
Full Day Walks

Shimla Heritage Walk :

The best way to explore this lovely hill town is on foot. Walk through the Lanes & Trails of this British Himalayan Town and hear stories of a bygone era. The British built this town and left legacies. If you could manage an Ariel view of Shimla you would notice that the town is a museum of architecture. Victorian, post Victorian, gothic, Georgian, Tudor, Moc-Tudor, Bavarian, neo, Lyutens, and modern, all examples at one place.

The entire length of this walk comes under Shimla's Heritage Zone. Christ Church is the most prominent landmark of Shimla and from here the walk extends West towards Viceregal Lodge.

Highlights of the Walk : The most imposing and attractive structures which include castles, temples, heritage hotels, banks and government offices are the highlights of this walk. They are some of the best examples of British Architecture of the era and reveal history and various interesting stories of the glorious past. A brief description of some of them is given here.

In general : we assemble at the Christ Church at the Ridge at 10 a.m. and begin our walking tour.

Starting Time : 10 a.m.

Finish : 4 p.m.

Rates :

For a group of 4 people or less : Rs. 2500/- per day.

Extra person : Rs. 600/- per person.

The rates include : Water bottle, chocolate and a packet of chips for everyone.

The rates do not include : Lunch, Entrance Tickets to the buildings and monuments and any transport.

Carefull : Dress casually, wear sunglasses, and walking shoes. Do not forget to carry an umbrella and a raincoat during the monsoon.

Validity : This package is available throughout the year, except on a Snowy day.

Nature Walk – From Kipling’s Abode

Shimla is surrounded by the thickest forest cover in Asia. There are ample trails for nature lovers who wish to explore nature at its best. Every season brings a different landscape.

Allow me to take you on a Nature Walk that provides you with immense Natural forest. Let us descend to a trail that hides a great level of variety in its bosom. It starts from the house of Rudyard Kipling, eminent writer. The trail passes through the house and the birth place of a legendary Hindi writer Nirmal Verma, and finishes at an art gallery established by a living legend, Mr. Sanat Chatterjee. Known for the longest paintings in the world (75 ft, 90 ft and 100 ft) on silk, with water colour, Sanat Chatterjee and his son Him Chatterjee live there with their families. This trail takes you through the hill villages, brooks, rivulets, meadows, grasslands and forests. You may come across some wild life, pheasants, a variety of wild flowers and some local plants that grow widely on the slopes. As you finish the tour at the art gallery, a lavish home cooked lunch is hosted by Him Chatterjee, an additional attraction.

We drive to Tara Hall School and descend to the trail. After dropping us the driver goes to the art gallery to wait for us.

Highlights of the walk : Some Heritage, Forests, brooks, villages and the tour of the Art Gallery.

Lunch : It is better to inform well in advance and have it at the art gallery.

Starting Time : 9.30 a.m.

Finish : 4 p.m.

Rates :

For a group of 4 people or less : Rs. 3000/- per day.

Extra person : Rs. 700/- per person.

Lunch at Artist’s Residency : Rs. 1000/- per person. Including soft drinks. (On prior notice)

Cost of vehicle upto 5 persons : approximately Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 3500/-

The rates include : Water bottle, chocolate and a packet of chips for everyone.

Carefull : Dress casually, wear sunglasses, and walking shoes. Do not forget to carry an umbrella and a raincoat during the monsoon.

Validity : This package is available throughout the year, except on a Snowy day.

Woods of Mashobra

We drive for 16 kilometers to the North of Shimla, to Charabara. There are a number of ‘Dhabas’ – the roadside restaurants there. This nature walk takes you around a Hill near the President's Retreat, descends to the venue of the Sipi Fair, held here every year in the month of May. The view of Shali peak across the valley invites you to climb it. The slopes are peppered with a number of houses, villages, orchards and fields. This shady trail takes about 3 to 4 hours to bring you to the road where a village school for primary classes is the landmark for the driver to meet us.

In general : we meet at your hotel’s lobby and drive to the starting point.

✓ **A vehicle is necessary. At your cost.**

Starting Time : 9.30 a.m.

Finish : 3.30 p.m.

Rates :

For a group of 4 people or less : Rs. 3000/- per day.

Extra person : Rs. 700/- per person.

