

itinerary

Shimla Tour

Tour code: CT- 8

Delhi – Shimla – Delhi

3 nights –4 days

Pre Congress Tour Dates – 3rd & 4th Sep. 2013

Post Congress Tour Dates –13th & 14th Sep. 2013

Day 1: Delhi to Shimla via Kalka

- Early morning transfer to railway station
- Travel to Kalka by Shatabdi Express Train
- Upon arrival in Kalka connect Toy train for Shimla
- Arrive Shimla and transfer to your hotel
- Rest of the day at leisure
- Overnight at hotel

This morning you will be transferred to the train station to board the train Shatabdi Express for Kalka.

Depart: Delhi at: 0740 hrs By: Shatabdi Express
Arrive: Kalka at: 1200 hrs

Depart: Kalka at: 1220 hrs By: Toy Train
Arrive: Shimla at: 1700 hrs

Met upon arrival at Shimla railway station and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at hotel

Day 2: in Shimla

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour of Shimla
- Overnight at hotel



The history of Shimla started from Stately Windsor Castle where the "Widow of Windsor" reigned in lonely, isolated splendor after the death of her beloved consort, Prince Albert. In to the small, but ancient temple surrounded by thick woods where the Himalayan Goddess, Shimla, a synonym of Kali, reigned her celestial realm on earth is indeed, distant cry, but for well over a century, the two places, almost inter-linked, ruled the destiny of this sub-continent. In the year 1818, when Queen Victoria's uncle, William IV, was King of England, Lord William Bentick, the Governor General, had transformed the Company's dominion in India to the Dominion of India, and it was accurate to speak of Britain's Indian Empire. The frontier ran from Bengal to Kathiawar, to the north it ran through the Thar Desert and along the Sutlej nearly to the Himalayan range. The great

hills were the northern boundary except for the Gurkha state of Nepal. Beyond this line lay the Punjab, Kashmir and the kingdom of Afghanistan.

In 1814, the Nepalese king brought about the first war with Nepal over Sikkim; the Gurkhas had marched into Sikkim, whose ruler appealed, to the East India Company for help. The Sikkim ruler was installed and his territorial status was guaranteed but during the conflict the British discovered the beauties of Darjeeling and accidentally also the thickly wooded spot, abode of the goddess Shamlu, and a part of the Kingdom of Nepal. When war broke afresh in 1819, the British took the place with its cool and healthy climate. Shimla is capital of Himachal Pradesh.



Shimla has been blessed with all the natural bounties, one can think of dwelling on a panoramic location, the hilly town is surrounded by green pastures and snow-capped peaks. The spectacular cool hills accompanied by the structures made during the colonial era create an aura, which is very different from other hill stations.

Bulging at its seams with unprecedented expansion, Shimla retains its colonial heritage, with grand old buildings; among them are the stately Vice regal Lodge, charming iron lamp posts and Anglo-Saxon names. The Mall, packed with shops and eateries, is the centre of attraction of the town, and Scandal Point, associated with the former Maharaja of Patiala's escapades, offers a view of distant snow clad peaks. Visit the Tara Devi temple on the hilltop where you can have a commanding view of the hills around Shimla.

After breakfast proceed for a half-day walking / driving tour of Shimla visiting Viceregal Lodge the lift, the mall etc. Return to the hotel.

Day 3: In Shimla

- Breakfast at hotel
- Full day at leisure
- Overnight at hotel

Breakfast at hotel. Full day free for own activities.

Day 4: Shimla – Kalka - Delhi

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning at leisure
- Afternoon transfer to Kalka railway station – Approximately 2 ½ hours' drive
- Travel to Delhi by Shatabdi Express train
- Met upon arrival in Delhi and transfer to your hotel or airport for onward flight

Breakfast at hotel. Later you will be transferred to Kalka railway station to board the train for Delhi

Depart: Kalka at: 17:40 hrs By: Shatabdi Express
Arrive: Delhi at: 21:55 hrs

Met upon arrival at Delhi railway station and transfer to your hotel or airport to board the flight back home.

End of Tour

Tour Cost

No of guest	Budget Hotel – Cost per person	Deluxe Hotel – Cost per person
02 paying pax	Rs.25400 /-	Rs.28800 /-

THE ABOVE COST INCLUDES:

- Accommodation for three nights on twin sharing basis
- Daily buffet breakfast
- All transfers, sightseeing's and excursion using an air- conditioned vehicle
- Train tickets in air-conditioned class for Delhi – Kalka & Kalka – Delhi
- Kalka – Shimla Toy train is Non air conditioned.
- Visits as per program
- One time entrance fee at the monuments
- Services of a professional local English speaking guide at the places of visit / during sightseeing.
- All currently applicable entrance fee as well as hotels luxury taxes.

THE ABOVE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Does not include any beverages including mineral water, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks etc unless otherwise specified. It is more cost effective for us to bill you for all beverages based on actual consumption.
- Any airfare
- Any Airport taxes
- Any items of a personal nature such as beverages, tips (except for group meals and baggage handling), laundry, telephone calls etc
- The prices do not include: undue escalation in fuel prices, new taxes levies on hotels and transportation services or any hikes in entrance fees. Any large tax hikes and new levies shall be payable extra and shall be billed accordingly with prior notice.