



This unusual cultural trail will take you from the crowd of Delhi to the most planned city of India “Chandigarh”, passing through the Golden temple of Amritsar, Mcleodganj the residence town of Dalai Lama heading towards Spiti the home to some of the oldest Buddhist monasteries and temples in the world, various unique aspects of traditional Tibetan Buddhist culture are well preserved and have flourished in the Spiti Valley for generations.

The **Bhuchens** are a unique and rare sect of Tibetan Buddhist theatrical artists that preach religious, social and ecological morals to the locals through a set of diverse performances. Followers of Tholdan Gyalpo, who invented this art in the early 11th century A.D, they are now only found in the Spiti valley after disappearing from Tibet and Ladakh.



In terms of your holiday experience this is a “high density” trip. In order to maximize your Spiti experience we will spend lesser time in getting to and away from the Spiti valley via Manali.

While in Spiti we will travel primarily to the regions/villages that best integrate and typify the myriad aspects of Spitian culture, where you will experience it through our traditional homestays, cultural performances, Yak safaris, day hikes in Snow Leopard & Himalayan Wolf habitats, savouring the local cuisine, to mountain biking in some of the most stunning and rugged back country trails.

The whole tour takes 21 days. Out of which we will have 10 days of adventure in Spiti, by traveling and discovering first 4 days through other regions: Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar - Dharamshala - Mcleodganj and Manali, we will continue towards Spiti.

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A wonderful travel experience starting from an altitude of 375 mts. to 4700 mts. from heavily populated Delhi to the remote villages of Spiti valley where the sky is deep blue, traveling through the routes taken by the ancient traders & travelers from China to India.

Featuring home stays, mountain bikes and staying in monastery.

Discover India in a different way.....

Traveling with a native of north India, residing in Belgium for more than three decades.

A small sized group, Homestays (in Spiti) which will make this tour unforgettable.

The mode of transport in India will be private jeep, mountain bikes, trek and even traveling with local people.

The itinerary is:

Brussels - Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar -
Dharamshala - McLeodganj - Manali - Kaza - Key -
Kibber - Langza - Komic - Demul - Lhalung -
Dhankhar - Tabo - Gyu - Pin Valley - Kaza - Manali
- Chandigarh - Delhi - Brussels

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SPITI

Home to some of the oldest Buddhist monasteries and temples in the world, this Trail provides an indepth insight into Spitian life, culture and Buddhist heritage. Set on the (left bank plateau) highlands of this magnificent valley, the trail traverses along Spiti's (and Asia's) highest settlements. Each village along this trail is adorned by unique and ancient Buddhist monasteries and temples dating back to over a 1000 years and encased in legend and folklore.



Gompa of Kye



Monks at Dharamshala

CHANDIGARH & AMRITSAR

Chandigarh is India's first planned city built in the early 1950s by the internationally renowned architect Le Corbusier. This pulsating city provides an ample of tourist destinations.

Amritsar: The Golden Temple is the principal shrine of Sikhism. It is surrounded by the sacred Amrita Saras (Pool of Mortality), in which the pilgrims bathe to become spiritually purified.



Golden Temple -Amritsar



Village of Kye (4300mts.) -Spiti

DHARAMSHALA

Dharamshala is one of the main towns of Kangra valley.

McLeodganj: When the Chinese occupation of Tibet erupted into violence in 1959, forcing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and his government to flee the country, the Indian government offered them a new home in Dharamshala, an abandoned colonial hill station nestled in the foothills of the western Himalayas.



Gompa in Spiti



Spiti