Cost of vehicle upto 5 persons : approximately Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 3500/-

The rates include : Water bottle, chocolate and a packet of chips for everyone.

The rates do not include : Lunch, Entrance Tickets to the buildings and monuments and any transport.

Carefull : Dress casually, wear sunglasses, and walking shoes. Do not forget to carry an umbrella and a raincoat during the monsoon.

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Day Hike

Hike to Shali Tibba : Clouds dipping in the valleys, hanging cliffs, forested path, trails branching off in both directions, calls of some Himalayan birds and a few village houses sheltered by the wilderness are the main features of this trek. There is nothing there that will not fascinate you. You are going to be there with yourself, on your own !

Locals visit the temple on the top of Shali peak that is dedicated to Maa Bhimakali and is situated on a round shaped plateau with a square platform on the top.

We drive out of Shimla for about 40 kilometres to Khatnaul, at the bottom of the peak from where a narrow trail whirls up around the hills and through the dense blue pine & cedar forests and Rolling Meadows.

Highlights of the walk : Hill villages, thick forests, lovely landscape, hiking and on a clear day the stunning view of the Himalaya.

Lunch : Carry packed lunch.

Starting Time : 8.30 a.m.

Finish : 6 p.m.

Rates :

For a group of 4 people or less : Rs. 3000/- per day.

Extra person : Rs. 700/- per person.

Cost of car per three person : approximately Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 3500/-

The rates include : Water bottle, chocolate and a packet of chips for everyone.

The rates do not include : Lunch, transport.

Carefull : Dress casually, wear sunglasses, and walking shoes. Do not forget to carry an umbrella and a raincoat during the monsoon.

Validity : This package is available throughout the year, except on a Snowy day or if there is snow on the way. Check in advance.

Half Day Walks

Kipling's Trail

There is only one piece of land near Shimla that can be considered as Table Land. A lovely walk towards this wide open ground takes one through some streets, trails and old houses where you may have a glimpse of Shimla's typical lifestyle; people basking in the sun, ladies drying their laundry outside the house, washing clothes at public taps, children playing street cricket, a few shopkeepers busy with their daily customers and old men reading newspaper, or just chatting. The walk begins with these scenes and takes you through a dense forest and finally ends at the grand gates of a huge lodge from where the entire subcontinent was once governed.

A visit to a chalet on the way near the Annandale Ground, now the Army Heritage Museum, is a treat.

Starting Time : 9.30 a.m.

Finish : 12.30 p.m.

Rates :

For a group of 4 people or less : Rs. 2500/- per day.

Extra person : Rs. 600/- per person.

The rates include : Water bottle, chocolate and a packet of chips for everyone.

The rates do not include : Lunch, Entrance Tickets to the buildings and monuments and any transport.

Carefull : Dress casually, wear sunglasses, and walking shoes. Do not forget to carry an umbrella and a raincoat during the monsoon.

Validity : This package is available throughout the year.

Cemeteries of Shimla

There were five cemeteries in Shimla out of which only one is in use. Descendents of many British who lived in Shimla come here to trace their origins and family history. The Convent of Jesus and Mary have their own personal cemetery which is very well looked after. The oldest cemetery is below 'Oak Over'. It functioned between 1827 and 1841 and had only seventeen graves. Being in the centre of town it has been vandalized. The Kanlog cemetery was started thereafter which was divided by the National Highway by-pass running through it. The upper portion has been vandalized, but the lower portion is being looked after by a Penta Costa Priest and is in good condition. The fifth cemetery is in Sanjauli and is currently in use. Unfortunately, this cemetery has also been vandalized, being in the middle of a recent settlement.

Starting Time : 9.30 a.m.

Finish : 12.30 p.m.

Rates :

For a group of 4 people or less : Rs. 2500/- per day.

Extra person : Rs. 600/- per person.

Cost of vehicle upto 5 persons : approximately Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 3500/-

The rates include : Water bottle, chocolate and a packet of chips for everyone.

The rates do not include : Lunch, Entrance Tickets to the buildings and monuments and any transport.

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Elysium Round

This walk will leave you spellbound with its beauty. You will see a number of old houses, forest, a few villages. Some new construction on the way, as well and a small wooden temple that is a marvellous example of hill architecture. You may come across, generally, the laughter of school children, gossip from village shops, chirping birds and people chatting in some village houses.

