

HIMACHAL · SHORT BREAK ITINERARY

Manali Short Break

A long-weekend version for those short on time: skip Shimla, fly or take an overnight Volvo to Manali, and spend three full days there before heading back.

4 nights / 5 days Route: Chandigarh/Delhi – Manali (Manali-focused)

From ₹22,000 per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

DELHI/CHANDIGARH → MANALI

Overnight in, or fly and drive

Two ways to start: fly Ahmedabad–Delhi and take an overnight AC Volvo from Delhi ISBT (about 12–14 hours, arriving Manali by morning), or fly Ahmedabad–Chandigarh and drive to Manali same day (7–8 hours). The Volvo option saves a hotel night but is tiring for seniors; the Chandigarh-flight option is gentler.

Stay: Manali (or overnight bus) · Meals: Dinner (if driven in) / none (if on overnight bus)

Day

2

MANALI

Solang Valley and Old Manali

Check in, rest a couple of hours if you arrived overnight. Late morning to Solang Valley for the ropeway and activities. Afternoon at Hadimba Temple and Old Manali cafes. Evening on Manali Mall Road.

Stay: Manali · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day

3

MANALI

Atal Tunnel and Sissu

Full day trip through the Atal Tunnel to Sissu village, with photo stops for snow-capped peaks along the way; no Rohtang permit needed for this route. Return via Vashisht hot springs in the evening.

Stay: Manali · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
4

MANALI

Free day / Naggar or Kullu

Optional half-day excursion to Naggar Castle or Kullu's Raghunath Temple and shawl-weaving units, or a relaxed day with no fixed plan for shopping and rest. Begin the return journey by early evening for an overnight Volvo, or stay one more night if flying from Chandigarh next morning.

Stay: Manali or overnight bus · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
5

MANALI → CHANDIGARH/DELHI → AHMEDABAD

Return home

Drive to Chandigarh (7–8 hours) for a flight to Ahmedabad, or complete the overnight Volvo to Delhi and fly out from there. Build in a buffer — Manali–Chandigarh traffic can add an hour in peak season.

Stay: — · Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions

Included

- + Ahmedabad–Chandigarh/Delhi flights (Volvo bus extra, quoted separately if chosen)
- + 3–4 nights in a 3★/4★ Manali hotel
- + Private AC vehicle for all Manali sightseeing
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Atal Tunnel/Sissu excursion

Not included

- Overnight Volvo fare if chosen instead of a Chandigarh flight
- Solang activity charges
- Lunches
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹22,000–27,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹34,000–44,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026. The Delhi–Volvo route is ₹4,000–6,000 cheaper per person than flying via Chandigarh but adds a tiring overnight leg each way. 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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