

Dharamsala Trek



Days:	11
Price:	1010 USD International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★★
Difficult:	★★★★☆
📌 Trekking	

SERENE, TRANQUIL, LIFE CHANGING

A Wonderful trek through the Himalayas that includes a visit to the delightful hill stations of Dharamsala and the adjacent quaint and charmingly distinct McLeod Ganj, home to the Dalai Lama and a vibrant Tibetan community. Our carefully planned itinerary offers magnificent views of the Dhauladhar range, the beautiful Kangra valley and an amazing experience of Pragpur, a heritage village. North of the Punjab plains and rising to 5,000 meters above sea level, lay the southernmost ridges of the India Himalayas, the Dhauladhar. Here, amongst these 'White Mountains', the British established several hill stations, including Dharamsala and McLeod Ganj, which is today the 'Sharma and Karma' capital, home to Tibet's popular leader, the Dalai Lama.

After a day's exploration of this colourful Buddhist place of pilgrimage we trek through pretty villages and high pastures on the south side of the ranges, following trails used for centuries by local shepherds. Gaining height gradually and walking for an average of just 4 hrs each day, we enjoy a series of scenic camping sites with plentiful opportunities to meet friendly villagers. Camping at Triund (2,850m), allows for particularly fine views of the peaks and ridges of Dhauladhars. There is also time to see local craftsmen at work, visit the tea capital of the region and stay in a delightful old manor house in the World Heritage Village of Pragpur.

HIGHLIGHTS

- McLeod Ganj – Home to the Dalai Lama, with a vibrant Tibetan community, requested by celebrities
- Dharamsala – Surrounded by dense coniferous forests
- Triund – the highest point at the foot of the Dhauladhar range
- Andretta – a small village in Kangra Valley known for its pottery
- Pragpur village – a Heritage village known for its historical, cultural and religious importance

Day 1-2. Traditional welcome on arrival



Delhi 📍

Day 1

- Arrive at the **International airport** of Delhi. After the traditional welcome, transfer to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 2

- In the afternoon we visit the walled city of **Old Delhi**; crowded, full of activity and still influenced by the great Mughals who once ruled from the ramparts of the majestic Red Fort Delhi. Here we visit Jama Masjid Delhi - the largest 17th century mosque in India; Chandni Chowk - the typical Indian market always abuzz with activities; and Rajghat - the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi (also called the 'Father of the Nation'). We also visit New Delhi where we drive past the **Presidential Palace, Secretariat Buildings** and down the impressive Rajpath to India Gate .
- In the evening, we are transferred to the **Railway station** to board our overnight train to Pathankot. It is said that the journey is half the experience as we move from the crowds and chaos of the Delhi Railway Station to the rustic scenes of life in the countryside.

🍳 Breakfast

Hotel L'Affaire

🏠 Accommodation

1 Hotel L'Affaire

2 Overnight Train

Day 3. Arrival in morning at Pathankot and drive to Dharamsala



Pathankot 📍
🚗 90km - ⌚ 3h
McLeod Ganj 📍

Pathankot - McLeod Ganj

- We arrive at the **Pathankot** early morning and meet our drivers and vehicles at the Railway station. Then, we drive into the foothills of the Himalaya towards Dharamsala and the Tibetan Buddhist settlement of McLeod Ganj. Upon arrival in Dharamsala, transfer to McLeod Ganj and check into our hotel.
- In the afternoon, we have a walking tour of the town and its environs that includes visiting the Dalai Lama's Complex, the Tibetan Library and St John's Church. Evening is free to explore the local bazaar of this beautiful town.

🍳 Breakfast	Restaurant
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍷 Dinner	The Pride Surya Mountain Resorts
🏠 Accommodation	The Pride Surya Mountain Resorts

Day 4. Trek to Kareri Village (1985m)



McLeod Ganj 📍
13km - ⌚ 4h
Kareri Village 📍

McLeod Ganj - Kareri Village

- Today we meet the trekking crew and begin our trek. We walk from **McLeod Ganj (1,760m)** to Kareri village (1,985m). This gentle ascent and walk takes us through **traditional Gaddi shepherd villages** and terraced fields of rice and barley. We set up our camp at a beautiful site by a river and watermill. The rest of the day is free to explore the village.

Duration of Trek: 4 Hrs

Distance: 13 Kms

🍳 Breakfast	The Pride Surya Mountain Resorts
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	camping

Day 5. Trek to Barlai Village



Kareri Village 📍
8km - ⌚ 4h
Barlai Village (2475m) 📍

Kareri Village - Barlai Village (2475m)

- After the breakfast, we enjoy a gentle walk from Kareri to **Barlai village (2,475m)**. We ascend gradually through village fields and **rhododendron forests**. These forests are home to pheasants, bears and leopards (since the latter two animals are found only in the remote areas of the forests they are unlikely to be sighted). Around midday, we stop for a relaxed lunch and then complete our walk to **overnight camp** at Barlai Village.

