VITHI TRIPS
THE PATH

VERIFIED ITINERARY

VALLEY-ESCAPE

Spiti Winter Expedition

7 Days / 6 Nights • Max 4,587 m • Moderate • November–March

Chandigarh or Shimla

DURATION	MAX ALTITUDE	MOUNTAIN GATEWAY	GROUP SIZE
7 Days / 6 Nights	4,587 m	Chandigarh	Up to 14 travellers

STARTING PRICE

₹16,000 / person

Indicative pricing. Connect on WhatsApp for live batch quotes and customized dates.

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DESTINATION & ROUTE

Himachal Pradesh Overview & Experience

7 Days in White Spiti: Ancient Monasteries, Frozen Falls, and High Himalayan Villages

In the depths of winter, Spiti Valley transforms from a rugged high-altitude desert into an ethereal landscape of silence and snow. The turquoise Spiti River freezes into crystalline veins, century-old Buddhist monasteries perch atop snow-draped cliffs, and the trans-Himalayan villages of Hikkim, Komic, and Langza sit nestled beneath towering 6,000-metre white peaks. This 7-day winter expedition takes you through the winter gateway of Kinnaur, ascending past the icy gorges of Sangla and Chitkul to ancient Tabo and Kaza.

Gateway Rendezvous: Travellers join from across India for this 7 days / 6 nights valley-escape to Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh. Batches usually meet in Delhi for the overnight run. You can join at Chandigarh or Shimla if you confirm the meeting point on WhatsApp.

MAX ALTITUDE	TRAIL DIFFICULTY	MEETUP POINT	IDEAL SEASON
4,587 m	Moderate	Delhi / Chandigarh	November–March



The snow-blanketed Key Monastery situated at 4,166 metres in Spiti Valley

Day 1: Reach Shimla & Transfer to Sangla

~215 km mountain drive | ~2,680 m (Sangla) | Homestay in Chitkul / Sangla | Dinner

Depart Delhi in the evening and reach Shimla early morning between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM before driving along the Kinnaur highway to Sangla.

- Leave from Delhi in the evening by comfortable AC bus
- Reach Shimla early morning between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM and transfer into mountain vehicles
- Scenic drive along the Hindustan-Tibet road entering Kinnaur
- Stop at the iconic rock-carved Kinnaur Gate for photographs
- Reach Sangla by evening and check into your hotel or homestay
- Freshen up, relax, and attend the night briefing session for the high-altitude days ahead
- Warm dinner and overnight stay in Sangla

Day 2: Chitkul Exploration to Tabo via Khab Sangam

~170 km (6–7 hours) | ~3,280 m (Tabo) | Homestay in Tabo | Breakfast, Dinner

Explore the border village of Chitkul in the morning before driving past the frozen river confluence at Khab into the arid moonscape of Tabo.

- Early morning freshen up and wholesome breakfast
- Explore Chitkul, the last inhabited village near the Indo-Tibetan border
- Walk through wooden village lanes and witness snow-covered peaks framing the Baspa River
- Begin the drive toward upper Kinnaur and Spiti Valley
- Cross Khab Sangam, the dramatic confluence of the roaring Spiti and Sutlej rivers
- Ascend the Ka loops into the stark, high-altitude desert terrain
- Reach Tabo by evening, check into your homestay, and enjoy hot dinner and briefing

Day 3: Tabo to Kaza via Dhankar Monastery & Lingti Frozen Waterfall

~50 km (3–4 hours) | ~3,650 m (Kaza) | Homestay in Kaza | Breakfast, Dinner

Visit the 1,000-year-old Tabo Monastery and cliffside Dhankar Gompa, see Lingti frozen waterfall, and arrive in the Spiti headquarters of Kaza.

