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Spiti Valley- explore high altitude region

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Air Travel: Economy❖ Accommodation: 4 or 3 stars❖ Duration: 12 days (ex international travel)❖ Cities: 3 Capitals & others cities (ex pass through)❖ Local Concierge: Comfortable Vehicle❖ Meals: Break-fast, Lunch, Dinner & Tea❖ Hospitality: Generous Indian Hospitality
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Introduction:

Spiti is a high-altitude region of the Himalayas, located in the north-eastern part of the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. The name "Spiti" means "The middle land", i.e. the land between Tibet and India. Steep mountains rise to very high altitudes on either side of the Spiti River and its numerous tributaries. The highest peak in the Parung range to the North East has an altitude of 7,030 m (23,064 ft) and on the South West side, is Manirang Peak at 6,598 m (21,646 ft).

The ancient Buddhist monasteries, trekking trails, beautiful rivers and the breath-taking view of the landscapes are the main reasons to visit and explore this place.

Important Notes:

- On tour the Food will be variety of Indian Menu made by our experienced kitchen staff. We do not provide non – vegetarian food daily may please be noted! It is served every Wednesday & Sunday which also depends on the local conditions & availability.
- Transfers and sightseeing will be in a small vehicle with 4 pax per vehicle or other vehicle depending on group size.



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Attractions:

Hatu Peak- Hatu Peak is located in the Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh in India. It is one of the highest peaks in the region, standing at an elevation of 3400 meters above sea level.

Tabo Monastery- Tabo is noted for being the oldest continuously operating Buddhist enclave in both India and the Himalayas.

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Komic Village- Highest village in Asia located at altitude of 15027 with only population of 130 people living. It's the only village can be reached by motorbike.

Kye Monastery- Kye Gumpa is a Tibetan Buddhist monastery of the Gelugpa sect located on top of a hill at an altitude of 4,166 meters above sea level, close to the Spiti River,

Kaza Monastery- A beautiful monastery situated inside kaza. very peaceful monastery and well maintained.

Kun Zum La Pass- Kunzum Pass, is a high mountain pass in the eastern Kunzum Range of the Himalayas. It connects Lahaul valley and Spiti valley. It is on the route from Gramphoo in Lahaul to Kaza the sub divisional headquarters of Spiti. Kunzum

Chandratal Lake- Chandra taal is a beautiful lake in the heart of Peerpanjal mountain range at an altitude of about 4,300 meters in the Himalayas. "Chandra" (meaning Moon) and "Taal" (meaning lake). During the day, the lake appears blue in color, and a greenish tinge appears towards the evening.

Other- Geu village, Hatu temple, Kibber village, Rohtang pass, Sulej valley, Chitkul village, Sangal valley.

Documents Required:

- Original passport with minimum 6 months validity from the date of tour arrival along with sufficient blank pages
- A valid Tourist Visa for the duration of the tour
- Photocopy of self-attested Driving License or Photo ID Card and any Utility bill of present address



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Tour Inclusions:

- Tour Host, Appreciator, and Influencer Services throughout the tour
- Travel by comfortable coach and flights (ex-international) as per the tour itinerary
- Entrance fees of all sightseeing places to be visited from inside
- Accommodation in comfortable and convenient hotels on twin sharing basis
- All Meals – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (set menu) as mentioned in the itinerary
- All Tips – Guide, Driver & Restaurants

Tour exclusions:

- Applicable Govt Taxes roughly in addition to tour price (ex-Air-fare)
- Any increase or new levy in Airfare, Visa fees, Airport taxes, Govt Taxes, Fuel, or other surcharges from Govt levied after tour booking but before tour departure
- Cost of upgrades in Airline class or hotel room or any facility
- Air ticket deviation charges including air travel on 1st and last day of tour from and to India
- Any increase in FX rate leading to increased cost of any travel component such as but not limited to, accommodation, food, attractions tickets or any other costs, increase in foreign land prior to departure
- Cost of any permit or other fees in addition to general admission fees at any attractions
- Cost of pre or post tour hotel accommodation
- Any extra expense incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable / forced circumstances
- Cost of any type of insurance
- Porterage, telephone charges, any items of personal nature, food/drink which is not part of a set menu
- Cost incurred for an individual due to illness, accident, hospitalization, or any emergency
- Any services or activity charges other than those included in the group tour itinerary
- Two-way International air fare, internal airport transfers, luggage insurance, visa fees, local conveyance to join/leave the Tour or for joining and leaving guests
- Anything specifically not mentioned in `the "Tour Inclusion"``

