

Hills and High Places 16 days



From the Golden Sikh Temple in Amritsar, journey north to the home of the Dalai Lama, crossing the majestic snow-clad Himalayas to discover the medieval temples & stupas of the Buddhist kingdom of Ladakh.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Delhi / Ends in: Delhi
- Departs: Any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 15, Lunch: 4, Dinner: 4
- Hotel Rating: Superior
- Tour Guide: Yes - for all scheduled sightseeing

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



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Day 1: Delhi

Once you've arrived in Delhi, you'll be met and transferred to and afternoon flight to Amritsar and hotel check in. Overnight - [Amritsar](#)

Day 2: Amritsar

Amritsar. This morning enjoy a tour of Amritsar, taking in the beautiful Golden Temple, considered the holiest shrine to Sikhs the world over, yet open to all. Surrounded by a complex of sparkling white marble and a lake for purification the lavishly guided temple with bulbous golden domes houses the Adi Granth, the book of teachings for the Sikh faith. This evening we drive to the Wagah Border crossing (a land crossing between India/Pakistan) to watch the highly animated 'Flag Lowering' ceremony - a must for any visitor to the north of India. Overnight - [Amritsar](#)

Days 3 - 4: Dharamsala

Amritsar - Dharamsala. Driving north to Dharamsala offers some dramatic scenery, where rolling foothills rise high toward snow capped peaks. Dharamsala, the British hill station turned Tibetan settlement, home to the Dalai Lama and thousands of Tibetan refugees offers a sense of peace and tranquility to all those who arrive.

Day 4 offers guided sightseeing of the area surrounding the Dalai Lama's residence, Dharamsala's main Buddhist Temple - Tsug Lakhang and the Norbulingka Institute - centre for Buddhist learning and handicrafts. Overnight - [Dharamsala](#)



Days 5 - 6: Manali

Dharamsala - Palampur - Manali. En route to Manali a stop is made at Palampur - a pretty hill station enclosed by aged British tea plantations. Touring a colonial plantation, set upon the mounting slopes of Kangra Valley, criss crossed by babbling brooks offers a chance to enjoy a fine cuppa. Arriving to Manali, the adventurous can opt to go white water rafting, mountain biking or skiing. Or simply spend the afternoon relaxing. Day 6 allows for a

sightseeing tour of the city and an afternoon of leisure. Overnight - [Manali](#)



Day 7:

Manali - Rohtang Pass - Keylong. Continuing north and rising to 3980 metres above sea level along the Rhotang Pass we arrive at the village of Keylong - 120 km from the Tibetan border. Overnight - Keylong

Day 8:

Keylong - Sarchu. En route to Sarchu there is time to stop and explore Sahsur Gompa, a beautiful Buddhist Temple built in the 17th century housing priceless 5 metre 'Tankha', (wall painting) depicting all 84 sidhas of Buddhism. Overnight - Sarchu (permanent tented camp)

Days 9 - 11: Leh & Ladakh

Keylong - Tanglang La Pass - Leh. Rudyard Kipling said of the region "Surely the Gods live here this is no place for men." Travelling over the Tanglang La Pass at a dizzying height of 5350 metres confirms our arrival to the remote and sparsely populated region of Ladakh. Cradled by the Karakoram and the Great Himalayan ranges, the vast and often snow covered desert is often described as the last 'Shangri-La', (land of high mountain passes) and is one of the last enclaves of Mahayana Buddhism, Ladakh's principle religion for nearly a thousand years, now much suppressed in its native homeland of Tibet. The following 3 days are spent exploring this delightful region. Day 10 - Leh city tour with visits to the Sankar Gompa and Shanti Stupa. Day 11 - guided touring of Hemis Monastery, Shey Monastery - a former royal palace and Tikse Gompa - a 12 story high complex resembling Potala Palace in Lhasa, housing Buddhist art, statues, art and swords. Overnight - [Leh & Ladakh](#)

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Days 12 - 13:

Leh - Alchi. Alchi is set amongst the desolate gorges of the Indus River and spectacular mountains. Here we will visit the Alchi Gompa, a must see Buddhist Temple dating back to 1000 AD. On day 13 we return to Leh. Overnight - (1) Alchi, (1) Leh



Days 14 - 15: Delhi

Leh - Delhi - breakfast. Morning flight to Delhi and hotel check in upon arrival. The remainder of today and tomorrow offer free time to independently explore. Consider visits to the Red Fort, Qutab Minar and Raj Ghat. Overnight - [Delhi](#)

Day 16:

Sadly today arrangements conclude after breakfast and onward departure transfer to the airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Amritsar and the stunning Golden Temple
- Dharamsala and its laid back Buddhist atmosphere
- Palampur tea estate, Manali and adventure sports
- Keylong, the Rhotang Pass and the Tanglang Pass
- Sarchu and Sahsur Gompas and its priceless 5 metre painting of all 84 Buddhist sidhas
- Alchi Monastery - classic Himalayan Gompa
- Leh - 'Little Tibet', Sankar Gompa, Shanti Stupa, Hemis Monastery, Shey Monastery and Tikse Gompa
- High Himalayas - exhilarating mountain vistas and home to Mount Everest
- Delhi - the capital of India

What's Included

- 15 breakfasts, 4 lunch, 4 dinners
- 14 nights superior hotels (standard and deluxe hotels available on request)
- 1 night permanent tented camp
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 16
- Services of local English speaking specialist guides
- Chauffeur driven air-conditioned vehicle (mountain vehicles are not air-conditioned)
- 2 Economy class flights - Delhi - Amritsar, Leh - Delhi
- Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- Touring, excursions and drives as per itinerary

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$4,999

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply. Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen hotels, room availability as well as time of travel i.e. during India's peak travel season of 21 Dec - 10 Jan, additional supplements will apply. Equally, if you wish to travel to India during the summer, rates will be cheaper than those quoted.. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. This itinerary is based upon superior accommodation. Standard and deluxe properties are also available upon request. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 or more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
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