

## 8 DAYS :: “ SHIMLA -KULLU-MANALAI-DELHI ”

(SWITZERLAND OF THE EAST)

COST S\$1988 PER PAX (MIN 2 TO GO )

**HIMACHAL:** Set amidst the high mountain ranges of Dhauladhar, Pir Panjal and Great Himalayas. Himachal is blessed with some of the most spectacular landscapes with mighty snow peaks, deep gorges, lush green valleys, flower filled meadows, misty woods, fast flowing icy rivers, glaciers, enchanting lakes and part of the Tibetan Plateau. It is located in the transition zone from the plains to the Shivalik Himalayas to the Lower Himalayas to the High Himalayas and then to the Trans Himalayas. Himachal, is one the states located in the Western Himalayas. Himachal a Sanskrit word, literally means “In the Lap of Snow”,

It is a delightful state for visitors where every day is different offering you 365 seasons and 365 reasons to visit this state. This state is also known as the fruit bowl of India, growing different varieties of apple plums, kiwi fruit, olives, cherries, apricots, mangoes, litchees, oranges, guava, pomegranates, persimmon etc. Himachal is also known for its medicinal herbs and Indian and European seasonal and off seasonal vegetables.

**SHIMLA:** The British called Shimla the "Queens of Hill Stations." Situated in the north-West Himalayas, Shimla the summer capital of India during Briton Rule is now the capital of Himachal Pradesh. Shimla derives its name from "Shyamala";- the goddess Kali, whose temple existed in the dense forest that covered Jakhu Hill in the early 19th century. Covering the area of 18 sq. km. at a height of 2130m, Shimla is surrounded by pine, deodar, oak and rhododendron forests. Its well developed facilities, easy accessibility and numerous attractions make it one of India's most popular hill-stations.

**KULLU-MANALI VALLEY:** Blessed with an abundance of natural beauty, Kullu-Manali valley is rightly celebrated as the valley of Gods. Nestled between Dhauladhar and Pir Panjal ranges, it is the credile of great river Beas.



About 80 km long, this lush valley extends from the gorge at Aut to Rohtang Pass. It harbours evergreen forest, alpine meadows, beautiful rivers and orchard laden with fruits. Manali at an altitude of 2000m, is the start point for all sort of adventure expeditions over the Great Himalayas to the Trans Himalayan region. We can drive in two hours from Manali to the Great Himalayan ranges of Pir Panjal.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS.** Day time the temperature could be 15 to 20 degree celcius Night Time: 5 to 15 degress celcius



### ITINERARY

Flight Timing: Departure SIN 2310 HRS Arrival DELHI 0240 hrs  
Departure DELHI 0855 HRS Arrival SIN 1715 hrs

**Day 01 DEPART SINGAPORE TO DELHI** Assemble at Changi airport for your boarding. Our Tour Leader will meet you at Delhi airport.

**Day 02 ARRIVE DELHI - SHIMLA (BLD)** Arrive Delhi airport by Jet Airways at 0215 hour and met by your Odyssey Manager and drive 370 km, 8 hours to Shimla by comfortable 45 seat Volvo Coach. We would be stopping for breakfast at Chandigarh. Arrive Shimla by lunch time and check in Hotel East Bourne Resorts. Free afternoon to relax in your hotel.

**Day 03 SHIMLA (BLD)** Visit the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies. This institute is housed in the Viceregal Lodge, which was built in 1884-88 during the British times. It has spacious gardens and is ringed by beautiful pine trees. All is calm and serene just the right atmosphere for a student of literature or politics. Evening visit the Mall lined with European style small buildings. Shimla was the Summer Capital of India during British rule and most of the buildings are constructed by Britons. Evening dinner at hotel and be entertained by Cultural dancers and Bollywood Dancing.

**Day 04 SHIMLA – KULLU – MANALI (BLD)** After breakfast drive 270 km to Manali. This journey offers a dramatic changes in nature from Lower Himalayas to Shivalik Himalayas and then again to the lower Himalayas. You will be driving form a hilltop to different valley structures and sometimes driving along different rivers. We would be stopping at Kullu 1200m above sea level to view some of the handloom factory and Kullu Cap factory. After visiting Kullu drive to Manali at 2000m and transfer to Hotel. Kullu and Manali are two different towns in along the beas river 40 km apart from each other. Kullu is administrative head quarters of the district, whereas Manali is on a higher ground in the middle of pine trees surrounded by snow capped mountains.