Starting Time : 9.30 a.m.

Finish : 12.30 p.m.

Rates :

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Cycling in the Mountains

The Gumma Trail:



A drive from Shimla to Baldeya, a village approximately 17 kms. from Shimla, then on to cycles. Downhill till Gumma, the oldest water pumping station in this region and the main source of water supply to Shimla. The pump house is worth a visit. Beer, tea and snacks at the P.W.D. rest house and then cycle to Basantpur, another 6 kms. drive to Dhami, an erstwhile Princely State , to lunch with the royal family. Thereafter, return drive to Shimla.

Total Distance Covered : 35 km.

Total Time Taken : full day.

What time do we start : 9.00 am.

When do we reach for lunch :1.00 pm.

when do we start again : 3.30 pm.

When do we finish in Shimla : 4.30 pm.

Number of Participants : Min : 02, Max : 10

Trip Duration : Full Day.

Cost for 2 people : Rs. 7500/-

Cost for 3 people :Rs. 9500/-

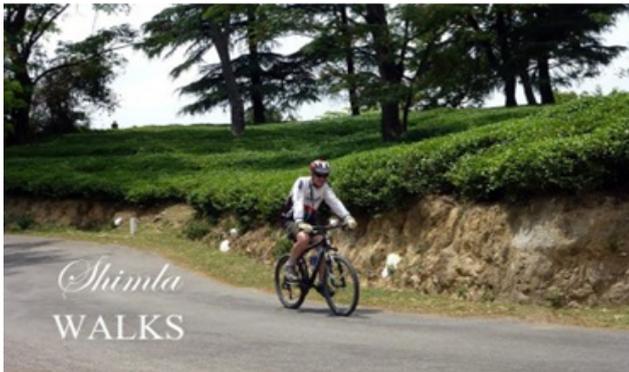
Cost for 4 people : Rs. 11500/-

Cost of car upto 5 persons :approximately Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 3500/-

Lunch at Dhami with the Royal family: Rs. 1500/- per person

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The Old Road :



A drive from Shimla to Mashobra, from where the cycling will begin. On the Mashobra – Bekhalty road, which winds itself around the most beautiful valley in these parts; past a few villages, orchards and crops on terraced fields. Superb rural scape. This road ends at Bekhalty, on the Hindustan Tibet road, between Fagu and Theog. The road climbs up to Fagu, approximately 6 kms. upstream. From Fagu, a dirt road to Gallu, again on the Hindustan Tibet road. Thereafter, return to Shimla by car.

Total Distance Covered : 50 km.

Total Time Taken : Half day.

What time do we start : 10.00 am.

When do we reach for lunch : 1.00 pm.

Number of Participants : Min : 02, Max : 10

Trip Duration : Half Day.

Cost for 2 people : Rs. 7500/-

Cost for 3 people : Rs. 9500/-

Cost for 4 people : Rs. 11500/-

Cost of car upto 5 persons : approximately Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 3500/-

The above Packages Include

1. Bicycle and Safety Gear.
2. Water.
3. Light snacks.
4. English Speaking Guide.
5. First-Aid Box

Packages Do Not Include

6. Cost for any damage caused to the Bicycle.
7. Compensation for any Accident / Injury.
8. Compensation for any Accident / Injuries / Death.

A Birders Paradise

A Day with the Dhami Royalty

An hour's drive to Dhami at 09:00 a.m., through forests and greenery, to the residence of Kanwar Dushyant Singh, the scion of the erstwhile royal house of Dhami.

The forest around is house is a bird park. Seventy species of bird have been identified, amongst them magpies, starling, wobblers, mayana, bulbul, street thrush, tits. Pheasants are a common site. The walk may be as much as 8 kms.

Lunch at Dhami House, the residence of Kanwar Dushyant Singh his wife is a descendent of the royal family of Orchha, Madhya Pradesh is a wonderful hostess and cook and takes pleasure in serving local cuisine.

Charges for a Day with the Royal Family

Innova Car : Rs. 3500/-

Lunch : Rs. 1500/- per person. (Soft Drinks: Included in the cost).

Hard Drinks : Extra – to be paid directly.
