | Dist: 236 km | Time: 08 to 09 hr | Altitude: 2960 m to 2276 m

- Wake up to the stunning views of Kalpa Valley.
- After enjoying your morning tea and breakfast, begin your drive back to Shimla.
- Reach Shimla by late evening, from where you can either board your bus to Delhi or continue your journey by cab.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Overnight Journey by Volvo Bus or Cab

Day 9: Arriving in Delhi | Morning 08:00 am

- Arrive in Delhi early in the morning, marking the end of your unforgettable journey through the cold desert of Spiti Valley.
- Return home with a heart full of memories, stories, and adventures to cherish for a lifetime.

Meals: NA

Night: NA

Inclusions •

Accommodation will be provided on a double or triple-sharing basis, depending on the hotel or homestay listed in the itinerary. We ensure comfortable and clean accommodations, whether in a hotel or a homestay, to make your stay enjoyable.

A Trip Captain will be included for group departures.

Daily breakfast and dinner are outlined in the itinerary.

All sightseeing and excursions will follow the planned schedule.

Driver charges, tolls, and parking fees are covered.

All necessary permits are included.

Expenses incurred if you choose to end your trip early are not covered.

Delhi to Shimla and Shimla to Delhi by an AC Semi Sleeper Volvo bus.

Shimla to Shimla by 14 seater Tempo Traveller.

Exclusions •

Lunch, bottled water, and snacks are not included.

5% GST applies to the total package cost.

Additional costs due to natural events such as landslides, road closures, or government-imposed restrictions will be borne by the traveller.

Anything not mentioned under ‘Inclusions’ will be treated as an exclusion.

Travel insurance covering medical emergencies, evacuation, hospitalisation, and luggage is not included.

Trip Captain is not provided for private/custom tours unless arranged separately.

Entry fees to monasteries and monuments are not part of the package.

Room heater charges, if required, are to be paid directly at the property.

FAQs •

Q: When is winter in Spiti Valley?

A: Winter in Spiti starts in late November and lasts until March. The coldest months are December to February, with heavy snowfall and sub-zero temperatures.

Q: Is the Manali route open in winter?

A: No. The Manali–Rohtang–Kunzum La route is closed from November to May due to heavy snow. Access to the Spiti Valley is only possible via the Shimla–Reckong Peo route.

Q: Can I travel by public transport in winter?

A: Limited buses operate between Shimla and Reckong Peo, and occasionally to Kaza, depending on road conditions. It's highly recommended to hire a private vehicle or join a group tour in winter.

Q: Are all villages accessible in winter?

A: Not all. Some remote villages like Gette, Hikkim, Komik, and Demul may be cut off during heavy snowfall. However, main villages like Kaza, Kibber, Tabo, and Dhankar are usually accessible with 4x4 vehicles.

Q: Is acclimatisation needed for the Winter Spiti?

A: Yes. Spiti Valley lies above 12,000 ft. Spend a night or two in Kalpa, Reckong Peo, or Nako to acclimatise before reaching Kaza. Stay hydrated and avoid alcohol initially.

Q: Will I get running water in winter in Spiti?

A: No. Due to freezing temperatures, water pipelines freeze. Homestays usually provide bucket water (warm). Some places also use dry compost toilets.

Q: How is the food and meals in winter?

A: Expect simple, homemade, vegetarian meals like dal, rice, roti, thukpa, momos, and local dishes like tsampa and butter tea. Meals are usually prepared on wood-fired or solar stoves.

Q: Is Spiti Valley in winter good for photography?

A: Absolutely! Snow-covered monasteries, frozen rivers, wildlife, starlit skies, and minimal crowds make Spiti Valley a photographer's paradise in winter.

Q: Can I use ATMs in Spiti Valley in winter?

A: There's an ATM in Kaza, but it often runs out of cash or power. It's best to carry sufficient cash from Reckong Peo or Shimla.

Q: Do I need permits to visit Winter Spiti?

A: Indian citizens: No permits required. Foreign nationals must have an Inner Line Permit to access Spiti via Kinnaur, which can be obtained in Reckong Peo.

Q: Is Spiti Valley safe for female travellers in winter?

A: Yes, Spiti Valley is exceptionally beautiful, and the locals are respectful and helpful. However, female travellers should avoid solo travel in winter due to harsh conditions and limited connectivity.

Q: What kind of vehicle is suitable for the Spiti Valley in winter?

A: A 4x4 SUV with snow chains is ideal. Drivers must be experienced in snowy mountain terrain.

Q: Can I drive my car or bike to Spiti Valley in winter?

A: Only if you are an experienced winter driver, self-driving biking to Spiti in winter is extremely risky due to ice, avalanches, and breakdowns. Not recommended for first-timers.

Q: What mobile networks work in Spiti during winter?

A: BSNL works in most villages but is unreliable. Jio 4G works in Kaza. Expect no signal in many remote areas. Download offline maps and inform your family in advance.

Q: What kind of wildlife can be spotted in winter?

A: Spiti Valley in winter is home to: Snow leopards Red foxes Blue sheep (bharal) Ibex Spotting them requires patience or joining a snow leopard expedition with trained local trackers.

Q: What are the top things to do in Winter Spiti?

A: Explore snow-covered monasteries (Key, Tabo, Dhankar). Attend local winter festivals (Losar – Tibetan New Year). Join a Snow Leopard Expedition. Visit frozen rivers, waterfalls, and lakes. Experience homestay life with locals

Q: Is Spiti crowded in winter?

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A: Helps ensure safety and local insights. Supports sustainable tourism. Local teams know real-time conditions, and can arrange homestays, rescue, and meals

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