

HIMACHAL · RELAXED ITINERARY

Relaxed Himachal

A senior-friendly pace with only three hotel changes across eight nights, and an easier last leg through Dharamshala–McLeodganj instead of a rushed return drive.

8 nights / 9 days Route: Shimla 2N – Manali 3N – Dharamshala 2N – Amritsar/Chandigarh 1N

From ₹42,000 per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

CHANDIGARH → SHIMLA

Arrive and settle in

Fly or drive in to Chandigarh, then a gentle 4-hour drive to Shimla. Check in and rest; short evening walk on the Ridge, keeping the pace easy for the first day.

Stay: Shimla · Meals: Dinner

Day

2

SHIMLA

Toy train and Kufri

Toy train ride Shimla–Barog and back in the morning (seated, low walking). Afternoon at Kufri by car, with a short pony ride for those who want it; others can wait at the viewpoint cafe. Evening on Mall Road.

Stay: Shimla · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day

3

SHIMLA

A slower third day

Optional half-day at Chadwick Falls or Jakhu Temple (ropeway available, so no steep climb needed) for those who want it; others rest at the hotel. This buffer day means the Shimla–Manali drive the next day can start without fatigue.

Stay: Shimla · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
4

SHIMLA → MANALI

Into the Kullu valley

Depart by 8 am for Manali (250 km, 7–8 hours) via Mandi with two comfortable breaks. This is the longest drive of the trip; carry motion-sickness tablets for the winding stretch after Mandi.

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

Day
5

MANALI

Solang and Old Manali

Morning at Solang Valley — ropeway car for a seated view, activities optional. Afternoon at Hadimba Temple and Old Manali cafes, an easy flat walk. Evening at Vashisht hot springs, good for seniors' joints after the long drive.

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

Day
6

MANALI

Atal Tunnel and Sissu

Drive through the Atal Tunnel to Sissu and back (half day), returning by early afternoon. Rest of the day free on Manali Mall Road for shopping and a relaxed lunch.

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

Day
7

MANALI → DHARAMSHALA

To McLeodganj

Drive to Dharamshala (215 km, 6–7 hours via Palampur). Check into McLeodganj by evening; short walk to the main Tibetan market if energy permits.

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

Day
8

DHARAMSHALA

Monasteries and Dhauladhar views

Morning visit to the Dalai Lama Temple Complex (Tsuglagkhang) and Namgyal Monastery, then Bhagsu Waterfall (short, mostly flat walk) or a quiet stop at Dal Lake. Afternoon free; evening flight-eve packing.

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

Day
9

DHARAMSHALA → AMRITSAR/CHANDIGARH → AHMEDABAD

Return leg

Drive to Amritsar (200 km, 5 hours, allowing a Golden Temple visit before an evening flight) or to Chandigarh (250 km, 6 hours) depending on your booked flight out. Fly to Ahmedabad via Delhi if a direct Chandigarh flight isn't available that day.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad flights via Chandigarh or Delhi
- + 8 nights in 3★/4★ hotels
- + Private AC vehicle throughout, senior-friendly pacing
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Toy train ticket and Atal Tunnel/Sissu excursion
- + Airport/station pickup and drop

Not included

- Lunches on drive days
- Solang activities and any optional Golden Temple guide
- Travel insurance
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹42,000–50,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹62,000–78,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026. The extra buffer day in Shimla and easier Dharamshala finish suit families with elders or young children. 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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