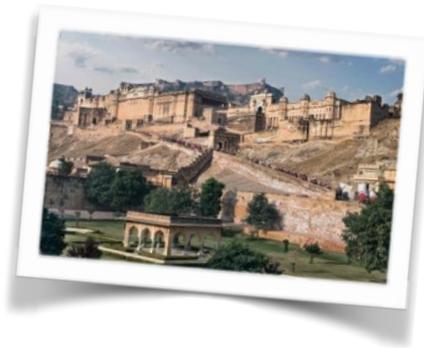


HOLY HIMALAYAS 14 days

Itinerary:



Day 1 : Arrive New Dehli

Upon arrival at New Delhi international airport you are greeted with a warm welcome. Transfer to your hotel with time to relax from the flight.

Lodging: Country Inn & Suites Hotel

Day 2 : New Dehli to Amritsar (B)

After breakfast early this morning catch your train to Amritsar, the city of the Golden Temple. Upon arrival check into your hotel and time to freshen up. In the afternoon visit the Wagah Border to see the 'lowering of the flags' ceremony. This unique ceremony involves a picturesque parade of the soldiers. In the evening visit the sparkling Golden Temple the most popular Sikh temple in India.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Holiday Inn Hotel

Day 3 : Amritsar - Dharamsala (B)

After breakfast start your city tour of Amritsar. Visit the Jallianwallah Bagh, the famous gardens close to the Golden Temple and the Ram Bagh museum. Later this morning drive to Dharamsala. Upon arrival at Dharamsala transfer to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Grace Hotel

Day 4 : Dharamsala Tour (B)

After breakfast visit Mcleodganj, the famous little town of Dharamshala also known as "Little Tibet" and home to the current Dalai Lama. At the start of Mcleodganj is a small bazaar filled with a variety of Tibetan handicrafts and artifacts. Towards the end of the town is the Namgyal Monastery. The external wall of the monastery is surrounded by rows of prayer wheels. Within the monastery are large statues of Lord Buddha, Avalokteshwara and Padmasambhava. The charming church of St. John in the wilderness is situated here as well. It is the final resting place of Lord Elgin, a British Viceroy of India during the 19th century.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Grace Hotel

Day 5 : Dharamsala - Manali (B)

After breakfast enjoy a morning at leisure in Dharamsala and discover more on your own of this unique place. Later start a scenic drive to the hill town of Manali. Upon arrival in Manali check into your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Citurs Manali Hotel

Day 6 : Manali Tour (B)

After breakfast start your tour of Manali. Situated in the midst of pinewoods with high mountains above and the river Beas flowing below at the head of the Kullu Valley it is the epicenter for hikes and treks in the Himalayas. Visit the hot springs in Parvati Valley which are one of the hottest in the world and possess curative qualities. Later enjoy nature walks amidst the green scenic mountains of Manali.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Citurs Manali Hotel

Day 7 : Manali - Shimla (B)

After breakfast enjoy a morning at leisure in Manali. Later embark on another beautiful scenic drive to Shimla, the former summer capital of British India, set amidst the snow capped mountains which offers stunning views of the Himalayas. Upon arrival in Shimla check into your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** The Clarke Hotel

Day 8 : Shimla Tour (B)

After breakfast start your tour of Shimla. Visit the famous Christ Church, the second oldest church in Northern India. Later explore the Shimla State Museum which houses a collection of miniature 'Pahari' paintings, sculptures, coins, woodcarvings and also costumes, textiles and jewellery of the region. A leisurely stroll along the Mall road provides you with a feel for the lifestyle of locals in Shimla.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** The Clarke Hotel

Day 9 : Shimla - New Dehli (B)

After breakfast transfer to the train station to catch your train to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi transfer to your hotel for overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Country Inn & Suites Hotel

Day 10 : New Dehli - Agra (B)

After breakfast this morning discover the history and heritage of Delhi with a visit to Qutab Minar, a fine example of Indo-Islamic architecture. Then drive to the old part of the city walking through the busy streets of Chandni Chowk to Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. En route drive past the splendid Red Fort, India Gate, the President's House, Parliament House and other Government Secretariat Buildings of Lutyens Delhi. Later in the afternoon, transfer to Agra, the city of the world famous Taj Mahal. Upon arrival in Agra check into your hotel for overnight stay

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Clark Shiraz Hotel

Day 11 : Agra Tour (B)

This morning witness the surreal views of the Taj Mahal by sunrise. Step inside this eternal symbol of love and appreciate the intricate designs and symmetries that rhyme as a poem

written in marble. Taj Mahal is an extravagant display of love, built by Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. Later visit the splendid Agra fort, built in red sandstone, encapsulating magnificent palaces, halls of public and private audience and beautiful gardens.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Clark Shiraz Hotel

Day 12 : Agra - Jaipur (B)

After breakfast embark on a leisurely drive to Jaipur, the land of the Rajputs. Jaipur is an exuberance of colour, dance and traditional arts and crafts. Known, as the 'Pink City', Jaipur is home to ancient forts and palaces and is one of India's most well planned cities. En route to Jaipur visit Fatehpur Sikri, the capital city of the Mughal Empire in the 16th century. Upon arrival check into your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Holiday Inn City Centre Hotel

Day 13 : Jaipur Tour (B)

After breakfast this morning visit the Amber fort, which was built in the 16th century. An elephant ride will help you ascend to this hilltop fort. Alternatively you can choose to walk or drive up to the fort. In the afternoon visit the City Palace complex with its museums and Jantar Mantar, the ancient astronomical observatory and the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), built in the 18th century. This palace with its innumerable windows and screened balconies was especially built for the royal women to view the city and processions from behind their purdahs. Later explore the many facets of Jaipuri crafts such as semi precious jewels, pottery, colourful embroidered fabrics with mirror work, woven carpets and more. Watch artisans at work and enjoy souvenir shopping in this colourful city.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Holiday Inn City Centre Hotel

Day 14 : Jaipur - New Delhi Departure (B)

After breakfast transfer to New Delhi International Airport for your international return flight.

Meals: Breakfast

