

THE HIMALAYAN FOOTHILLS

DAY 1

Fly from Heathrow to Amritsar with Jet Airways on overnight flight via Delhi.

DAY 2

AMRITSAR

Arrive in Amritsar where you will be greeted, transferred to your hotel and assisted with check in for a two night stay at [**HYATT AMRITSAR**](#).

DAY 3

AMRITSAR

This morning, take a private guided tour of Amritsar to see the famous Golden Temple.

You will also visit Jallian Wallah Bagh, a memorial garden and Durgiana Temple.

In the afternoon, visit the Wagah Border to witness the Flag Ceremony, signifying the closing of the border between India and Pakistan. A patriotic but fun filled ceremony.

DAY 4

PRAGPUR

This morning, drive up into the Kangra valley amidst the foothills to Pragpur, 6 hour drive.

Later this afternoon you will walk around the village and visit the 300-year-old ancestral home of the Kuthiala Soods.

Stay at [**THE JUDGE'S COURT**](#).

DAY 5

Take a 2 hour drive to Dharamsala, home to his holiness, the Dalai Lama.

En route, visit the Kangra Fort, Brajeshwari temple and the colourful Kangra Market.

This evening, take a Kora walk with your guide, a 30 minute walk around the temple where you will see the monks and nuns praying and chanting mantras while walking.

Stay at [**CHONOR HOUSE**](#) for two nights.

DAY 6

DHARAMSALA

Today, enjoy a guided tour of Dharamsala visiting Gompas, the Tibet Museum and the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives.

During the afternoon, visit the Norbulingka Institute where Tibetan arts and crafts including wood and metal craft, silk weaving and thangka paintings are kept alive.

DAY 7

Drive 2 hours to Taragarh, visiting the artist village at Andreta en route.

After arriving in Taragarh, spend the afternoon visiting the Vaidyanath temple at Baijnath, the jewellery shops at Paprola and the Tashijong Monastery.

Stay at [**TARAGARH PALACE**](#) overnight.

DAY 8

Early morning drive to Shimla, an 8 hour drive.

Sit back and admire the spectacular scenery stopping en route at Mandi, renowned for its 81 old stone temples and their enormous range of fine carving, as well as its old palaces and notable examples of 'colonial' architecture.

Stay at [**THE OBEROI CECIL**](#) for three nights.

DAY 9

SHIMLA

Today, you will have a guided tour of Shimla.

Visit the Viceregal Lodge, where the British Raj ruled India in the summer months and where the partition of India was planned.

Later enjoy a leisurely stroll back along the Mall to Scandal Point.

DAY 10

SHIMLA

Enjoy a ride on the Himalayan Queen from Shimla to Taradevi.

Rest of the day at leisure to explore Chail, Kufri and Fagu.

DAY 11

Drive to Kalka where you will join the Shatabdi Express train to New Delhi.

Two nights in Delhi at [**LE MERIDIEN**](#).

DAY 12

DELHI

Guided sightseeing of Old and New Delhi.

Delhi is India's capital and a major gateway to the country. Contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis.

In Old Delhi, you may visit the Jama Masjid, the Mosque of Friday, the greatest religious construction of Islam, Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated and the Red Fort, the palace for Shahjahan's new capital.

In New Delhi, you may visit the Qutab Minar, the tallest stone tower in India and Humayun's Tomb, an outstanding monument in Indo-Persian style.

DAY 13

Fly home with Jet Airways.