



# Tribal Monastic Drive

*Itinerary*



## **DAY 1 : NARKANDA**

Arrival at Narkanda. Our team at Tethys Resort, Narkanda will welcome you. Freshen up and unwind in the cozy rooms of Tethys Resort and soak yourself in the beauty of deodar forest and apple orchards.

Narkanda is about 6 hours' drive (185 km) from Chandigarh airport. Followed by briefing and drinks, cozy up around flickering flames and the fragrance of the bonfire wood logs. We call it a day after dinner.

## **DAY 2 : NARKANDA – BAGA SARAHAAN**

Today, we will drive into the very heart of the outer Siraj valley of Kullu. Drive is easy and beautiful until Dutt Nagar – a small town located on the left bank of Sutlej River on NH05 near Rampur Bushahr. A single lane road connects Dutt Nagar to Baga Sarahan. Bagipul-Baga Sarahan drive will be the hardest part of today's journey. By evening, we reach our destination – Baga Sarahan.

Dinner and overnight stay arrangements by Tethys on the move.

## **DAY 3: BAGA SARAHAAN - KALPA**

We'll drive back on the same route (Bagipul-Nirmand-Dutt Nagar) to return to NH05. We continue the drive on Hindustan-Tibet road. A two-hour drive on the HT road takes us to Tranda Dhank (cliff) - a kilometer-long stretch carved in rock face by Britishers along the deep Sutlej River gorge.

We drive on the same route until Powari. From here, the caravan will leave the highway and drive up on a series of hairpin bends on Powari-Kalpa connecting road.

Our fatigue and weariness (owing to 140 km-long drive) will vanish as soon as we watch a glorious sunset over Kinner Kailash range. By evening, we check-in to a hotel, and go off to sleep after a delicious dinner.

## **DAY 4: KALPA - KAZA**

Day 4 will be a long haul. We will drive a distance of around 210 kms to reach Kaz by evening. Before reaching our destination for the day, we will either stop at Nako or Tabo to take a breather. Nako village is located near the Indo-Tibet border in Kinnaur district. The high-altitude hamlet is adorned by a small, beautiful lake and a monastery. Another gem in the remoteness of Spiti Valley is Tabo, which is famous for its century-old monasteries and Buddhist caves.

## **DAY 5 : EXPLORE KAZA AND PLACES NEARBY**

We go sightseeing and exploring places around Kaza for the next two days. The Tangyud monastery, Key (also pronounced as Ki) monastery, the Kibber village, the Komic village, the Gette village, and the Langza village – well known for its marine fossils, are some of the Instagrammable places around Kaza we will explore today.

## **DAY 6: KAZA AND AROUND**

On day 6, we explore more places around Kaza town:

- Hikkim – the highest post office in the world
- Komic village
- Kaza monastery
- Chicham bridge
- Kaza market

## **DAY 7: KAZA - CHANDRATAL**

On day 7, we drive to Kunzum Pass (the gateway to Lahaul Valley) and take a jeepable road 3 km short of Batal. The narrow road leads to one of the most beautiful places in Spiti Valley - Chandratal.

Chandratal is a Himalayan Lake tucked deep in the mountains. Breathtaking views and crystal-clear water of the lake will wash all your worries away. After enjoying beautiful views at the lake, we return to the camps for an overnight stay.

## **Day 8 : CHANDRATAL - MANALI**

Today we drive back on the same road to reach Batal. Batal is a vast flatland in Lahaul Valley. It is also a popular milestone and halting place for people coming either from Kaza or Manali. Beyond Batal, we'll come across the worst stretch of road on the Kaza-Manali route. It takes around 5-6 hours to cover a 100 km odd distance from Batal to Manali. Road conditions are poor till Gramphoo. Beyond Gramphoo, barring a few patches, the road is in good shape until Manali.

## **Day 9 : DEPARTURE**

Finally, the day has come when we say goodbye to our friends and beautiful landscapes that accompanied us this 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.