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**NORTH INDIA & LADAKH**

The Foothills of North India offer spectacular scenery as well as religious shrines and ancient monuments. The Himalayan range forms a dramatic backdrop to green hills and valleys, meadows full of flowers, rushing streams, waterfalls and forests.

The starkly beautiful desert landscape of Ladakh is dotted with monasteries, fluttering prayer flags and high peaks. This mysterious land has only been opened to tourism since 1974, and retains strong Buddhist cultural links with Tibet.

**HIMALAYAN FOOTHILLS**

**9 days/8 nights  
Hotels**

**Departs daily ex Delhi**

<b>Price per person twin*</b>	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
01 Oct 2010-31 Mar 2011 <sup>^</sup>	\$2280	\$1919	\$1698
01 Apr-30 Sep 2011	\$2300	\$1969	\$1920

Prices based on use of superior transport.

\*Minimum two people. Single travellers prices on request.

<sup>^</sup>Surcharge for Xmas/New Year period applies and will not be known until hotel is booked. Details on request.

**Price per person includes:** Transfers to and from train stations, train fare Delhi/Amritsar and Shimla/Kalka/Delhi in an A/C chair car, city tours and excursions in superior air-conditioned private vehicle with English speaking driver, local guides, entrance fees, accommodation inclusive of taxes, on a bed & breakfast basis and lunch where mentioned, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel.

**Price excludes:** Camera fees.

- A** Ista Hotel, Chonor House, Banon Resort, The Cecil
- B** Ritz Plaza, Chonor House, Banon Resort, Combermere Hotel
- C** Mohan International, Surya Resort, Holiday Inn, Aashiana Regency

**T**his tour combines the holy Sikh city of Amritsar with the green valleys of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. We stay at McLeodganj, the present home of the Dalai Lama where you can savour the atmosphere of Tibetan Buddhism. Our journey ends in Shimla, once the summer capital of the British before we take the Toy Train to Kalka and return to Delhi.

**Day 1 Amritsar**

Early morning departure by air-conditioned train to Amritsar. Transfer to your hotel. Evening visit to the Golden Temple to witness holy worship.



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Monks enjoying morning tea in McLeodganj

**Day 2 Amritsar**

Morning city tour of Amritsar. Afternoon drive to the Indo-Pakistan border at Wagha (35kms) to see the changing of the guard (subject to change). B

**Days 3/4 McLeodganj**

Drive to McLeodganj (5 hrs), headquarters of the Tibetan government in exile and seat of his Holiness the Dalai Lama. On day 4 enjoy sightseeing in McLeodganj, including the Institute of Tibetan Arts and Namgyal Monastery. BL/B

**Days 5/6 Manali**

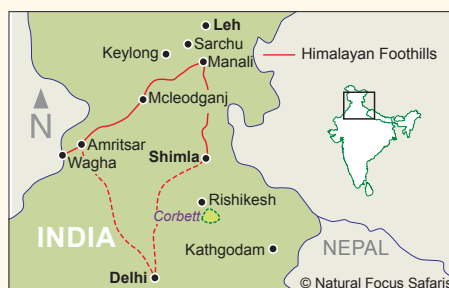
Morning drive to the hill station of Manali (7 hrs) with lunch en route. Afternoon at leisure. On day 6 tour the 16th century Hadimba Temple and the village of Vashist, renowned for its hot springs and temples. BL/B

**Days 7/8 Shimla**

Drive to Shimla (8 hrs) with lunch en route. Situated at an altitude of 2,213 metres, this former summer capital of the British is also known as the "Queen of Hills" in India. On day 8 enjoy a morning sightseeing tour including the Viceregal Lodge, Jakhoo Hill and Himachal State Museum. Afternoon at leisure. BL/B

**Day 9 Tour ends Delhi**

Transfer to railway station to board the Toy Train "Himalayan Queen" for Kalka, change trains and board the Shatabdi Express bound for Delhi. Transfer to airport or hotel. Tour ends. B



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**SHIMLA**

**4 days/3 nights  
Hotel**

**Departs daily ex Delhi**

<b>Price per person twin*<sup>A</sup></b>	Cat AA	Cat A
01 Oct 2010-30 Sep 2011	\$2867	\$1643

Prices based on use of superior transport.

\*Minimum two people. Single travellers prices on request.

<sup>A</sup>Surcharge for Xmas/New Year period applies and will not be known until hotel is booked. Details on request.

**Price per person includes:** Transfers to and from train stations in superior air-conditioned private vehicle, train fare Delhi/Kalka/Shimla and Chandigarh/Delhi in an A/C chair car, accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis inclusive of taxes, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel.

- AA** Oberoi Wildflower Hall (Deluxe Suite)
- A** Oberoi Wildflower Hall (Premier Room)

**O**beroi's 5-star Wildflower Hall is located at 8,350 feet in the magnificent Himalayas amidst 23 acres of thick pine and cedar trees. The former residence of Lord Kitchener, this fairytale luxury resort recreates the grand style of the colonial era complimented by inspiring mountain views and luxurious spa pavilions. Nature lovers can trek and cycle through the surrounding hillside, whilst those in search of the ultimate in pampering can choose from a range of holistic treatments and massage therapies based on Ayurveda, Oriental and Western traditions.

