

Photography Trip to

Spiti Valley (31st July to 12th August 2022)

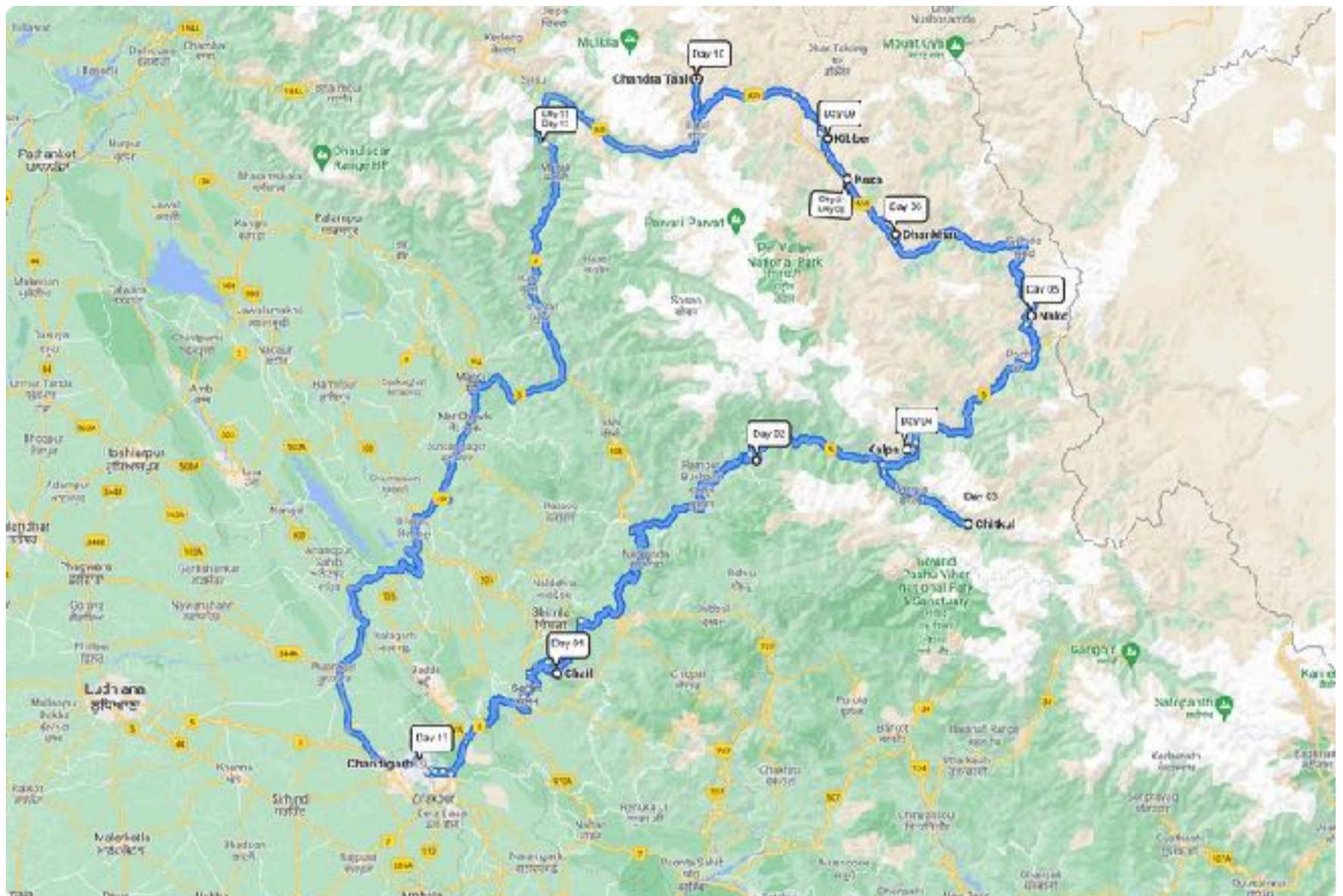


What is Spiti Valley about?



