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17 - 28 March 2024 (12 days) India Spring & Holy Festival Himachal (Excludes KUL- Delhi- KUL flights) Trip cost Rm5300 (14 pax), Rm5100 (15 pax and above)

(Note : Based on USD1 = RM4.40. We will make final adjustment on the cost based on the USD exchange rate in Jan-Feb 2024)

Update 18Aug23 - Trip is confirmed to run. Please email rachelheng123@gmail.com for registration or <u>whatsapp Rachel</u> 012-3520868 while limited seats available.

Update 6 May 2023-Good News that Air Asia re-launch to New Delhi since Feb 2016. Return air ticket approximately Rm1200. It is good deal to travel to India! Please register ASAP, so that everyone can grab lower fare while available! March till mid April is the best time of the year to visit the Spring and Blossom in the Valley of Gods at different altitude. Set this travel date is also accommodate Holy festival falls on 24 & 25March in 2024.

Flight Fare included airport taxes as per today is RM1209 (Air Asia) OR RM2060 (MH) (Note: if you opt for MH or other airlines, then you have to wait vehicle pick up time based on arrival time 2225PM (AIR ASIA) or else you can opt transport to hotel check in by own cost). Some of group member will extend Golden Triangle (Agra, Jaipur etc) after the trip. Kindly email rachelheng123@gmail.com for registration or whatsapp Rachel 012-3520868

Flight Schedule (Depart KLIA 2)

AIR ASIA

Depart

17 March 2024 Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Delhi (DEL) D7182 Depart 1915PM Arrive 2215PM (5h40m)

Return

27 March 2024 Delhi(DEL) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) D7183 Depart 2330 Arrive 0730 (+1 day)(5h30m) (NOTE : Arrive KLIA2 on next day early morning 28 March 2024) OR

MH (hand 7kg, baggage 20kg)

Depart (KLIA)

17 March 2024 Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Delhi (DEL) MH190 Depart 1850PM Arrive 2150PM (5h30m)

Return

27 March 2024 Delhi(DEL) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) MH191 Depart 2310 Arrive 0705 (+1 day)(5h30m) (NOTE: Arrive KLIA on next day early morning 28 March) OR

30 March 2024 Delhi(DEL) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) MH191 Depart 2310 Arrive 0705 (+1 day)(5h30m) (NOTE : Arrive KLIA on next day early morning **31** March for those EXTEND to **GOLDEN TRIANGLE**)

Batik Air

17 March 2024 Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Delhi (DEL) OD205 Depart 1755PM Arrive 2105PM (5h40m)

27 March 2024 Delhi(DEL) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) OD206 Depart 2205 Arrive 0610 (+1 day)(5h35m) (NOTE: (NOTE: Arrive KLIA2 on next day early morning 28 March 2024)

30 March 2024 Delhi(DEL) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) OD206 Depart 2205 Arrive 0610 (+1 day)(5h35m) (NOTE: (NOTE: Arrive KLIA2 on next day early morning **31** March for those EXTEND TO **GOLDEN TRIANGLE**)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is meant to be a "free and easy" trip. Participants should be with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the <u>right attitude</u> for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definately, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it was not pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!





Monkey God in Shimla/ Flower Blossom at Himachal

Day 1 Fly to Delhi: Depart KL at evening flight arriving Delhi late night. Transfer to hotel. Overnight (ON) Delhi.

<u>Day 2 Delhi-Chandigarh-Shimla:</u> Early morning transfer to train station to board on morning Shatabedi train leaving 0740 hour and arriving 1100 hour at Chandigarh. On arrival drive 130 km, 4 hours to Shimla including one hour lunch stop along the way. Evening drive to the Mall to enjoy shopping in pollution free Mall Road, where no vehicular traffic is allowed. Shimla was the Summer Capital of India during British rule and most of the buildings are constructed by Britain. O/N Shimla.







Shimla

<u>Day 3 Shimla:</u> After breakfast transfer to train station to board on <u>World Heritage Kalka – Shimla Railway (KSR)</u> train leaving 1030 hour for short 45 minutes ride to Taradevi. On completion drive to the Mall and enjoy your lunch in one of the selected restaurant. After lunch around 1400 hour, we start our easytrek to Indian Institute of Advanced Studies. This institute is housed in the Viceregal Lodge, which was built in 1884-88 during the British times. It has spacious gardens and is ringed by beautiful pine trees. All is calm and serene just the right atmosphere for a student of literature or politics. A round trip will cover approximately six kilometers passing by lots of interesting historical sites along the route. O/N Shimla

Day 4 Shimla-Karsog-Manali: After breakfast drive from one of the most scenic roads in the Himalayas to Manali 2050m. This route first takes us down from Shimla 2130m to Satluj river at Tatapani 680m (Hot Water Springs) and then slowly we drive up to Rohanda 2205m and then again to Pandoh 800m and finally drive 85 km along the Beas River to Manali at 2050m crossing one of the longest road tunnel in Himachal just before Aut. This journey offers a dramatic changes in nature from Lower Himalayas to Shivalik Himalayas and then again to the lower Himalayas. The views from Chindi where we will enjoy our lunch at Himachal Tourism Restaurent are spectacular with range of snow capped Himalayas all around and orchard with new leaf and flowers below. You will be driving form a hilltop to different valley structures and sometimes driving along different rivers. O/N Manali