Disclaimers/Notes :

- For all practical purposes Viva Dakshin Hospitality & Tours Pty Ltd is considered as Tour company
- All tour prices mentioned above exclude air travel on first and last day of tour originating from and to Australia
- We are responsible for Tour only from first entry point in foreign land and last exit point from foreign land
- Travel Tickets / Sight Seeing tickets are subject to availability in same class
- Any change in travel plan will be communicated at least 1 hour before journey commences including international travel, due to factors beyond control of tour host / appreciator / influencers / partners / associates / agencies etc.
- Under no circumstances Refunds will be issued except as per Refund policy mentioned below.
- Airline ticket adjustments/refunds are solely at the discretion of Airline. Visa fees are generally non refundable
- Guests can decide to book Air Travel on their own as long as they meet Tour guidelines i.e. date, airline and route
- Baggage handling service is not included in the tour cost and will be provided wherever possible for a fee
- City wise duration is tentative and is subject to change due to weather or other factors beyond our control
- Hotel check-outs will be confirmed by Hotel staff within 1 hour once physical check-out and keys are deposited at Hotel reception. Any loss / damage of hotel property will be charged to relevant customer



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Overview:

Highlights	Cities / Places		Nights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 days 11 nights covering various attractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sorhan ○ Sangla ○ Tabo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kaza ○ Shimla ○ Manali 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 nights Manali ○ 2 nights Tabo ○ 2 nights Sangla ○ 2 nights Kaza 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 night Shimla ○ 1 night Chandigarh ○ 1 night Sarhan

Silver Package per person cost (1 AUD = as per website)	Family (2A+2C)	Twin (2 A)	Single Child (Age 2-11)	Single Adult (1A)
Price validity as per website	Refer website	Refer website	Refer website	Refer website

Payment Terms	On Booking date	Within 7 days after Booking Date	Within 15 days after Booking Date	Within 30 days after Booking Date
Tour Price (ex International Air Travel + Visa)	Visa Charges + 20% of total tour cost	30% of total tour cost	40% of total tour cost	Balance Amount

1. International air tickets will be issued on the date of booking (actual cost) plus AU\$10/- per person admin cost.
2. Visa processing will be done only after International Air Tickets are booked only then Tour will be confirmed
3. Viva Dakshin can facilitate international air ticket booking and visa processing if amount is paid in advance. We book through our travel partners in India & Australia. Customers may choose to book air tickets and visa independently
4. No refunds will be issued by Viva Dakshin for International travel ticket & Visa fees. All claims or disputes for Refund shall be taken by customer directly with relevant air line
5. If the Tour date is within 45 days of Booking Date then 100% tour price needs to be paid on booking date

Cancellation Timeline	On Booking date ¹	Up to 90 days prior to Tour date ¹	Between 61 days and 90 days prior to Tour date ¹	Within 46 days and 60 days prior to Tour date ¹
Refund limited to amount paid only (ex International Air Fare + Visa Fees)	100%	80%	40%	10%

1. Refund will be made only for amount paid and for which invoice has been issued by Viva Dakshin
2. Customers are responsible for international air tickets and Visa, we only facilitate the process
3. Customers will have to deal with Airline and Visa department to seek refunds
4. No refund will be processed within 45 days of Tour Date and Refund in such case will be ZERO
5. Refund calculated based on difference between Refund request date and Tour Date minus 1 day
6. Bookings less than 90 days of tour date, Refund may further be reduced by 20% towards break fee



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DAY 01. ARRIVAL CHANDIGARH – SHIMLA

Arrive Chandigarh railway station or airport, meet & greet our representative. Tour starts. Dinner & overnight at Shimla.

