



A CWH TREK FROM KINNAUR TO
SPITI ACROSS THE PIN BHABHA
PASS. 23 AUG – 1 SEP

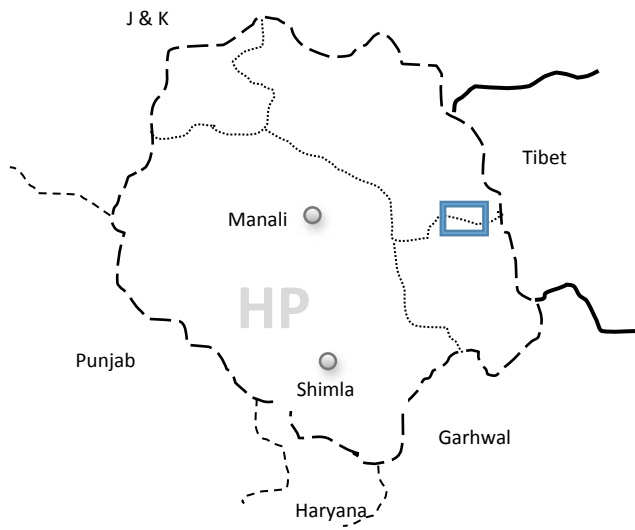


KINNAUR TO SPITI TREK

Once upon a time.... Buzhens (lamas), snow leopards and wild horses roamed freely in a land. Now it's our chance to be a part of this story as it still continues in Spiti. From the forests and pastures of Kinnaur we trek over the Pin-Bhabha pass, to the stark beauty of Spiti, in what must surely rank amongst the best short treks in Indian Himalaya. Warm hospitality of the Spitians as we stay in village homestays and camping at Chandertaal is an experience of a lifetime.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- A spectacular traverse over glaciers and across a high pass
- Campsites on meadows, pastures and moraines of high Himalaya
- Experience of staying with local people in homestays.
- The Chandertaal



A BRIEF OVERVIEW



Kinnaur

The mythical land of the Kinners has a million shades of green, especially during the monsoon when we go there. The drive along the Satluj is jaw dropping at places and the villages are steeped in mythology. The life revolves around temples and local Gods and Goddesses.



Spiti

Named after the river that cuts across this land and surrounded by the mighty Himalaya from all sides, Spiti has been inaccessible for ages and remains till date as the purest surviving Tibetan Buddhist society. The monasteries are majestic and the people are welcoming.



The trek

There are only two ways of getting to Spiti. You can travel by road, constantly evading landslides or do it the traditional way- trek over the high passes from Kinnaur and Kullu into Pin valley of Spiti. One of the best treks in the Indian Himalaya for the sheer variety of landscape.



Homestays in Spiti

What's the best way of getting to know the people and culture of a new place? Stay with them. This is what we will be doing while in Spiti. Homestays also provide a much needed source of income apart to the local people. For the visitor it's a unique experience.

ITINERARY:

10 DAY TRIP, 7 DAYS OFF WORK (2 WEEKENDS)



23-24 AUG	<p>23rd Aug - Fly into Chandigarh. Drive to Fagu. ~ 5 hours. Plan to arrive in Chandigarh latest by 11am. (Or a day earlier). 24th Aug – Drive to Sarahan in Kinnaur. ~ 6 hours.</p>	<p>The journey from Chandigarh to Kinnaur is a long one and the best way is to break it. Fagu is a convenient stopover just beyond Simla.</p> <p>An easy journey along the Satluj takes us to the majestic temple town of Sarahan, facing the snow covered Srikhand Mahadev range and our base before the trek.</p>
25-28 AUG	<p>The trek –</p> <p>Over 4 days, we trek for about 50 kms from Kafnu (2450M) in Bhabha valley to Pin in Spiti. The highest point of the trek is around 4900M. All 4 days are challenging but spectacular scenery throughout keeps you hooked.</p>	<p>Day 1 – Kafnu to Mulling climbing through a thick forest. (3150M) Day 2 – Mulling to Phushtriang (3940M) through stunning Kara pastures. Day 3 – To Baldar across the Pin Bhabha pass (4900M), the highlight of the trek and amongst the most beautiful traverse across the Himalaya. Day 4 – From Baldar to Mud (3850M), the first village of Spiti and the trek end point.</p>
28 -29 AUG	<p>Spiti –</p> <p>Trek ends in Mud and we get back into the cars and drive to Tabo. ~ 2.5 hours. 29th we drive to homestay in Komic village.</p>	<p>Tabo has one of the most unique monastery in entire Spiti and Ladakh and also has many guesthouses to stay the night. It is the oldest monastery in Spiti and is renowned world over for its collection of Thangkas. On 29th, we drive to Komic village (4250M), one of the highest road accessible villages in the world and spend the night in homestays.</p>
30-31 AUG	<p>Return journey starts –</p> <p>On 30th, we drive to and stay at Chandertaal. ~7 hours. On 31st we drive to and reach Naggar, in Kullu valley. ~ 6 hours.</p>	<p>Chander taal- Few lakes in the Himalaya can surpass its sheer beauty. The crystal clear, half moon shaped lake lies at the border of Lahaul and Spiti. Camping overnight is the best thing to do.</p> <p>We cross the famous Rohtang pass today and enter the Kullu/ Beas valley. Our stay will be at the beautiful town of Naggar in a 16th century wooden castle.</p>
1 SEP	<p>Drive back to Kullu airport (~1 hour) OR Chandigarh (~8 hours) to catch the flight back</p>	<p>Book your return flight from Chandigarh post 2 pm.</p>

COST FOR THE TRIP:

Stay and food

Stay at guesthouses in Fagu, Sarahan and Tabo. Homestay in Komic and camping at Chandertaal. Food will be local – fresh and simple. All meals included except when in transit.

Trek

All trekking equipment and personnel. All meals included.

Transportation

Throughout the trip in SUVs from Chandigarh and back. 4 per car.

The cost of the trip =
Rs 55000/- per person
including all taxes.

Note: The group size will be limited to 12. Bookings are done on first come first serve basis and hence no deadlines. Confirm your place by making the full payment in advance. Read our [cancellation policy](#) and fill the [release document](#).

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WHAT TO GET ALONG?

We will pass through the entire diversity of the Indian Himalaya, from the foothills of Kasauli, to the Dhauldhar range at Narkanda, to the greater Himalayan range in Kinnaur and finally to the trans-Himalayan Spiti. The temp will vary from 5°C to 20°C. Till Kinnaur, we might face light seasonal rains but once in Spiti, it will only be an occasional drizzle. So carry your rain-wear, woolens (sweater, cap, gloves and socks), a jacket, cotton t-shirts and lowers and a pair of very good walking shoes. The trick is to keep all this restricted to one backpack. Will provide a detailed list 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. This is how we will do it:

Homestays. This is the most effective method of contributing to the local economy based only on sustenance agriculture. The visitors also get an authentic local experience. We will hire only local staff and vehicles for all our needs. Any supplies we need, like woollen clothes, local produce, etc., can be purchased from local shops and cooperatives.

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Pics from our previous trek to Spiti, [here](#)

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 instant noodles, etc.