

A CWH GROUP TRIP TO SANGLA VALLEY & CHITKUL IN KINNAUR, HIMACHAL 16-23 SEP 2023



# EXPLORING SANGLA VALLEY AND CHITKUL

Kinnaur in Himachal Pradesh is a land of myths and legends. The kinners are the celestial musicians and their land is like a garden of eden. Well, in this case, the reality is even better. Kinnaur is stunningly beautiful and its crowning glory is the Sangla valley. A wide valley, full of apple orchards and quaint villages and surrounded by snow covered peaks. Post-monsoon is one of the best time to go there as the entire valley is flowering in hundreds of colors. At the end of the valley lies Chitkul, the last village before Tibet border. High above Chitkul are the meadows of Rani kanda, and we will trek till there.

#### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Sangla valley in early autumn
- Stay at a luxury camp by the river and amidst apple orchards
- Last village in India, Chitkul
- Beautiful trek experience with camping in the meadows





## A BRIEF OVERVIEW



### **Sangla Valley**

It is a spectacularly beautiful valley, and post-monsoon the entire region is orange-brown, the color of the ripe Ogla millet, the staple grain of Sangla. See pic above. We will be staying in a camp by the river and amidst apple trees. And will go for short walks to nearby villages.



### **Chitkul and the trek**

The last village in the valley is Chitkul, and beyond that is the Himalayan wilderness leading to the Tibet border. Once a quiet village it is a bustling small town now, but that doesn't take away from its raw beauty. Our trek starts from here & goes to the meadows of Rani (queen)

# ITINERARY: 8 DAY TRIP, 5 DAYS OFF WORK (2 WEEKENDS)

16-18 SEF

Reach Chandigarh on 16<sup>th</sup> Sep and drive to Fagu, just ahead of Shimla. ~ 5 hours. On 17<sup>th</sup> morning, we will drive to Sangla. ~ 8 hours.

19-21 SEF

On 19<sup>th</sup>, we will drive to and stay in Chitkul. ~ 1 hour.

On  $20^{th}$ , we trek to the meadows of Rani kanda.  $\sim$  6 hours walk.

On 21<sup>st</sup> – Trek further and drive back.

22 SE

Return drive starts. Today we drive to and stay in Thanedar.  $^{\sim}$  6 hours.

23 SE

Drive to Chandigarh to catch the flight back. ~ 5 hours.

Book your flight so you land latest by noon at Chandigarh airport on 16th. Our night stay will be in a govt. guesthouse in Fagu. On 17<sup>th</sup>, we start early and drive to Sangla. Our stay is in a luxury camp. 18<sup>th</sup> is a day to rest, relax and acclimatize.

We stay in Chitkul on 19<sup>th</sup> because it is very high, almost 3200M and we need to spend one night here before we start the trek. The trek is challenging but doable.

Day 1 of the trek is an uphill walk all the way to the meadows. Day 2 of the trek takes us higher still before we meet the army road and drive back to Sangla camp.

We stay at a beautiful guesthouse in Thanedar.. A perfect place to break the long journey back.

Book your return flight post 2 pm.



## **COST FOR THE TRIP:**

Twin sharing in Fagu, Sangla, Chitkul

**Stay and food** and Thanedar. Meals included

except when in transit.

All trekking equipment and trekking

**Trek** personnel like guides, porters,

cooks. All meals included.

**Transportation** Throughout the trip in SUVs.

The cost of the trip = Rs 60000/- per person including all taxes.

Note: The group size will be limited to 12. To be eligible to join this trip, you will need to fill the registration form and once your seat is confirmed, make the full payment. Read our <u>cancellation</u> policy and fill the release document.

Click here to REGISTER

## WHAT TO GET ALONG?

Early autumn/ post-monsoon is a beautiful time to be in the Himalaya. The sun is warm but not uncomfortably, the days are long and cool, hundreds of flowers are still blooming post the monsoon and a delicious scent is in the air. Temp ranges from 10 to 25 degrees, but can drop to below 5 degrees higher up on the trek. We will be prepared accordingly. Will provide a detailed checklist on signing up.

### MAKING A CONTRIBUTION

There is always a way of giving back to the place and people where we go for our holidays. We are organizing this trip in association with a group of locals from the Sangla valley who conduct trips in this region. All our trek supplies will be purchased from shops in the region. You can also purchase handicrafts and local produce directly from the villagers.

## **GET CONNECTED:**

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#### **GIFT THIS TRIP**

You can chose from gift vouchers starting from Rs 5000. Write to us with the name of the receiver and the denomination of the voucher.

#### **NOTE**

All CWH trips have a strict no-alcohol policy. And no packaged noodles.

