

# Custom Travel Itinerary

## Trip Summary

- **Duration:** 8 Days / 7 Nights
- **Destinations:** Shimla → Kasol → Manali
- **Travel Type:** Scenic + Adventure + Cultural
- **Start Point/End Point:** Chandigarh
- **Transport:** Private cab + Local transport

## Travel & Transportation Details

- **Chandigarh → Shimla:** Private cab (~ ₹3,500 per trip)
- **Shimla → Kasol:** Private cab (~ ₹4,000 per trip)
- **Kasol → Manali:** Private cab (~ ₹3,500 per trip)
- **Manali → Chandigarh:** Private cab (~ ₹5,500 per trip)
- **Local Travel:** Shared cabs, bikes, tuk-tuks (~ ₹100–₹500 per ride)

## Accommodation Types (Per Person Estimate)

Category	Type of Stay	Cost Range (INR)
Budget	Guesthouses, Hostels	₹5,500 – ₹8,000
Normal	2–3 Star Hotels	₹10,000 – ₹16,000
Luxury	4–5 Star Resorts/Cottages	₹22,000 – ₹35,000

## Food Costs (Per Person)

Category	Description	Cost Range (INR)
Budget	Street food, Dhabas	₹2,500 – ₹4,000
Normal	Mid-range restaurants	₹4,500 – ₹6,500
Luxury	Fine dining & cafés	₹7,500 – ₹10,000



# Day-wise Detailed Itinerary

## Day 1 – Arrival in Chandigarh & Drive to Shimla

### Morning:

- Arrive at Chandigarh railway station/airport. Meet your cab driver and begin your scenic drive to Shimla (~4 hrs).

### Afternoon:

- Stop en route at the famous Timber Trail for tea and quick photos. Reach Shimla and check into your hotel.

### Evening:

- Take a relaxing walk on Mall Road – admire colonial architecture, shop for woolens, and stop by the historic Christ Church.

### Suggestion:

- Have a warm bowl of thukpa or momos at a local café to kick off your trip.

## Day 2 – Arrival in Chandigarh & Drive to Shimla

### Morning:

- Drive up to Kufri (~45 mins). Visit the Himalayan Nature Park to see native wildlife like snow leopards and bears.

### Afternoon:

- Enjoy a horse ride or go for some light trekking around Kufri's green hills. Return to Shimla and visit Jakhoo Temple for panoramic views of the valley.

### Evening:

- Head to Lakkar Bazaar for souvenirs like wooden handicrafts and Himachali shawls.

### Suggestion:

- Try dinner at a rooftop restaurant with views of the lit-up ridge and clock tower.

## Day 3 – Travel to Kasol

### Morning:

- Check-out after breakfast and drive to Kasol (~7 hrs). On the way, stop at the picturesque Pandoh Dam.

### Afternoon:

- Reach Kasol by late afternoon. Check into a riverside homestay or cozy guesthouse.

### Evening:

- Stroll along the banks of Parvati River. Sip chai at a local café surrounded by pine forests.

### Suggestion:

- Spend the evening at Moon Dance Café – famous for its trout and pizza.

## Day 4 – Kasol & Chalal Exploration

### Morning:

- Cross the river bridge and trek to Chalal village (~45 mins easy walk). Breathe in the crisp air and admire graffiti and mural art along the trail.

### Afternoon:

- Relax at a café with an international menu, sip freshly brewed coffee, or taste Siddu – a traditional steamed bun stuffed with walnuts or poppy seeds.

### Evening:

- Join fellow travelers around a campfire. Many homestays offer folk music and open-air dinner options.

### Suggestion:

- Plan a visit to Manikaran Sahib for its hot springs and the peaceful Gurudwara.

## Day 5 – Kasol to Manali

### **Morning:**

- After breakfast, leave for Manali (~3 hrs). Enjoy the views of Beas River as you drive.

### **Afternoon:**

- Check into your hotel in Manali and head to Hidimba Devi Temple set among dense deodar forests.

### **Evening:**

- Wander Old Manali – a hip area with boutique shops, cozy cafés, and live music. Treat yourself to a pizza baked in a clay oven or hot chocolate with marshmallows.

### **Suggestion:**

- End the day by sitting by a bonfire in your hotel garden.

## Day 6 – Adventure at Solang Valley & Vashisht

### **Morning:**

- Drive up to Solang Valley (~45 mins). If you like adventure sports, go for paragliding, quad-biking, or a thrilling zip-line.

### **Afternoon:**

- Stop by Vashisht village to soak in the rejuvenating hot water springs. Stroll to the Jogini waterfall trail – a gentle hike surrounded by nature.

### **Evening:**

- Return to Manali and shop for handmade jewelry and woolens at Mall Road.

### **Suggestion:**

- Try an authentic Himachali Dham dinner at a traditional restaurant.

## Day 7 – Rohtang Pass or Sissu

### **Morning:**

- Early drive to Rohtang Pass (permit required) or Atal Tunnel leading to Sissu village (~3 hrs one way). Play in the snow or take a short hike.

### **Afternoon:**

- Enjoy hot Maggi and chai at small stalls set up along the road. Capture the panoramic views of snow-capped peaks and lush green valleys.

### **Evening:**

- Return to Manali, shop for souvenirs like kullu caps, and relax at your hotel.

### **Suggestion:**

- Have a cozy farewell dinner with live folk music or a private candlelit dinner if you're celebrating a special occasion.

## Day 8 – Return to Chandigarh

### **Morning:**

- Check-out after a leisurely breakfast. Begin your drive back to Chandigarh (~8 hrs), enjoying the last glimpses of hills and rivers.

### **Afternoon:**

- Stop en route at Kullu for last-minute shopping of shawls or dry fruits.

### **Evening:**

- Reach Chandigarh for onward journey – train, bus, or flight.

## Complete Estimated Budget (Per Person)

Category	Travel	Hotel	Food	Local & Entry	Total (INR)
Budget	₹7,500	₹8,000	₹4,000	₹2,500	₹22,000
Normal	₹10,500	₹14,000	₹6,500	₹3,500	₹34,500
Luxury	₹15,000	₹32,000	₹10,000	₹5,000	₹62,000

### ✓ Additional Notes:

- **Seasonal Rates:** December–March is peak snow season, so hotel and cab rates may be higher. Off-season (monsoon) rates drop by up to 30%.
- **Roads & Travel Times:** Mountain roads can have sharp curves and weather-induced delays. Allocate buffer time between destinations.
- **Activities & Entry Fees:** Charges for paragliding, hot springs, and monuments may vary for Indian vs. foreign visitors.
- **Room Occupancy:** Based on twin-sharing; single occupancy requires extra payment.
- **Customization:** Itinerary can be adapted with treks, adventure sports, or more local experiences like cooking classes.

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