DAY 02. SHIMLA – SARAHAN

After leisurely breakfast departure for Sarhan, drive will be more panoramic and enjoyable. We will enjoy the beauty of pine trees as well as apple orchards. Enroute visit Hatu Peak.

Hatu Peak is the highest point in Narkanda and gives a beautiful scenic view of mountains covered in snow and its surroundings. It is situated at a distance of 7 km from Narkanda on steep mountains. The only way to reach the hill top is by trekking through it. The peak is famous for the attractions namely Hatu temple. According to local belief the famous Hatu Mata temple is the temple of Maa Kaali. People come in great number on the first Sunday of Jyeshtha to pay ritual here. There is an ancient stove like formation of rocks nearby the temple. Locals believe that it was used by the Pandavas brothers to cook their food during their Agyaat Vaas, and a small pond located on the top. Depart for Sarhan. Dinner & overnight at Sarhan.

DAY 03. SARAHAN – SANGLA

After breakfast visit famous temple of Bhimakali. Sarhan is a small village. It is the site of the Bhimakali Temple, originally known as Bhimadevi Temple, dedicated to the mother goddess Bhimakali, presiding deity of the rulers of the former Bushahr State. The temple is one of 51 Shakti Peethas. According to a legend, the manifestation of the goddess is reported to the Daksha - Yagnya incident when the ear of the Sati fell at this place and became a place of worship as a Pitha – Sthan. The village is known as the "gateway of Kinnaur" it being near the old Indo-Tibetan Road. Sarhan is identified with the Shonitpur mentioned in Puranas. Sarhan Bushahr has been the summer capital of Bushahr kingdom, with Rampur Bushahr considered the winter capital. Depart for Sangla. After the initial dash over the hills, the road descends down to the Sutlej valley as we continue to the town of Rampur on the southern bank. The roads are carved on vertical rock faces at several locations giving itself a distinct identity. This road is popularly known as Indo-Tibet Highway. You'll be welcomed by several hydroelectric power projects as you enter Kinnaur district, the major one at Karcham where a dam is built at the confluence of Baspa and Sutlej rivers. From Karcham we cross over the bridge and enter Baspa Valley to head towards Sangla. Sangla Valley is located in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh. It is supposed to be one of the most beautiful valleys in the country. In Tibetan, the term Sangala means "pass of light" which refers to the valley receiving sunlight during the day. Visitors were prohibited to enter this region before because it was situated close to the Tibetan border; 25 years on and this valley has been explored by many enthusiasts. Spread over an area of over 40 kms, it's a magnificent sight to behold. Snow clad mountains surround you and you get to see the Kinner Kailash peak. The Baspa River flows through the valley and that is why it is also known as the Baspa Valley. Dinner & overnight at Sangla.

DAY 04. SANGLA

The Chitkul is a beautiful village, located at a height of 3450 meter on the Tibet border by the side of the stunning Baspa River. It is known to be the last village of India from Tibet border and is located at a distance of 28 km from Sangla. The tourists who visit Sangla must make sure that they go for half day trip to Chitkul to enjoy the natural beauty of the place and to have a relaxing experience in the comfortable surroundings of Chitkul. The Baspa River is a fast-flowing river that passes through the hills of Sangla. The surroundings of Baspa River provide an opportunity to view timely rainbows and brown trout.



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It is also an angle paradise for being home to a vast variety of fishes. The famous Bering Nag Temple is the prime attraction in Sangla valley, which is visited by large number of people every year, especially between the months of August and September. It is a very important place of worship for Hindus. This beautiful temple is dedicated to Lord Jagas, also known as Lord Shiva, whom the local people worship for the wellbeing of the village and its inhabitants. Dinner & overnight at Sangla.

