Manali & Kullu Valley

Snow valleys, paragliding and old temples in the Beas valley.





Dates	Fri, 11 Dec 2026 to Mon, 14 Dec 2026 (4 days)
Travellers	2
Interests	All
Stay	Budget Hotel in Manali
Arrive via	Chandigarh / Joginder Nagar (rail) / Bhuntar (air)
Best season	Mar-Jun, Oct-Feb (ideal trip: 4 days)
Estimated cost	Rs. 19,289 (Rs. 9,644 per person)

Why visit Manali & Kullu Valley?

Manali is the adventure capital of Himachal - Solang Valley, the Atal Tunnel to Lahaul and Rohtang Pass - while Old Manali, Naggar and Manikaran add temples and village charm.

Note: Rohtang Pass is open only May-Nov, so it is not included for a December trip.

Day-by-day plan

Day 1 | Fri, 11 Dec 2026 | Hadimba Temple & Old Manali & Vashisht Hot Springs

7:00 AM	Drive Chandigarh to Manali (50 km, ~2 h)
7:15 AM	ON THE WAY **Stop at Kullu & Bhuntar** Kullu shawl weavers and river rafting at Pirdi.
9:45 AM	Reach Manali and check in
10:45 AM	MUST SEE **Hadimba Temple & Old Manali** Wooden pagoda temple in a cedar forest and the village cafes of Old Manali.
1:15 PM	MUST SEE **Vashisht Hot Springs** Sulphur springs and temple of sage Vashisht.
Night	Night: Manali

Day 2 | Sat, 12 Dec 2026 | Solang Valley & Naggar Castle

7:00 AM	MUST SEE **Solang Valley** Paragliding, zorbing and ropeway; skiing in winter.
11:00 AM	Drive to Naggar Castle (21 km, ~1 h each way)
11:45 AM	NEARBY **Naggar Castle** 15th-century castle and the Roerich art gallery.
1:45 PM	Return to Manali
Night	Night: Manali

Day 3 | Sun, 13 Dec 2026 | Atal Tunnel & Sissu

7:00 AM	Drive to Atal Tunnel & Sissu (35 km, ~1 h each way)
8:15 AM	MUST SEE **Atal Tunnel & Sissu** The 9 km tunnel to Lahaul and the waterfall valley of Sissu. Tip: Roads may close after heavy snow
12:15 PM	Return to Manali
Night	Night: Manali

Day 4 | Mon, 14 Dec 2026 | Departure

7:00 AM	Check out and transfer to Chandigarh (50 km) for your journey home
Night	Departure - end of trip

Budget estimate

Item	Amount
Stay - Budget Hotel, 3 nights, 1 room	Rs. 6,600
Food - 2 people x 4 days	Rs. 6,400
Local cab - about 250 km incl. transfers and day trips	Rs. 4,800
Entry fees, safaris and tickets (approx.)	Rs. 60
Miscellaneous / buffer (8%)	Rs. 1,429

Total (estimated)	**Rs. 19,289**

Places on your trip - and why to visit them



ON THE WAY **Kullu & Bhuntar**
10 km from the gateway · time needed: 1 h · entry: free
Why visit: Kullu shawl weavers and river rafting at Pirdi.



MUST SEE **Hadimba Temple & Old Manali**
2 km from Manali · time needed: 2.5 h · entry: free
Why visit: Wooden pagoda temple in a cedar forest and the village cafes of Old Manali.



MUST SEE **Vashisht Hot Springs**
3 km from Manali · time needed: 1.5 h · entry: free
Why visit: Sulphur springs and temple of sage Vashisht.



MUST SEE **Solang Valley**
14 km from Manali · time needed: 4 h · entry: free
Why visit: Paragliding, zorbing and ropeway; skiing in winter.



NEARBY **Naggar Castle**
21 km from Manali · time needed: 2 h · entry: Rs. 30
Why visit: 15th-century castle and the Roerich art gallery.



MUST SEE **Atal Tunnel & Sissu**
35 km from Manali · time needed: 4 h · entry: free
Why visit: The 9 km tunnel to Lahaul and the waterfall valley of Sissu.
Tips: Roads may close after heavy snow

If you have more time



NEARBY **Manikaran Sahib & Kasol**
80 km from Manali · time needed: 5 h · entry: free
Why visit: Gurdwara and Shiva temple at hot springs, and the cafes of Kasol in the Parvati valley.

Travel tips

• Carry a government photo ID - hotels, monuments, permits and many temples ask for it.

- Book safaris, special darshan / aarti passes, permits and toy-train seats online in advance.
- Temples often have dress codes and do not allow leather, phones or cameras inside.
- Mountain roads can close after rain or snow - keep a buffer day and check road status locally.
- Keep this itinerary offline; network is patchy in hills and forests.