Manali

<u>Day 5 Manali</u>: A day to explore Manali, the queen of the hill stations. Our day starts slowly after breakfast with a easytrek[™] from hotel to a 500 years old wooden carved "Hidimba Devi Temple". The stroll or drive continues further to Old Manali village, which is known after the great Hindu sage Manu. We further walk up to the next village of Goshal. O/N Manali

<u>Day 6 Manali-Solang-Snow Point-Manali:</u> Morning drive to Solang to enjoy paragliding or skiing (Optional). Continue to Snow Point which is the maximum approachable road towards Rohtang Pass depending on the snow condition (3978m). Between July to October, you can arrive on top of Rohtang Pass and view the peaks, mountains and glaciers of Chandra-Bhaga range. Most of the peaks in CB range are above 5000m and covered with snow all round the year. Drive through Atal Tunnel to other side which is 9 km longer subject to weather. O/N Manali.









Local People Solang Valley, Manali

<u>Day 7 Manali Dharamsala:</u> Early morning drive 260 km 8-9 hours to Dharamsala (including visiting places) stopping at the Town of Shiva – Baijnath and visit the 13th century Shiva temple. According to legend the Demon king of Lanka Ravana (Who have got 10 head) as per epic Ramayana offered his nine head to Lord Shiva for the boon of immortality. But the Shiva was not impressed, finally he decides to offer his tenth head and Lord Shiva was pleased with his willingness to sacrifice his heads and blessed him with a Shivlinga. The moment when Ravana rested the Shivling on the ground at this place it became so heavy that he couldn't manage to carry it and take it to his kingdom Lanka, so he constructed a temple dedicated to Shiva at the present site. The same Shivling is in this temple till date. O/N Dharamsala.

<u>Day 8 Dharamsala:</u> After breakfast drive to visit Norbulinga Institute known for its various schools of Tibetan paintings and handicraft training. Return back to Mcleaodganj for Lunch and visit Dalai Lama monastery and Tibet Museum. The Tibet museum was established with the aim of presenting Tibet's history and visions for its future through texts, photographs, videos and installations. The main exhibition features, "A long look homeward". It is divided into two sections: the first floor presents the Chinese occupation of Tibet and its results, and the second one displays Tibet's past and hopes for its future. Free evening for own activities O/N Dharamsala



Golden Temple, Amritsar

<u>Day 9 Dharamsala-Amritsar</u> After breakfast drive 4-5 hours (200km) to Amritsar. Amritsar - the holy town of Sikhs, has grown from a sacred village pond into a spiritual temporal center of Sikh culture. The city gets its name from the pool - Amritsar (Pool of Nectar), which was constructed by the fourth religious preceptor of the Sikh faith. Golden Temple or Darbar Sahib is the most sacred temple for Sikhs. It is a symbol of the magnificence and strength of the Sikh people all over the world. Its architecture includes, symbols associated with other places of worship. This is an example of the spirit of tolerance and acceptance that the Sikh philosophy propounds.

After lunch proceed 25km to visit Bhaga border (Pakistan-India) to watch flag off Ceremony before 5.30PM. Wagah, on the India-Pakistan Border - Against the backdrop of the setting sun, a crowd gathers along a remote country road to witness an event part circus, part nationalistic ritual — but all spectacle. In a ceremony that takes place every day at sunset, soldiers from each side lower their nations' flags in mirror-image displays of high-step marching and jingoistic posturing that routinely draw thousands of onlookers to Wagah, a border post located on both sides of the Pakistan-India line. Cheers runs down from the packed, stadium-style stands along, as celebrants danced to the rousing beats of Punjabi pop music pumping from large loudspeakers. Indian flags emblazoned with "I love my India," in bold capital letters. Across the border, a crowd of Pakistanis chant patriotic slogans and waved versions of their own flag. O/N Amritsar.

<u>Day 10 Amritsar-Delhi</u>: Morning visit Golden Temple. After lunch transfer to Amritsar Railway station to board into the fast Shatabedi train to Delhi leaving 1655 hour and arriving Delhi 2305 hour O/N Delhi

<u>Day 11 Delhi-Fly Home</u> Morning drive to Akshardham Temple, Free and Easy or do final shopping around Delhi. After early dinner, transfer to airport. We will catch night flight back to KL. (Note: those extend for Golden triangle will leave to Agra after Akshardham Temple)

Day 12 Home: Reached KLIA2 0730AM Morning (28 March 2024)





Different view of the beauty architectual of Akshardham Temple

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Cost cover budgeted accommodation, ground arrangement, guide and transport.
- 2. Not covered are Indian E-visa fees USD25, flight ticket & airport taxes, entrances (appx Rm200-250), activities and meals. Allocate about Rm450 for 11 days meals.
- 3. Tipping Cost cover tips to (restaurant staff, porters, bellboys, other hotel staff e.g kitchen, room cleaning staff, toilet, shoe storage). This amount not included for local guide, local area guide and driver for entire journey. Guides accompanying group do expect tips. Yongo encourages group members to be generous but should commensurate with services rendered.
- 4. A deposit of Rm1300 is NON-refundable payable to confirm your place.
- 5. Cost is subject to change if there's a significant changes in foreign exchange rates and/or airfares.

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