

DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT MANALI

On the first day of the Trans Himalayan Drive, we'll reach Manali for an overnight stay at a hotel. Manali is a place that needs no introduction. As you make your way towards this touristy hotspot of Himachal, you start getting vibes of this beautiful, open valley that lies right under the famous Rohtang Pass. Manali is a perfect place to live in the mountains and by the glacial lake-fed river — Beas. The place is ideal for adventure activities, rejuvenation of mind, and savoring lip-smacking local delicacies. We call it a day after having a tasty dinner.

DAY 2: MANALI - JISPA

After breakfast, there will be a small briefing session and we hit the road to cross the famous Atal Tunnel - gateway into the Lahaul Valley. Beautiful landscapes and picturesque villages usher us into Lahaul Valley and then Tandi - the confluence of rivers Chandra and Bhaga. After crossing Keylong we reach Jispa. Jispa is a small settlement on Manali-Leh highway known for its natural beauty. We check in to a premium hotel/resort with a bonfire and barbeque where we dance to the local Himachali tunes.

DAY 3: JISPA - UDAIPUR (VIA SHINKULA PASS)

Today we set off early for one of the most strenuous drives on our itinerary. The day is the test of your driving skills, passing through various beautiful villages of Pangi Valley, crossing the Shinkula Pass, witnessing white waterfalls and water crossings. We end the eventful day at Udaipur. Overnight stay and food is at camps by "Hospitality on the Move by Tethys Himalaya".

DAY 4: UDAIPUR - MIYAR VALLEY

After driving through difficult terrain and narrow roads, you just need a rest day. So day 4 is going to be easy so that you can rejuvenate and unwind yourself by taking short walks around the river bank. For those who would like to explore Udaipur, we will visit the famous Trilokinath Temple and drive to Miyar Valley and come back to our campsite by the river Chenab.

DAY 5: UDAIPUR - SURAL BHATORI

It is a beautiful, remote area in Pangi Valley. Day 5 consists of a long, tiring drive meant for hardcore adventurous souls because we will drive through difficult terrains where roads are bad.

After breakfast, we will leave for Chenab Valley to venture into the remoteness of Killar village. Soak in some breathtaking views that can't be described in words but only be cherished.

After spending some time at Killar, we continue to drive towards Sural Bhatori. Pangi is a subdivision of district Chamba, and Killar is the headquarters. We will reach Sural Bhatori by evening and will stay at a lovely campsite by "Hospitality on the Move by Tethys Himalaya".

DAY 6: SURAL BHATORI

After this nerve-wracking drive, the next day definitely calls for rest. So the next day we cover some unexplored locations around Sural Bhatori. This beautiful valley offers numerous possibilities for day hikes. We spend some quality time by a beautiful waterfall (height of about 100 meters).

We embark on a small trek into the valley and explore Udhan Bhatori, which is rich in scenic beauty and is still unexplored, if time allows. We reach the campsite by evening for an overnight stay.

DAY 7: SACH PASS BASE CAMP

Post breakfast, we drive to Sach Pass, aptly named the 'big daddy of all mountain passes'. The journey to Sach Pass is something that cannot be put into words, something unforgettable, something that will go down as the most cherished experience of our lifetime, something that we can barely realize having made it through.

Sach Pass is one of the most difficult passes to drive through in North India. At an altitude of 4500 meters, it runs over the Pir Panjal Mountain ranges. The pass connects Dalhousie with Chamba and Pangi Valley.

This mountain pass is famous amongst travelers and adventure seekers. The pass is also a famous trekking point from Dalhousie. The panoramic views of the valley and snow-clad mountains from the pass are a never-seen-before experience.

We have finally reached our destination we had been discussing all the way. To celebrate the life and success of our expedition, we will spend a night near Sach Pass at a campsite by "Hospitality on the move by Tethys Himalaya."

DAY 8: SACH PASS - DALHOUSIE

Today we drive further into Chamba - the valley of milk, honey, streams, meadows, temples, paintings, and Chamba rumal (handkerchief).

Chamba has few rivals for its scenic beauty. We start descending towards Dalhousie, the little Switzerland of India. Dalhousie is an old hill town in Himachal with a mesmerizing natural landscape, pine-clad valleys, flower bedecked meadows, fast flowing rivers, mountains and old British architecture.

The Scottish and Victorian architecture of the town takes us back to the British era. It is one of the most traveled places in Himachal Pradesh, famous for its natural beauty and old-world charm. We will spend the night at this beautiful place in a hotel.

DAY 9: DEPARTURE

Finally, the day has come when we say goodbye to our friends and beautiful landscapes that accompanied us for an entire week and treated us well. It feels as if our trip started just yesterday. We have made so many good memories that are going to stay with us for life.