- Morning visit to Tabo Monastery, founded in 996 AD and famed as the Ajanta of the Himalayas
- Drive to Dhankar Monastery, perched precariously on a high spur above the Spiti and Pin rivers
- Explore the ancient capital of Spiti with commanding views of the valley
- Witness the natural wonder of Lingti frozen waterfall glistening in winter ice
- Reach Kaza by late afternoon and check into your homestay
- Warm up by the bukhari heater, enjoy dinner, and rest overnight

Day 4: High Himalayan Villages: Hikkim, Komic & Langza

~45 km circuit | Up to 4,587 m (Komic) | Homestay in Kaza | Breakfast, Dinner

Journey to the highest inhabited settlements on earth, posting letters from Hikkim and standing before the Langza Buddha under Chau Chau Kang Nilda.

- Early morning breakfast before ascending into the upper Spiti plateaus
- Visit Hikkim at 4,400 m, home to the highest post office in the world, and send handwritten postcards home
- Drive to Komic at 4,587 m, one of the highest motorable villages in the world with its revered monastery
- Visit Langza, the fossil village of India, and photograph the giant golden Buddha statue framed by snowy peaks
- Return to Kaza by evening to explore local winter cafes and flea market stalls
- Back to homestay for hot dinner and overnight stay

Day 5: Key Monastery & Chicham Suspension Bridge

~40 km circuit | ~4,166 m (Key Monastery) | Homestay in Kaza | Breakfast, Dinner

Explore the cliff-fortress Key Monastery and walk across Chicham Bridge suspended high over a sheer 150-metre canyon.

- Wake up to crisp morning light and head towards Spiti Valley's most iconic sights
- Visit Key Monastery, the largest Tibetan Buddhist monastery in Spiti, nestled on a hill at 4,166 m
- Interact with the resident monks and soak in panoramic winter vistas of the valley floor
- Drive onward to Chicham Bridge, the highest suspension bridge in Asia at 4,145 m spanning the Samba Lamba gorge
- Return to Kaza for self-exploration through the local market
- Evening relaxation by the bukhari, dinner, and overnight stay in Kaza

Day 6: Kaza to Kalpa via Gue Mummy & Nako Lake

~200 km (7–8 hours) | ~2,960 m (Kalpa) | Hotel in Kalpa | Breakfast, Dinner

Begin the return journey into Kinnaur, stopping at Gue to see the 500-year-old naturally preserved monk mummy and sacred Nako Lake.

- Early morning departure from Kaza tracing the frozen Spiti riverbed
- Take the detour to Gue Monastery to witness the remarkable 500-year-old mummified monk Sangha Tenzin
- Continue towards Nako village and walk by the serene, frozen rim of Nako Lake
- Drive through Pooh and Reckong Peo, ascending to the pine ridge of Kalpa
- Check into the hotel and enjoy mesmerizing sunset views over the Kinnaur Kailash range
- Hot dinner and comfortable overnight stay in Kalpa

Day 7: Kalpa Exploration & Drive to Shimla

~220 km drive to Shimla | ~2,200 m (Shimla) descending to plains | Vehicle (Overnight Return) | Breakfast

Visit Roghi Suicide Point in the morning before beginning the scenic descent along the Sutlej gorge to Shimla for the overnight bus to Delhi.

- Wake up early to catch the first rays of sunlight hitting the Kinnaur Kailash massif
- Have breakfast and explore Suicide Point and traditional Roghi village architecture
- Begin the mountain drive back towards Shimla via Rampur Bushahr and Narkanda
- Reach Shimla by evening and board the return AC Volvo / Deluxe bus for Delhi
- Overnight highway journey back towards the plains

Day 8: Arrival in Delhi

~350 km overnight | Plains | None | None

Arrive in Delhi in the morning between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM where the winter expedition concludes.

- Early morning arrival in Delhi around 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
- Conclude an epic high-Himalayan winter expedition with memories of a lifetime

PACKAGE COVERAGE

Inclusions & Exclusions

Transparent, upfront coverage with zero hidden costs or surprise fees.