Manali offers great views of Beas river with apple orchards in the lowland with pine trees on the slopes and snow capped ranges of the high Himalayas forming the top of the mountains.

**Day 05 MANALI(BLD)** A day to explore Manali, the queen of the hill stations. Our day starts slowly after breakfast with a stroll from your hotel to a 500 years old wooden carved "Hidimba Devi Temple", constructed in the middle of pine forest. Hidimba is the family Goddess of the Royal family of Kullu, who came from a demon family whose rule was ended in the era by Bhima, one among the five Pandvas during their exile in the Himalayas. The stroll continues further to Old Manali village, which is known after the great Hindu sage Manu. Manali is named after Manu Temple, which was traditionally called as Manu-Alaya which means "House of Manu". According to Hindu mythology, human and nature have cycle of development and when it reaches its peak it is destroyed by some natural calamity. In the last destruction of the world, Manu was leader of the people who survived and he started the world from Manali. Free afternoon to shop around Manali. Evening Kulvi Natti (Folk Dance) performance with traditional music at your Hotel around bonfire and dinner services.

**Day 06 MANALI - SOLANG – SNOW POINT – MANALI (BLD)** Morning drive to Solang to enjoy paragliding or skiing (Optional). Continueto Snow Point which is the maximum approachable road towards Rohtang Pass depending on the snow condition (3978m). After visit around Manali. Evening Gala Dinner with Oli 96.8 FM DJs entertainment at your Hotel

**Day 07 MANALI – CHANDIGARH (BLD)** After early breakfast, drive 320 km, 8 hours to Chandigarh visiting Himachal Photo Darshan photo gallery displaying the photographs taken by local photographer Mr Birbal Sharma. Photo Gallery exhibited 300 enlarged photographs dealing with the lifestyle and culture of the people of the state. There are photographs of the exquisite lakes of Himachal Pradesh, snow-covered passes, gurgling rivers, cascades, beautiful valleys, green forests, meadows, ancient temples with rare carvings, glaciers, forests, palaces, frescoes in Buddhist temples, Himachali belles wearing ornaments. The photographs have been clicked artistically. On the banks of the river Beas, roughly about 200 m off the road. On arrival transfer to Hotel. Free Evening to walk / shop around town.

**Day 08 CHANDIGARH – DELHI (BLD)** After early breakfast drive 4.30 hours to Delhi. On arrival transfer to Hotel Silver Ferns and and rest of day is free for shopping around Delhi.

**Day 9: FLY HOME (B)** Early morning transfer to airport for your flight to Singapore by Jet Airways.

<b>Hotels Envisaged:</b>	Shimla	: East Bourne Resorts	- <a href="http://www.eastbourneindia.com">http://www.eastbourneindia.com</a>
	Manali	: Ambassador’s Manualays	- <a href="http://www.ambassadorresorts.com">http://www.ambassadorresorts.com</a>
	Chandigarh	: KC Crossroads	- <a href="http://www.kchotelsandresorts.com">http://www.kchotelsandresorts.com</a>
	Delhi	: Silver Ferns	- <a href="http://www.silverfernsindia.com">http://www.silverfernsindia.com</a>

Cost Includes :	Cost Excludes :
1. International Air ticket 2. Airport transfers and all transport costs in chartered transport from airport to airport including transport for all sightseeing as indicated in itinerary. 3. Accommodation in Hotels as indicated in the itinerary with all meals. 4. Entrance English speaking Odyssey Manager from airport to airport.	1. Airport Taxes (Approx \$360) 2. Visa (\$70.00) 3. All expenses of personal nature like drinks, tips, telephone calls etc. 4. ANY OTHER EXPENSES PAID DUE TO ANY CHANGE IN ITINERARY. 5. Insurance, medical and evacuation expenses if any. 6. Tips



**PLEASE NOTE :**

- ~ Date of operations subject to change with / without prior notice.
- ~ Payment may be made in Singapore Dollars by cash, NETS, and credit cards.
- ~ Prices & itinerary are correct at time of printing and subject to change with / without prior notice.
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