

HIMACHAL · CLASSIC ITINERARY

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The standard Gujarati family circuit: two nights in Shimla for the colonial hill-station experience, three in Manali for snow points and valley drives, with the Chandigarh nights used for arrival and departure.

6 nights / 7 days Route: **Chandigarh – Shimla 2N – Manali 3N – Chandigarh 1N**

From **₹34,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

CHANDIGARH → SHIMLA

Arrive and climb to the hills

Fly Ahmedabad–Chandigarh (direct on select days) or land the previous evening. Drive to Shimla (115 km, about 4 hours via Kalka on NH5). Check in, evening walk on the Ridge and Mall Road. Sector 17 in Chandigarh is worth an hour if your flight lands early.

Stay: **Shimla** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

SHIMLA

Toy train and Kufri

Morning ride on the Kalka–Shimla toy train from Shimla to Kufri or Barog and back (book the joy-ride ticket in advance in season). Afternoon at Kufri — yak or pony rides, and the Himalayan Nature Park if time allows. Evening free on Mall Road; several Gujarati thali options here.

Stay: **Shimla** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3

SHIMLA → MANALI

Into the Kullu valley

Long scenic drive to Manali (250 km, 7–8 hours) via Mandi, following the Beas river for the last stretch. Start by 7 am with a breakfast and lunch stop en route. Check in by evening; Manali sits at 2,050 m so evenings are cool even in summer.

Stay: **Manali** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

MANALI

Solang Valley

Full day at Solang Valley (14 km, 40 minutes) for the ropeway, and paragliding or zorbing for those who want it; snow activities run December–March, ATV and ropeway run most of the year. Return via Old Manali for the Hadimba Temple walk in the cedar forest. Evening at Vashisht hot springs.

Stay: **Manali** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

MANALI

Atal Tunnel and Sissu

Drive to the Atal Tunnel (25 km, 1 hour) and through it to Sissu village in Lahaul (another 6 km past the tunnel) for snow-capped views and the Sissu waterfall — no Rohtang permit is needed for this route. Return to Manali by early afternoon; free time on Manali Mall Road for shopping (shawls, dry fruit, Himachali caps).

Stay: **Manali** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

MANALI → CHANDIGARH

Return drive

Early start (by 6:30 am) for the 7–8 hour drive back to Chandigarh, with breakfast and lunch stops. Evening free in Chandigarh; Rock Garden or Sukhna Lake if daylight permits.

Stay: **Chandigarh** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
7

CHANDIGARH → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Chandigarh airport is about 20 minutes from most hotels. Morning flight recommended given limited direct-flight days; otherwise connect via Delhi.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Chandigarh flights (or Delhi connection)
- + 6 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Private AC vehicle (Innova/Tempo Traveller) for the whole circuit
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Toy train joy-ride ticket and Atal Tunnel/Sissu excursion
- + Airport pickup and drop

Not included

- Lunches on drive days
- Solang activities (paragliding, ropeway, zorbing charged separately)
- Travel insurance
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹34,000–40,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹52,000–65,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights at normal fares. Winter break (late Dec) and May–June run 25–35% higher. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: Ahmedabad–Chandigarh has limited direct flights (2–3 days a week, seasonal); the more reliable option is Ahmedabad–Delhi (about 2 hours, multiple daily flights) followed by a Volvo bus or private car onward to Shimla (7–8 hours) or Manali (12–14 hours) from Delhi.

Food. Shimla's Mall Road has several Gujarati and pure-veg restaurants near Scandal Point and lower Mall Road; ask your driver, they know the current favourites. Manali Mall Road and the area near Model Town have dedicated Gujarati thali restaurants that cater specifically to groups from Gujarat in season.

Permits and rules. No permits are needed for Shimla, Kufri, Manali, Solang or the Dharamshala–McLeodganj circuit. Rohtang Pass itself requires an online permit with a daily vehicle quota and is closed to private vehicles on alternate days by odd-even rule, plus it shuts completely in winter; because of this most itineraries now skip Rohtang and instead go through the Atal Tunnel to Sissu, which needs no permit and is open through most of the year (occasional closure only after very heavy snow).

Pack

- Heavy woollens, thermal wear and gloves for Dec–Feb; a warm jacket is needed even in Mar–Jun evenings
- Waterproof, closed walking shoes — Solang and Sissu can be slushy with melting snow
- Sunscreen and sunglasses — UV is strong at altitude even in cold weather
- Basic medicines and any personal prescriptions; the nearest big hospital is in Chandigarh or Delhi
- Power bank and warm gloves that still allow phone use for photos
- Motion-sickness tablets for the winding Shimla–Manali and Manali–Dharamshala roads
- A photocopy of ID (Aadhaar/PAN) for every traveller for hotel check-in

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