



# SHIMLA SHORT STAY

## (pre-tour)

Extension | 4 Days | Physical Level 1

Delhi (1N) – Shimla (2N) – Delhi

Travel on the famous Toy Train in the Himalayan foothills and discover Shimla, the summer capital of the British Raj and the 'Queen of Hill Stations', to explore its spectacular views and colonial gems.

### TOUR INCLUSIONS:

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- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Transportation and transfers as stated
- English speaking guide
- Air-conditioned chair seating on Shatabdi Express ticket
- 2<sup>nd</sup> class chair seating on 'Toy Train' ticket

## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Arrive to Delhi**

Meals: None

Make your way to Delhi, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**Destination Information**

**Delhi** - As the capital of India, Delhi is the third largest city with a population of approximately 18 million. Its strategic location along the north-south, east-west route has given it a focal position in Indian history and many great empires have been ruled from here. The monuments and ruins of these are scattered throughout the city, often side by side with modern structures and high-rise towers.

**Day 2: Train to Shimla**

Meals: B

Rise early to meet your guide at your Delhi hotel to transfer to New Delhi train station and board the Shatabadi Express train to Chandigarh. On arrival you will be transferred to Shimla and check in to your hotel for 2 nights.

*Please note Shimla is at high altitude 2,196m.*

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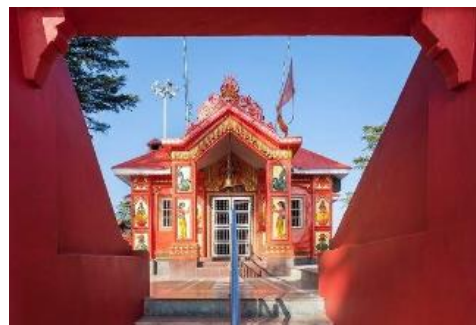
**Shimla** - The picturesque capital of Himachal Pradesh was once the summer capital of British India. Spread 12kms along a ridge that overlooks terraced hillsides and cultivations, Shimla is magnificently covered in dense forests of oak, pine, fir and rhododendron. In Shimla the altitude is 2,196m.

**Day 3: Explore Shimla**

Meals: B, L

Start the day with a walk to Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering incredible views.

Later, transfer to Shimla Railway station to board the Toy train to Kandaghat, admiring the scenic views during your journey. After lunch sightseeing around Shimla will start with a visit to one of Shimla's major landmarks the Christ Church, the second oldest church in Northern India, and then visit Scandal Point. In the afternoon visit the Himalayan Aviary, home to many species, including the Himalayan Monal.

**Destination Information**

**Jakhoo Temple** - An ancient temple in Shimla that is dedicated to Hindu deity, Hanuman. It is located on Jakhoo Hill at a height of 2,455 m above sea level.

**Christ Church** - The second oldest church in Northern India built between 1846 and 1857.

**Day 4: Shimla to Delhi**

Meals: B, D

This morning, admire the renaissance grandeur of the Vice Regal Lodge located on Observatory Hill, before driving back to Kalka. Take the Shatabadi Express train to Delhi enjoying dinner on board.

On arrival this evening, transfer to your hotel.



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