Get your heads out of the car window and indulge in the breathtaking views of the rugged Himalayan terrain, where every curve will greet you with endless valley views, snow-clad peaks, and a moon-shaped lake on an adventurous trip to Spiti. The rustic landscape of this remotely resting land will leave you awestruck. To put it simply, a perfect playground for those who seek adventurous off-road driving along with an added bonus of spotting the ever-elusive Snow Leopard.

A drive from the highest village to the last village is totally worth remembering as you breathe in the fresh mountain air while sitting on the isolated slopes of the last village surrounded by magnificent landscapes. Feel the chills as you look down upon a tiny truck from Asia's highest suspended Chicham bridge or cross the manually operated cable ropeway to Kibber village, Spiti makes a perfect power-pack for an adventurous vacation.



Itinerary

Day(s)	Date	Day	Route	Overnight
1	Jul 31	Sunday	Chandigarh-Chail	Chail
2	Aug 1	Monday	Chail-Sarahan	Sarahan
3	Aug 2	Tuesday	Sarahan-Chitkul	Chitkul
4	Aug 3	Wednesday	Chitkul-Kalpa	Kalpa
5	Aug 4	Thursday	Kalpa-Nako	Nako
6	Aug 5	Friday	Nako-Tabo-Dhankar	Dhankar
7	Aug 6	Saturday	Dhankar-Kaza	Kaza
8	Aug 7	Sunday	Kaza-Lagnza-Komic-Hikkim-Kaza	Kaza
9	Aug 8	Monday	Kaza-Kibber	Kibber
10	Aug 9	Tuesday	Kibber-Chandratal	Chandratal
11	Aug 10	Wednesday	Chandratal-Solangnala	Solangnala
12	Aug 11	Thursday	Solangnala	Solangnala
13	Aug 12	Friday	Solangnala-Chandigarh	—

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 01:- Chandigarh-Chail

Arrive to Chandigarh by Flight, lunch at Chandigarh. Head to Chail. You will find scenic Himachal Roads. Chail is a hill station in Himachal Pradesh, India. It is 44 kilometres from Shimla. It is known for its salubrious beauty and virgin forests. The Chail Palace is well known for its architecture: the palace was built as summer retreat by the Maharaja of Patiala during the British Raj. The cricket ground and a polo ground which is there at an altitude of 2,444m was owned by erstwhile royal family of Patiala. It is the world's highest cricket ground.



Day 02:- Chail-Sarahan

The Gods were generous when they gave Sarahan (2165m) its settings. Located halfway up a high mountain side, the road to Sarahan winds past flowering Pine trees that give way to stately Oaks. This historical temple is a multi-storied structured building, a fusion of Hindu and Buddhist architecture. The tall tower like structure and unusual roof of the temple dominate the complex. The centuries old temple is now locked and in the newly built temple, the goddess Bhimakali is portrayed as a maiden and as a woman. This temple complex includes other temples such as Narsingh shrine of Bhairon and Lord Raghunath.



Day 03:- Sarahan-Chitkul

You may have visited many hill stations in your life but one place that remains special is Chitkul. This is one of the most scenic places you would have ever seen. Hidden in the lap of Himalayas, Chitkul is called the last village in India. Chitkul is mainly known for its mesmerising beauty and bucolic nature. The picturesque location and the scenic beauty of the place are what draws travellers towards it.



Day 04:-Chitkul-Kalpa

Kalpa is a picturesque little village in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh. Surrounded by the towering mountains and glittering peaks of the Kinnaur Kailash range and boasting an unperturbed environment, Kalpa is a paradisiacal destination for nature lovers. With its Buddhist Monastery and Hindu temple, this humble abode offers you the perfect opportunity to seek your spiritual enlightenment in the lap of the Himalayas.



Day 05:-Kalpa-Nako

A small village situated in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh in north India, Nako is one of the beauty treasures of Himachal Pradesh untouched by travellers. Nako lake is an oval shape lake surrounded with mountains; valley and whitewashed village give a picturesque location. To experience the scenic beauty, boating attracts people from distant places during summer.



