

Manali

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This beautiful hill station in the lap of Himalayas calls for a fun-filled, yet relaxed vacation amidst lush green hillsides, winding mountain paths, gurgling streams and the snowy mountains. Experience natural aesthetic beauty at its best. The place is not like other hill stations which are dominated by the colonial structures and stories attributed to them, rather it is all about enjoying your vacation amidst picturesque beauty. The hill station has a significant and interesting tale attached to it which is related to Hindu mythology. It is said that this is the place where the arch of Manu rested after a huge flood and hence the place got its name. Coming back to what Manali has to offer, you can also enjoy a number of adventure sports like skiing, mountaineering and trekking in the beautiful landscape of this hill station. Welcome to the 'Queen of Valleys', which has been blessed with an abundance of natural beauty that is bound to mesmerise you and leave you yearning for more! This quaint hill station is very high in demand in

Bollywood too. Movies like Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani, Bang Bang, Jab We Met, Dev D, Fanaa, Oye Lucky Lucky Oye, Krrish, etc. have been shot here. Another major attraction is the untouched trails of the surrounding valleys which you will love to explore. Among the most prominent attraction of this destination is counted the Mall Road. A stroll in this wonderful street makes the trip even more memorable. Manali has many amazing trekking trails, which attract adventure enthusiasts from across the country. Among the most famous ones are Beas Kund Trek, Malana Trail and Bhrgu Lake Trek. A trip to this hill station is not complete without a visit to the mind-blowing Solang Valley. Do click pictures on the way as the route leading to this valley is extremely picturesque. Sip a hot cup of tea and savour chinese food in the road side shack. The 15-century Hadimba Temple is another major attraction. The cedar forest surrounding this temple adds to the overall beauty.

When To
VISIT

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Jan
Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 4.5°C	Min: 4.0°C	Rain: 108.4000015258789mm
Feb Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
Max: 5.5°C	Min: 4.099999904632568°C	Rain: 133.5mm
Mar Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
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Apr Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
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May Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
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Jun Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
Max: 19.799999237060547°C	Min: 15.199999809265137°C	Rain: 88.0mm
Jul Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
Max: 20.700000762939453°C	Min: 12.699999809265137°C	Rain: 215.10000610351562mm
Aug Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		



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Sep Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
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Oct Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
Max: 14.0°C	Min: 10.0°C	Rain: 52.2999992370605 5mm
Nov Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.		
Max: 10.0°C	Min: 6.400000095 367432°C	Rain: 43.0mm
Dec Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.		
Max: 6.800000190 734863°C	Min: 3.799999952 316284°C	Rain: 59.5mm

Parvati Valley, Rivers Beas, Bhuntar, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh 175131, India

Manikaran Gurudwara in the small town of Manikaran is thronged by devotees all through the year. It is said that the Sikh founder, Guru Nanak Devji visited Manikaran for the betterment of the people there. Once at the small town, his disciple collected flour and pulses from the local people for langar. Guru Nanak ji then requested his disciple to remove a stone from the area where he was sitting. The disciple did as instructed and was surprised by the sudden hot water spring that erupted. The natural hot thermal spring is considered to be pious and a dip in the spring will guarantee one a place in heaven. The gurudwara also has a free food community or langar for one and all. One should certainly have the heavenly langar served here. The town of Manikaran is considered sacred by Hindus and Sikhs both and is one of the most visited spots in the Kullu and Manali. Make a stop here for a rejuvenating spiritual retreat.

2 Solang Valley



Solang village, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh 175131, India

A beautiful drive, scenic views of cascading mountains and the gently flowing Beas River will make this experience a wee bit more special. A must visit attraction on your Manali trip, Solang Valley gives you stunning views of the snow-capped peaks and beautiful glaciers. If you are in the mood for adventure, indulge in some skiing, paragliding or exciting ATB rides. If you are here during winter, you can go for the intense 300 m ski lift or other smaller lifts and jumps. There are a bundle of surprises in store for kids as well. From zorbing to horse riding, the kids are in for a gala time. You can pack in a big picnic basket and find the perfect picnic spot for a wonderful evening. There are innumerable shops selling delicious snacks and the good old maggi for the growling stomachs. After an action packed adventurous afternoon, some fulfilling grub will do wonders for foodies.

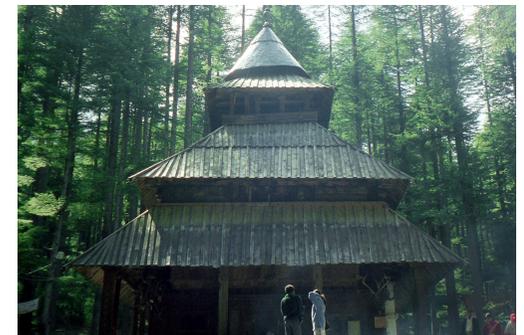
3 Gulaba



Rotang Pass Road, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh 175131, India

When driving through the narrow, winding roads of this spectacular hill station, stop at Gulaba and treasure some precious moments of peace and serenity. On the way to the famous Rohtang Pass, this small scenic spot is admired for its abundant natural beauty and magical aura. The view of the majestic snow capped mountains, the swirling Beas River and the small grasslands simply add charm to the area. Named after Raja Gulab Singh of Kashmir who camped here whilst invading China through this area, Gulaba is slowly gaining popularity. The road to Gulaba opens only during the summer months. During winter, you can hire a mountain bike and give this spot a dekho. Make sure to clad yourself in layers and layers of woollens before setting to brave the chilly winds.