What is Included in Your Trip

- ✓ Round-trip transfer in comfortable AC bus between Delhi/Chandigarh and Shimla
- ✓ All local mountain transport and sightseeing in Tempo Traveller or dedicated 4×4 vehicle as per snow conditions
- ✓ Accommodation for 6 nights across verified homestays and hotels (Chitkul/Sangla, Tabo, Kaza, and Kalpa)
- ✓ Total 12 wholesome meals (6 breakfasts and 6 hot dinners prepared with local warmth)
- ✓ Experienced Vithi Trips Captain leading the expedition throughout
- ✓ 24/7 emergency medical oxygen cylinder available inside the vehicle
- ✓ All necessary inner-line permits, wildlife cess, state taxes, toll charges, fuel, and driver night allowances

What is Not Included

- ✗ Personal expenses such as driver tips, laundry, phone calls, room heaters, and monument/monastery entry tickets
- ✗ Additional 4×4 vehicle hire costs required in event of heavy snowfall or sudden roadblock clearances
- ✗ Lunch, en route refreshments, mineral water, and alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Additional expenses arising due to landslides, avalanches, weather disruptions, or road blockages (payable on the spot)
- ✗ Personal medical or travel insurance
- ✗ Anything not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions list

VISUAL JOURNEY

Curated Mountain Gallery

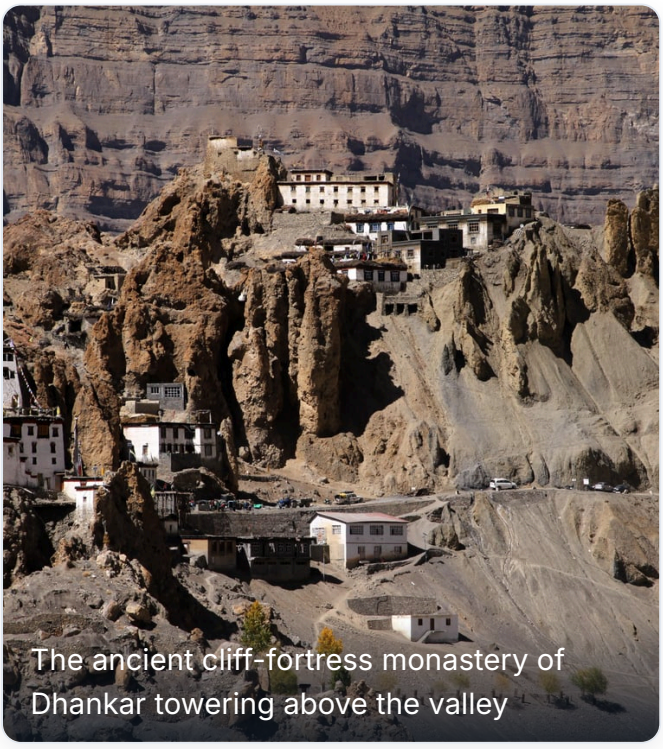
Glimpses of high passes, alpine lakes, and community trails awaiting you.



The snow-blanketed Key Monastery situated at 4,166 metres in Spiti Valley



Chicham Bridge, the highest suspension bridge in Asia, spanning the Samba Lamba gorge



The ancient cliff-fortress monastery of Dhankar towering above the valley



Sending handwritten letters home from the world's highest post office at Hikkim

INVESTMENT & STAY

Transparent Room Sharing Tiers

Per-person rates based on room occupancy, verified stays, and seasonal dates.

Quad Sharing

4 guests sharing one room, with extra winter mattresses and heavy quilts provided

₹16,000 per person

Triple Sharing MOST POPULAR

3 guests sharing one room, with extra winter mattresses and heavy quilts provided

₹17,000 per person

Double Sharing

2 guests sharing one private room with heavy winter bedding

₹18,000 per person

Festive Batches & Long Weekend Departures

Departures coinciding with major national holidays (Diwali, Christmas, New Year, Holi) include seasonal campsite and holiday surcharges. Connect directly on WhatsApp with our journey coordinators for exact batch dates and live availability.

TRAVEL PREPARATION

Things to Carry & Essentials

Recommended packing checklist to stay warm, prepared, and comfortable throughout.