Duration of Trek: 4 Hrs

Distance: 8 Kms

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	camping

Day 6. Trek to Dharamkot (2000m)



Barlai Village (2475m) 📍
10km - ⌚ 5h
Dharamkot 📍

Barlai Village (2475m) - Dharamkot

- Today it is going to be a slightly longer but very spectacular day as we walk through a woodland reserve overlooking the beautiful Kangra Valley. Our today's destination is the **village of Dharamkot** at approx. 2,000m. This village is inhabited by Gaddis and its location offers more sensational views of the **Dhauladhar**. Dharamkot was the chosen retirement home of the English artist, Alfred Hallett whose paintings are still exhibited in Dharamsala. We set up our camp outside the village.

Duration of Trek: 5 Hrs

Distance: 10 Kms

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	camping

Day 7. Trek to Triund



Dharamkot 📍
7km - ⌚ 3h
Triund 📍

Dharamkot - Triund

- After breakfast we continue our trek towards the **highest point of our trekking at Triund (2,850m)**. The path from Dharamkot takes us steadily uphill for around 3 hours through forests of deodar and rhododendron to a ridge where we have superb views of the snow-covered mountains of Dhauladhar. The panorama extends out across the **Kangra Valley and down to McLeod Ganj**. We camp overnight on the ridge.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	camping

Day 8. Trek till McLeodGanj and drive to Andretta



Triund 📍
10km - ⌚ 4h
McLeod Ganj 📍
🚗 60km - ⌚ 2h
Andretta 📍

Triund - Mcleod Ganj

- This morning, we return to **McLeod Ganj** about 10km away, and mostly downhill. This walk takes around 3-4 hours and concludes the trek.

Duration of Trek: 4 Hrs

Distance: 10 Kms

McLeod Ganj - Andretta

- After the lunch, we drive to Andretta. This small Kangra Village, with its perfect climate and beautiful Himalayan setting, is widely known as an artistic enclave for its pottery. It's quiet and meditative environment is also bursting with inspiration from all sides, from the snow-white mountains surrounding it to the vast plains that lie beyond. Here we visit a studio to see the potters working and selling their wares. We stay overnight at a restored private house.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant

🍴 Dinner	The Mirage
🏠 Accommodation	The Mirage

Day 9. Drive to Pragpur via Palampur



Andretta 📍
🚗 90km - ⌚ 3h
Pragpur 📍

Andretta - Pragpur

- Today we drive down to the town of Palampur, which is surrounded by tea gardens-making it the tea capital of northwest India. Upon arrival, we visit the tea gardens and see the processes involved in its production followed by lunch in Palampur. This hill station is not only known for its numerous tea gardens and paddy fields but also for its colonial architecture and temples. In the afternoon, we continue by road to Pragpur, a **World Heritage Village**, where we check into our accommodation in the '**Judges Court**'. This lovingly restored 300-year-old manor house and associated cottage is set in its own gardens and has an ambiance reminiscent of the days of the Raj.

🍴 Breakfast	The Mirage
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍴 Dinner	Judges Court
🏠 Accommodation	Judges Court

Day 10. Drive to Pathankot and overnight train to Delhi



Pragpur 📍
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h
Pathankot 📍
🚗 490km - ⌚ 9h
Delhi 📍
Pathankot 📍

Pragpur - Pathankot

- After breakfast the morning is free to relax at the hotel or to explore the local area. The town of Pragpur is very interesting and remains largely unchanged from a century ago, with **cobbled streets**, an **ornamental village tank** and houses built of stone and mud-daub with slate roofs
- In the afternoon, we make the scenic drive through the Himalayan foothills down to Pathankot where we board the overnight **sleeper train** to Delhi.

🍴 Breakfast	Judges Court
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍴 Dinner	Restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	Overnight Train

Day 11. Arrival in morning and departure to airport towards evening



Delhi 📍

- Early morning arrival and transfer to the hotel where you can refresh yourself.
- Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the **International airport** or any point of convenience for onward journey to respective countries.

🍴 Breakfast	Restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	Ashok Country Resort

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12
1940 USD	1670 USD	1295 USD	1095 USD	1010 USD

Included

- Accommodation for 08 nights on Full board in camp/tent/Hotel on double sharing basis
- 01 room for 04 participants would be available for Wash & Change D:10
- All ground transportation included in the program using private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver
- Trekking equipment and materials including food (excluding personal equipment)
- Train ticket in second class AC for two sectors: (Delhi - Pathankot and Pathankot - Delhi)
- Trekking guide for 05 days during trekking (D:03 till D:07)
- Professional English speaking tour leader throughout the trip
- First aid kit
- Govt. Taxes

Not included

- International flights tickets
- Travel insurance
- These rates will not be valid for peak season from 20 December 2019 to 10 January 2020 , Christmas and New Year's extra supplement cost will be charged during this period
- Lunch and dinner in Delhi
- Tips for Local guide, trek guide and other trek staff
- Rescue and evacuation services
- Miscellaneous Expenses - drinks, souvenir, personal expenses etc.
- The cancellation and baggage insurance, assistance and repatriation
- Indian Visa
- Other services not mentioned in 'Inclusion'