DAY 05. SANGLA –TABO

After breakfast you will be driven to Tabo which is situated on the left bank of river Spiti. Today is the day where we enter the Spiti Valley. The road initially descends to the Indo-Tibet Highway and continues on the left bank of Sutlej till Khab, the confluence of Spiti and Sutlej. We leave Sutlej behind and continue upstream of Spiti. Suddenly you can see the landscape has transformed with barren mountains all around. After an hour climb, we reach Nako, another little village situated at an altitude of 3800m. The main attraction of this village is the artificial lake, which in the late spring is a sight to behold with pink flowers bloom all around the lake. After a brief stop at the lake, we descend down to the river bed and continue upstream of Spiti crossing several villages. On the way visit Gue village where the 500 yrs. old mummy of Tibetan monk has been displayed. Gue Village in Spiti Valley, about 40 km from the Tabo Monastery, has a mummified monk, Sangha Tenzin, who had given up his life while meditating and is more than 500 years old. It is the only Buddhist Mummy in the world, that too, in a sitting position. There were other mummies also in Tibet which were buried by Tibetans just after the Chinese invasion. This mummy was discovered by the villagers in 1975 when an earthquake struck the region. Gue village is a restricted area and under the control of ITBP and very few people knew about the mummy until Anuj Singh (A freelance photographer) and his fellow biker Shahwar Hussain (An auto and travel magazine writer) first photographed it way back in the 90's. Flanked on either side by hills, it is one of the most important Buddhist monasteries regarded by many as only next to the Tholing Gompa in Tibet. It is also known as the Ajanta of the Himalayas. Tabo is the largest monastic complex of Spiti which has since been declared a protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India. Dinner & overnight at Tabo.

DAY 06. TABO

After breakfast at the hotel, you will visit Tabo Monastery. Then visit Tabo Caves: Next to the main road, NH- 22 in Tabo, on the northern side, just opposite to the village, there is a rising hill containing caves. These caves are easily accessible from the village by 15 minutes gradual ascent on the hills. These caves were carved out in the hills for the purpose of meditation by monks. It is believed to be used as abode for the Buddhist monks during the winters of the Himalayas. There was a big cave that was originally utilized as an assembly hall by the Buddhist monks. Most other caves were mainly used for the purpose of lodging and dwelling. Even in the modern times, the caves are still used, and the presence of flags signifies that monks are using the caves for the purpose of meditation. Dinner & overnight at Tabo.

DAY 07. TABO – KAZA

After breakfast depart for Kaza. On the way to Kaza will stop at Dhankar Monastery, which was once the capital of Spiti, under King's rule situated at an elevation of 3,894 meters (12,774 feet) is at the perfect setting for any monument in this world. Dhang means cliff and kar means fort, the fort situated on the edge of a cliff. The monastery complex is built on a high spur overlooking the confluence of the Spiti and Pin Rivers - one of the world's most spectacular settings for a gompa. The monastery was built approximately one thousand years ago and now belongs to the Gelugpa School of order since the



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1450s. It houses a collection of various centuries old THANKAS. The fort of Dhankar, destroyed by an earthquake in 1975, now lies in ruins, but is still a place worthy of a visit. From the remnants of the fort one can see vast expanses of the Spiti valley. Dhankar Monastery is recognized by the World Monuments Fund as one of the Hundred Most Endangered Sites in the world. After that continue drive to Kaza, on arrival check in at hotel. Dinner & overnight at Kaza.

DAY 08. KAZA - KI – KIBBER – HIKKIM - KOMIK – LANGJA - KAZA

High on Himalayas is the theme of the day. After breakfast we'll do around Kaza local sightseeing in two half **Komic monastery** also known as the Tnag Yud Monastery has the honor of being one of the world's highest motorable monasteries at 4587 mts overlooking the Komic village and mountain peaks. As per the sacred 'Gum Maro' (Red Box) kept in the monastery, it was foretold in Tibet that a monastery would be built in Spiti in the backdrop of a mountain with the shape of a snow lion on the left and a beheaded eagle on the right hand side with 4 springs in the vicinity. The area in between these mountains was to be in the shape of the eye of a snow cock, which was foretold as the exact location where the Monastery would be built. On the basis of this, the area was to be named Komic ('Ko' – Snow Cock, 'Mic' – Eye). **In Komic**, there are only about a dozen houses with the total population being between 50-60 people. Other than this, there are the Lamas staying at the monastery throughout the year. The most interesting part is to imagine people living at such an altitude where mobile phones don't work, the climate is harsh, there is no source of basic amenities and the village is completely cut-off from the rest of the world during the winters due to snow from November to March. The winter characterizes harsh winds and heavy snow where temperatures fall to -30 degrees Celsius.

