



Tribal Monastic Drive FAQ



Q 1. What is the best time to travel for Tribal Monastic Drive?

This varies from year to year but in general, if you are coming from Manali, Kunzum La and Rohtang Passes are open around mid-May. Coming from Shimla, the Reckong Peo road is all weather and the Border Roads Organization do their best to keep this route open all year round. The best time to come to Spiti is the Summer months between May and October when temperatures are perfect, roads are (mostly) clear and the sun is shining!

Q2. What kind of temperatures should we expect?

Because it is a high altitude desert, the weather in Spiti can be quite extreme with conditions varying from bright, hot sunshine to sudden snow in the higher passes as early as September! In general though, the summer season (May - Oct) is a perfect time to visit with temperatures rarely exceeding 20-25 centigrade by day and cooling off to a comfortable 18 to 20 by night. During the winter months between November and April the temperature dips to as low as -12 to -22 degrees centigrade and reaches a maximum of 11 to 13 degrees in the sun. In Summer from May to October the temperature can soar up to 29 degrees in the day and at night, the temperature drops to between 2 and 12 degrees centigrade.

Q3. Is it safe for Kids?

Yes, Kids adapt well and quite fast

Q4. Do we stay in Tents also? If yes, how many nights

Yes out of 10N/11D we will stay in the tents for 5 nights (If the group size is more than 10 pax)

Q5. What are the facilities in the Tents?

We lay a 4-inch mattress on the ground on which everyone can comfortably sleep along with full upper bedding. Water bottles, camping light and chemical toilets are provided in each tent

Q6. How is it different from other permanent Camping sites?

We choose the camping spot everyday as we move along. These are not permanent sites. Our staff dismantles and fixes the tents for you every day. If you are adventurous kind and want to help us in fixing tents you are most welcome.

Q7. Can you arrange the trip for us exclusively?

Yes, exclusive trips can be arranged for a minimum of 15 pax

Q8. How is the road condition?

80% of the road is tarmac and 20% of the road is broken that is the reason we suggest SUVs. Even non 4x4 SUVs shall also work

Q9. How do we deal with altitude sickness?

Altitude Sickness is the result of sudden exposure to reduced air pressure and lower oxygen level at high altitude. General symptoms are headache, fatigue, nausea, and loss of appetite, sleeplessness, heavy breathing. Descending down and inhaling oxygen can cure it faster.

Q10. Do you have medical facilities?

We carry a basic first Aid kit and Oxygen Cylinder with us and we are aware about the Doctors around all the places. However, there is no dedicated doctor that travels with the group.

Q11. What if my Car breaks down?

We know the Mechanics around the terrain and can get help from them, We can also do basic Towing for a few Kms, In case of Major damage we can get the Recovery Van anywhere in Himalayas

Q12. Do we need any permits?

Permits are required for International Passport holders to enter Spiti Valley

Q13. What kind of Backups do you have?

We have a Lead car and a Sweep car to keep you in comfort

Q14. Is there some trekking involved?

No, there is no trekking involved. However, if we reach our destination sooner than planned and you want to go on a short trek, you can absolutely do that.

Q15. I have a medical history related to breathing, blood pressure or anything significant. Can I travel at such heights and low temperatures?

It purely depends on the acuteness of the problem. There have been instances where guests having problems such as blood pressure and asthma have travelled with us and were absolutely fine. However, as mentioned this is purely depend on case to case basis. Thus we advise you to consult your doctor for the same.

Q16. How is network connectivity during the drive?

Jio offers best network connectivity with optimum internet speed in the Spiti Valley. Other than that Airtel outside of Spiti on lower altitudes works fine.

Q17. What will be the group size ?

Group size shall be 15 – 20 pax

Q18. Is it safe for girls to travel?

Yes, it is safe for girls to travel. However, if you are a single girl and don't want to share accommodation with another single girl on the trip. We shall require you to pay extra for single accommodation.