Day 06:-Nako-Tabo-Dhankar

Tabo:- Often referred as Ajanta of the Himalayas, Tabo Monastery is situated at the height of 10,007 feet in Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh in north India. It is one of the oldest Buddhist pilgrimage centres in the Trans-Himalayas region. Held in high regard by Tibetan Buddhists, Tabo is second in importance to the Tholing Gompa in Tibet. Spread over an area of 6300 sq mtr, the monastery comprises of nine temples and gompas.



Dhankar Fort :- The word '*Dhang*' means Cliff and the word '*Kar*' means fort. So the very name of the village is 'a fort on the cliff'. Capital anymore or not, Dhankar still holds great value in terms of religious significance and tourism. It commands a stunning view of the Spiti river, sky-touching mountains, and the entire valley around.

Day 07:-Dhankar-Kaza

The largest township in Lahaul Valley and Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh, Kaza boasts of high mountains with snowy crowns, crystal clear rivers, streams and barren splendour interspersed with patches of green. In the evening Visit to Iconic Kye Gompa. Kye Gompa is a Tibetan Buddhist monastery located on a picturesque hilltop at an altitude of 4,166 m above sea level, close to the Spiti River, in the Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh, India. The monastery has the distinction of being the oldest and the biggest in the Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh and a religious training centre for lamas. Key Monastery is home to around 300 lamas who receive their religious education here.



Day 08:-Kaza-Lagnza-Komic-Hikkim-Kaza

Lagnza:- Located at an altitude of 14500 feet or 4420 meters, Langza is one of the remotest villages of India in the remote corner of Himachal Pradesh. Greenfields besotted on brown hills and distinctive houses constructed in Tibetan style architecture sums up the pictorial representation of Langza. Envelop this picture with surrounding snow-capped peaks, and it completes the breathtaking view of Langza village



Komic:- Komic, literally meaning "eye of a snow cock" (Ko - snow-cock, mic - eye), is a remote village in Spiti valley. Having its fame as the Highest village in the world connected with a motor-able road, Komic is quite a destination for most people traveling to Spiti.



Hikkim:- Hikkim, a small village in Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh, is known for housing the world's highest post office. Besides this universal fact, the serene location of the place makes it a perfect holiday destination for those in search of tranquillity



Day 09:-Kaza-Kibber

Kibber aka Kyibar village rests high in the Spiti Valley in Himachal Pradesh at an altitude of 14200 ft. It is famous for several things -a monastery, Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary. It is also known for the Snow Leopard sighting in Winter Months. Kibber is located near Chicham bridge which is the highest man-made bridge in Asia.



Day 10:- Kibber-Chandratal

Chandratal or Chandra Tal or Chandra Taal or Chander Taal or simply Moon Lake is a barren but beautiful lake located at a height of 14100 feet in Himachal Pradesh in northern India. It comes under Spiti and Lahaul district of Himachal Pradesh and is situated at a distance of six km from Kumzum Pass.

The lake got its name because of its crescent shape. It is believed, Chandratal was discovered by traders who came to the region from Tibet or Ladakh. After an arduous journey, the traders used to rest near the lake before resuming their journey to Kullu or Spiti.



Day 11&12 :- Chandratal-Solangnala

This is where our trip ends, enjoy the beautiful riverside Hotel stay sit back and relax. We also visit Manali town for shopping and to see some famous places of Manali.



Day 13:- Solangnala-Chandigarh

Now it's time to head back home with beautiful scenic landscapes captured on the camera and in your memory.



Trip Expense

Maximum 8 people per trip

₹ 55,000/- (MAP Plan)

Double Room Sharing

Inclusions & Exclusions

1. Travel arrangements between **Chandigarh airport to Chandigarh Airport**
2. Air-fare **NOT** included. It will be at actuals.
3. Cost does not include meals which are not mentioned above.
4. Cost does not include changes in travel plans which are unforeseen due to natural/ man-made circumstances.
5. Entry fees at monasteries, camel ride or any adventure sport charges are not included and you will pay it directly, at actuals. Entry fees are normally in the range of Rs. 20-100
8. For booking, a nominal charge of Rs. 10,000/- is required and the same is non-refundable. Further to the same, flight & bus booking charges will be required to be paid as soon confirmation is given. 50% amount of the remaining amount to be paid in 15 days. Remaining amount should be paid 1 month before the trip begins.

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