Later visit **Langza Village**, it is situated at an altitude of 4200 meters, is one of the most picturesque villages of Spiti located on the highland meadows with snow capped mountain ranges forming the backdrop. The village is adorned by a beautiful image of Buddha and an ancient temple more aptly called 'Lang' said to be the Abode of the Deities of the region and over 1000 years old. The beautiful peak of Chau Chau Kang Nilda makes the view of this village even more beautiful. **Langza** also well known for its rich fossil reserves. Millions of years ago, Spiti lay submerged under the Tethys Sea. Fossils of sea life can easily be found scattered close to the village. **Hikkim**, situated at 4440m this village boasts the presence of Highest Polling Station & Highest Post Office in the World as well. Send postcards to your family and friends from here. If the season is right, gorge on freshly picked peas from the farms, run behind a Yak or sit endlessly watching the locals herd their cattle. After lunch will do full day excursion to Ki & Kibber. **Khibber village**: At an altitude of 4000 m is a beautiful village known as Khibber which is a few kms ahead of Kye Monastery. Sometime back this village had an authority of being the highest motorable village in Asia before Komic took the crown. Khibber is also home to Snow Leopards and sighting have happened in the surrounding mountains. Here you witness one of the masterpieces of modern construction – Kibber Chicham bridge built up on the gorge at a height of 4300m. While driving back to Kaza will stop at Kye Monastery.

Kye Monastery – The learning center of Buddhism. Kye Monastery was established by a Buddha's Disciple named Drompton in the 11th century and is one of the main training centers for lamas in this region. Situated at an altitude of 4115 meters and is also known as the 'Little Tibet'. The Monastery specializes in certain specific subjects like sadhana, Buddha hood, Cosmology and Physiology and is the most frequented religious destinations for the Buddhists in the state along with the Tabo Monastery. The monastery is around 12 km north of Kaza in the Spiti valley above Kye village and you can also hike it easily.



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DAY 09. KAZA – CHANDRATAL – MANALI

After early breakfast start drive to Chandratal, enroute will cross Kunzum La. Kunzum Pass is a high mountain pass at an elevation of 4,590 m (15,059 ft) above the sea level, located on the eastern Kunzum Range of the Himalayas. It is one of India's highest motorable mountain passes. It's the highest point in the Spiti Valley Road. The road over the pass is not a road. Just a dirt tracks leading up to the top of the hill. It links the Kullu Valley and Lahaul Valley with the Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh. The surface on this gravel road is often loose, especially along the sides of the road. Continue drive to Chandratal, or the Moon Lake. Chandra taal is a beautiful lake in the heart of Peerpanjal mountain range at an altitude of about 4,300 meters in the Himalayas. "Chandra" (meaning Moon) and "Taal" (meaning lake). During the day, the lake appears blue in color, and a greenish tinge appears towards the evening. The lake is situated on a plateau (Samudra Tapu) overlooking the Chandra River which originates from a glacier near Bara-lacha-la. The lake is accessible on foot only for few months in a year, from May to September. Must do at Chandratal is the Parikrama of the lake, a circumambulation trek of 4Kms. As you reach the other side of the lake, a look backwards reveals the most breathtaking beauty that there is, high mountains of Chandra Bhaga peaks decorating the background of this lake makes one lose themselves in this myriad beauty. After sightseeing proceed to Manali enroute will cross Atal Tunnel. Continue drive to Manali, on arrival check in at hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure. Dinner & overnight at Manali.

DAY 10 Manali.

Morning after breakfast full day at leisure. Relax. Dinner & overnight at Manali.

DAY 11. MANALI - CHANDIGARH

Morning after breakfast check out from hotel & drive to Chandigarh. Dinner & overnight at Chandigarh.

DAY 12 : CHANDIGARH TO MUMBAI

After breakfast transfer to Chandigarh Airport. Tour Ends.