4 Hidimba Temple



Dhoongri, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh 175131, India

What To SEE

5 Sights

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1 Manikaran Gurudwara



Nestled amidst towering pine trees, this pagoda style temple is a sight to behold. Away from the hustle bustle of the main market, the temple is soaked in absolute peace and serenity. You will be charmed by the sheer art of amazing stone carvings that depict local deities, plants and various animals at Hidimba Devi Temple. The stone carving inside the temple had naturally sprung up from earth and the structure is made around it. Devoted to Hidimba Devi, Bheema's wife in the Mahabharata, this one of its kind temple is flocked by devotees all through the year. Tracing back the origin, it was constructed by Maharaja Bahadur Singh during 1552. The temple also serves as a venue to local weddings, so if you're lucky, you might chance upon some happy celebrations! Reached by a small flight of stairs, there are benches around the premises where you can relax and treasure a few moments of peace and quiet. The picturesque surroundings offer ample opportunities for amateurs to click away. You can also head to the nearby market and purchase some Himachali shawls.

5 Jogini Falls



Vashisht Village, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh 175131, India

A little ahead of Vashisht Hot Springs on the way to Vashist village, the breathtaking Jogini falls is a must visit. The small trek leading upto this clearing is fairly easy and definitely worth the effort. Navigating craggy paths though the ancient village is a memorable experience in itself. If you plan to spend a few hours in the midst of nature, packing in a hearty picnic basket would be a good idea. The first sight of the falls is astonishing to say the least. Abruptly flowing through a cluster of small hills, the falls are the perfect backdrop for an afternoon picnic. Take in the beauty, serenity and quiet surrounding the place and enjoy the warm sun as you dig into some local delicacies. The shops lining the area sell authentic Himachali food including the likes of kadi chawal, brown rice, rajma and aata namkeen. Away from the hustle bustle of tourist spots, you are in amidst natural beauty surrounding only by the melodious sounds of nature. You could choose to go for a long, luxurious walk in the nearby pine forest or simply find your spot and relax under the warm, soothing sun.

Where To
Eat



5 Places

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1 Il forno



Hadimba road, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, 175131, India



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Il Forno located away from the hustle and bustle of the busy market is soaked in natural beauty and serenity. The warm indoors done in rustic, wooden interiors offers an inviting and comfortable meal. If you want to enjoy the fresh mountain air and the warm sun, head outside and settle yourself on the wooden benches in front of unique tree bark tables.

The food here is a clear winner with pan fried pizzas, wood fired pizzas and subtly sauted pastas. The cheesy garlic bread is a must try with the freshly squeezed apple juice. To complete your meal, their out of

the world desserts cannot be missed. Be it the slurpy tiramisu or the special of the day, their desserts are famous all over this little town.

2 Johnsons Cafe



Circuit House Road, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, 175131, India



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Overlooking the beautiful mountains, this restaurant is your chance to experience everything Manali has to offer. Stop here for breakfast or other meals in the day, or for a late-night nightcap at their bar. The cosy interiors offer the perfect amount of warmth to offset the chilly breeze. Enjoy a

Wood-fired Pizza among other cuisines, and you're sure to be coming back for more. A hit with travellers and locals alike, this is one of the most happening and buzzing places in Manali. You could head upstairs to their beautiful terrace and savour a hearty meal under the brightly lit sky or settle inside for a warm, cozy meal. One of the only places in Manali for partying, evenings here as entertaining as lively. You are in for a bundle of surprises with a theme every evening. Offering everything from a quiet meal to a fun evening, Johnson's is a must visit.

3 Toasted & Roasted



- 📍 Near moon dance, Old Manali, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, 175131, India
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This quaint, little restaurant in the rugged streets of Old Manali is highly recommended for its out of the world coffee and sinful chocolate chip cookies. As you enter the eatery, a strong aroma of coffee

will hit you along with the soft, melodious music of the 80's. Toasted and Roasted instantly takes you back a few hours. Laidback and slow, the ambience here is warm and extremely comfortable. The no frills restaurant promises you a rejuvenating and relaxing experience along with amazing snacks.

4 The Lazy Dog



- 📍 Manu Temple Road, Village Old Manali, Manali, Himachal Pradesh, 175131, India
- ☎ +91-1902-254277

The Lazy Dog is as unique as its name. Situated perfectly, the restaurant is right along the river. Done in artefacts and knick knacks from all over the world, the restaurant has a charm of its own. The bar indoors is well stocked with a wide variety of

spirits and offers a plethora of cocktails and mocktails. You must try their cheese, olive pizza and veg penne pasta. The aroma of the food speaks volumes of the authentic herbs and spices used in the preparation. You can slouch on their comfortable bean bags or plop on one of the many rocking chairs and enjoy a rejuvenating beer or a strong, refreshing cup of coffee.

5 Pizzeria



- 📍 The Mall, Manali, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, 175131, India

Reached by climbing a steep flight of stairs, Pizzeria offers you an entirely different view of the bustling market. Dining here is a wonderful experience. With soft, melodious music in the background, the excited chatter from the busy market ceases to exist. The rustic ambience of the rooftop restaurant feels more like a warmly lit hut with the handmade paper lamps adding charm to this tiny restaurant. Try their banana, nutella pancake or smoked chicken pizza and wash it down with a refreshing fruit juice or a sizzling cup of honey ginger lemon tea. You could also go for some medium fried

chicken or the trout preparations. If you have something special in mind, you can request the chef to prepare a meal according to your tastes. Extremely helpful, the staff here will assist you with anything you may need to know about Manali.