**Day 1 Shimla**

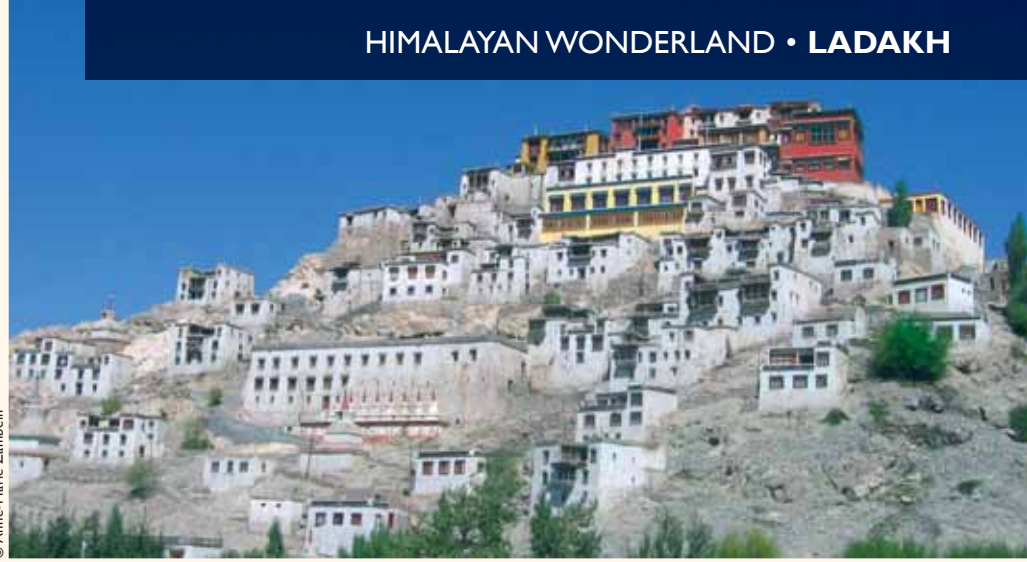
Transfer to railway station to board the Express Train for Kalka, change trains and board the Toy Train bound for Shimla. Arrival transfer to Wildflower Hall. The resort offers 87 well-appointed guest rooms with spectacular views over the cedar forests and mountain ranges, spacious marble bathrooms, teak floors and rich furnishings. All rooms also include DVD players, satellite TV and internet connection. Other resort facilities include tennis courts, heated pool, fitness center, spa, jacuzzi and restaurants.

**Days 2/3 Shimla**

Days at leisure to enjoy the wide range of activities on offer. B

**Day 4 Tour ends Delhi**

Morning transfer to Chandigarh Railway station (4 hrs) to board the train bound for Delhi. Transfer to hotel/airport. Tour ends. B



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Thiksey Monastery

## HIMALAYAN WONDERLAND

5 days/4 nights

Hotels

Departs daily ex Leh

**G**uarded by magnificent mountains and built amidst a stark desert landscape is the capital of Ladakh. Commonly referred to as “the city at the top of the world” due to its high altitude (2,650m above sea level), Leh is a tapestry of unique history, culture and religion. The ancient monasteries (known as Gompas) that adorn the city and neighbouring hillsides are cared for and maintained by resident monks. On this tour we visit many of the Gompas to learn of the Tibetan culture that dominates the region, as well as experience the lifestyle of the local Ladakhi people.

Price per person twin**A	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
01 Oct 2010-30 Sep 2011	\$728	\$664	\$634

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**Price per person includes:** Transfers, city tours and excursions in private vehicle with English speaking driver, local guides, entrance fees, accommodation inclusive of taxes on a full board basis, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel.

**Price excludes:** Airfare Delhi/Leh/Delhi and camera fees.

- A** The Kaal (Standard Room)
- B** Spic N Span (Standard Room)
- C** Omasila (Standard Room)

### Day 1 Leh

Arrive Leh Airport and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free so that you can take time to acclimatise to the high altitude. LD

### Day 2 Leh

Today's sightseeing includes a visit to the Shey and Thiksey monasteries. Many of the murals and paintings in the Shey palace were restored in the mid 1980's. We also visit the 600-year old Thiksey Monastery; the resident monks here belong to the yellow-hat sect of Buddhism. In the afternoon, we venture up to the Shanti Stupa with its magnificent views of Leh. BLD

### Day 3 Leh

Travel to the 16th century Phyang Gumpa renowned for its museum which houses a rare collection of Chinese, Tibetan and Mongolian weaponry. Continue to the Spituk Monastery, the current seat of the head Lama of Ladakh and home to beautifully preserved ancient thanckas. BLD

### Day 4 Leh

A scenic drive over winding roads and through small villages to the Alchi Monastery and the 14th century Likir Gumpa with its priceless paintings and small museum. Return to Leh for dinner. BLD

### Day 5 Tour ends

Early transfer to the airport. Tour ends. B



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Remote mountain Monastery



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Hilltop Buddha



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Stunning scenery near Shey Monastery



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Wildflower Hall Premier Room



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Mountain biking



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Treatments at the Oberoi Spa



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Morning in the mountains