- [ ] Valid government-issued photo ID (original Aadhaar, Passport, or Voter ID mandatory for inner-line permits and check-ins)
- [ ] Heavy winter layering: thermal inners (2–3 pairs), fleece sweaters, down jacket rated for -15°C, and windproof outer shell
- [ ] Waterproof, insulated snow trekking boots with deep lugged soles, plus 5–6 pairs of heavy woolen socks
- [ ] Fleece-lined balaclava, thermal beanie, neck gaiter, and waterproof ski gloves plus inner fleece gloves
- [ ] High-grade UV protection sunglasses (essential to prevent snow blindness) and SPF 50+ sunscreen with lip balm
- [ ] High-capacity power bank (20,000+ mAh) and spare camera batteries (extreme cold drains batteries within minutes)
- [ ] Personal medical kit including Diamox (for AMS), cold and cough medicine, ibuprofen, and throat lozenges
- [ ] Insulated thermos flask (minimum 1 litre) to carry warm drinking water during drives
- [ ] Sufficient hard cash in hand (ATMs in Kaza, Tabo, and Sangla remain completely non-functional in winter)

POLICY & TERMS

Cancellation Policy & Terms

Clear refund windows, written notification rules, and essential participant responsibilities.

CANCELLATION NOTICE PERIOD	ELIGIBLE REFUND
30 or more days before departure	Full refund minus 10% processing fee
15–29 days before departure	50% refund
7–14 days before departure	25% refund
Less than 7 days / No-show	No refund
Trip cancelled by Vithi Trips	100% refund or free reschedule

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing via WhatsApp or email. Refunds are processed within 7–10 business days.

Essential Participant Terms

- A valid government-issued photo ID (Aadhaar, Passport, Driving Licence, or Voter ID) is mandatory for all travellers at check-in and permit checkpoints.
- Booking is confirmed upon receipt of advance deposit. Payment constitutes acceptance of all terms and cancellation rules.
- The itinerary is indicative. Routes, accommodation, or activities may be adjusted for safety or weather conditions.
- Participants must procure personal travel and medical insurance covering emergency treatment and trip cancellation.

TRAVELLER QUERIES

Frequently Asked Questions

Common questions regarding trail safety, accommodations, packing, and connectivity.

How cold does Spiti Valley get in winter?

Spiti in winter is an extreme sub-zero destination. Daytime temperatures in Kaza, Tabo, and Langza range from -5°C to 5°C on sunny days, but plunge to -15°C to -25°C after sunset. Stays are equipped with traditional wood-burning bukhari heaters and heavy Himalayan quilts to keep you warm indoors.

Is Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) a concern on this winter route?

Yes. Altitude reaches up to 4,587 m at Komic and 4,400 m at Hikkim. Our itinerary is specifically designed to ascend gradually via Kinnaur (Sangla at ~2,680 m, Tabo at ~3,280 m) before spending multiple nights in Kaza (~3,650 m). We carry a medical oxygen cylinder in the vehicle 24/7. Drink plenty of warm water, avoid alcohol and exertion on arrival, and consult your doctor regarding Diamox.

How are washroom facilities managed during winter?

Because running water pipes freeze solid throughout Spiti during winter months, homestays in Kaza, Tabo, and Langza provide hot water in buckets for freshening up, along with clean, dry traditional Spitian composting toilets. In Kalpa and Sangla, running water with geysers is typically functional unless temperatures dip unusually low.

TRUST & BOOKING

Ready to Plan Your Escape?

Rated 5.0 on Google Reviews • Connect directly with a Vithi Trips journey coordinator.

5.0 ★★★★★ GOOGLE REVIEWS

100% VERIFIED TRAVELLERS

Curated Mountain Stays

Handpicked boutique homestays and verified mountain camps with hot water and authentic hospitality.

Certified Trail Safety

Mountain-certified trek leads, first-aid kits, oxygen cylinders, and experienced high-altitude drivers.

Intimate Small Groups

Small cohorts (12–15 max) of like-minded travellers with transparent pricing and zero commercial rush.

★★★★★

"Everything felt magical. Warm, fun, and absolutely memorable."

Pinky (Google Review)

★★★★★

"Stress-free, well-organised, and filled with wonderful memories."

Vikas (Google Review)

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