

SNOW FUN IN SOLANG – Children Special

About Kullu Valley:

Also known as the 'Valley of Gods', Kullu valley is nestled between the Dhauladhar and Pir Panjal ranges. Manali being situated at the north end of this valley, its major asset is the proximity to the snowline. It offers spectacular views of the snow capped peaks and is a popular base for trekking, mountaineering and skiing in the winters.



About the tour:

This tour involves an initial stay in a cozy hotel in the rustic village of Solang Nallah, which is at a distance of 13 kms from Manali. Acclimatization walks followed by a leisurely trek deep into the valley to our picturesque campsite at Dhundi for a 2 night stay in tents on the banks of river Beas. From here we walk to the accessible snow slopes to have fun in the untrodden snow and the more adventurous ones can trek up to the source of Beas- Beaskund. Coming back to the hotel, a range of activities await you - rappelling, river crossing, skiing and much more...

Fact File

Total Duration: 08 nights / 09 days (Ex Mumbai) **Trek Duration:** 02 nights / 03 days

Style of tour: Mixed Activity

Grade: Soft

Maximum Altitude: 3978 m / 13052 ft

Trip starts (Ex Mumbai / Delhi): 17th May '10

Age Group: 10 to 16 years

Requisite Group Size: 15

Accommodation: Hotel Nights – 4; Camping Nights – 2; Bus Nights – 2

Food: All meals included starting from lunch on Day 01 to breakfast on Day 09.

Travel: Overnight journey from Delhi to Manali and back by AC Volvo coach

Countryside Escort: Experienced escort along with a local guide will lead the tour

Comments: A perfect combination of activity and experience.

ITINERARY:

Day 01 (May 17): Mumbai - Delhi

Assemble at Mumbai domestic airport. Take a flight to Delhi.

Delhi – Manali (6027ft, 14-15hrs)

Arrival New Delhi and transfer to Himachal Tourism Bus Stand. Depart for Manali at 6.00 pm. Overnight journey of 14 hrs by AC Volvo coach.

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Day 02 (May 18): Manali – Solang Nallah (8136ft; 13 kms, 45mins)

Early morning, once we cross Pandoh Dam in Himachal, the road winds along the River Beas. We get the first glimpse of the fascinating snow capped mountains after passing the village of Kullu and arrive at Solang Nallah in the morning. We check-in to our cosy guesthouse & spend the day enjoying the locale.

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Day 03 (May 19): Spend the day in Solang

Acclimatization walks and activities like visiting a waterfall in a gorge. Post lunch enjoy rappelling activity.

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Day 04 (May 20): Solang to Dhundi (9500ft; 8 kms; 3 hrs)

The trek starts! We walk leisurely to our tented campsite at Dhundi, an alpine plateau. This walk is an 8-km stretch on a jeep able road through a quaint pine forest, 8 kms up in the valley. From here, we get a grand view of the majestic snow-clad mountains. Camp overnight.

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Day 05 (May 21): Dhundi to Beaskund (11600ft) & back; 8 hrs (to & fro)

Walk up to the highest point of our trip - Beaskund. Enroute, as soon as we reach the safer snow slopes, some can play and have fun in the snow under the shadow of Mts. Friendship, Ladakhi,

Hanuman Tibba & others. The more adventurous can continue their journey towards Beaskund. We walk back to Dhundi for a well-earned cup of chai & pakodas. Camp overnight.
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Day 06 (May 22): Dhundi to Solang

Walk back to Solang. We would suddenly find this walk a lot easier as we are losing altitude. Evening we go for river crossing. Overnight stay in Solang.
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Day 07 (May 23): Day visit to Rohtang. (13051ft) Drive to Manali

We go for skiing at Rohtang... Drive back to Manali. Overnight stay in a hotel
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Day 08 (May 24): Manali – New Delhi

Depart from Manali. We have almost the entire day for exploring the bazaars of Manali. In the evening, we depart for New Delhi.
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Day 09 (May 25): Arrival New Delhi. Transfer to Delhi airport.

Arrival at Janpath, New Delhi in the morning. Transfer to the airport. Board the flight for Mumbai. Arrival Mumbai and disperse.
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Tour Ends...

PER PERSON COST (Ex Delhi): Rs. 13950/- + 2.58% Govt Service Tax

COST INCLUDES:

1. Accommodation:

- Solang: In a small neat and clean hotel on triple sharing / All meals included
- Manali: In a hotel on triple sharing / All meals included
- On the trek (Dhundi): In small camping tents on twin / triple sharing basis including all meals

2. Travel:

- Travel from New Delhi to Manali & back by HPTDC AC Volvo coach
- Transfers in Delhi and Manali in small vehicles / coaches depending on the group size.
- Travel from Solang to Rohtang in small vehicles

3. Others:

- Rappelling, Skiing & River Crossing
- One tour escort from Countryside Outdoor Programmes Pvt. Ltd.

COST EXCLUDES:

1. Govt. Service Tax as applicable
2. Air / Train fares to New Delhi
3. Charges for mules hired on the trek.
4. Any kind of insurance, such as accident, theft, medical, evacuation etc.
5. Tips to the camping staff, guide, etc
6. Any extra costs incurred due to extension / change of the itinerary due to natural calamities, flight delays, road blocks, vehicle breakdown etc. and factors beyond the control of "Countryside Outdoor Programmes Pvt. Ltd." and its associates.
7. Items not specified in "Cost Includes".

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. Solang: The hotel in Solang is a small cozy one. Rooms have attached toilet & bath facilities with running hot water for a limited period of time. It commands excellent views of the Mt. Friendship range. The stay is on triple sharing basis in twin bedded rooms and an extra mattress.
2. Stay on the trek will be in the camping tents on triple sharing basis and Sleeping bags, foam mattresses and pillows will be provided.
3. There may be a few changes in the itinerary depending on the overall fitness of the group and weather conditions. The group escort's decision in such matters will be final.
4. If one chooses to come back to Solang Nallah from our camp at Dhundi earlier than the planned itinerary, we do not assure accommodation in our hotel or any alternative accommodation at Solang Nallah. The members will have to bear the extra cost of any such accommodation.
5. Average Temperature Chart:

Month	City: Manali (Temperatures in Celsius)	
	Max Temp	Min Temp
May	25.00	12.00

6. Delays are expected on account of roadblock & weather conditions. Our effort will be to continue with the trip as per the schedule & make you as comfortable as possible. But in such situations we may have to compromise on the campsite / hotels & adjust to these situations then & there.
7. The itinerary should be viewed as ideal & we may have to make some spot changes due to various reasons.
8. The distances & altitude mentioned in the above itinerary are to the best of our knowledge & information; marginal variance in the actual distances & altitudes is possible.
9. Note: In case of any change in dates or cancellations, the airfares are non refundable and the normal cancellation charges will be applicable on the tour cost.