

Travel to Naggar Himachal Pradesh, Indian

Please read this section very carefully! Make your bookings sooner than later.

Arrival in Delhi Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 September

Retreat Himalaya is hosted in a small village called Naggar, in the Kullu valley, 589 km directly north of Delhi. The retreat venue is a charming, family operated, cottage-like hotel, 'Naggar Delights'. Our hosts are brothers, Abhi and Adi. They are also reliable, honest travel agents who can help you with your travel bookings. We suggest you run your travel plan passed us first and then, once we have checked it, we will forward your details to Abhi and Adi to make the bookings.

You are responsible to book and pay for your international flight to arrive at Indira Gandhi International airport, New Delhi. We suggest you arrive in Delhi well in time to have at least 1 day and night to rest before travel to Kullu Valley Monday 25 Sept.

Either we, or our trusted driver, will be at the Delhi airport to receive you from your international flight. Please inform us of your arrival time and flight number.

We will be staying at the World Buddhist Centre in Delhi, where we recommend you also stay with us. We will book your accommodation (early booking is essential).

Alternatively, you may find your own accommodation or ask us for suggestions of hotels closer to the airport if you opt to fly directly to Kullu valley. We can help you navigate your transit through Delhi to Naggar.

For those who are traveling from New Zealand, there is a group who have booked their NZ - Delhi flight, so let us know if you wish to travel with the group and we will send you the flight details.

Travel from Delhi to Kullu Valley (the retreat venue)

Monday 25 Sept:

We strongly advise you to get travel insurance.

There are 3 travel options:

Please let us know which option you choose.

1. Train and drive: Travel with the group, accompanied by us, via train from Delhi - Chandigarh. Lunch together in Chandigarh and then drive in convoy (7 hrs) to Kullu valley (an Indian adventure!)

Own cost: 3,500 rupees all inclusive (You can reimburse Mayank for this group package once you are in India.)

2. Fly Delhi - Kullu: The 1-hour flight is obviously more direct, but it is more expensive and can be cancelled due to bad weather. We recommend you fly Sunday 24th, so you have an alternative plan if the flight is cancelled to join the group or try to fly again the next day. For this flight option, you are responsible to book your flights.

Own cost: Check out the flights on your online booking website or through your travel agent. Recommended sites: Skyscanner, Kayank, Expedia, Agoda, Momondo.

3. Overnight bus Delhi - Naggar: If you are traveling alone, we suggest you book 2 seats so you can have more space to curl up and sleep during your overnight journey. The bus leaves around 6:00 pm and arrives in Naggar 8:00 am.

Adi will book your bus seat/seats. (**DO NOT** book your own bus, unless you are familiar with the Himachal busses.)

Own cost: 2000 rupees for two seats. (You can reimburse Adi in rupees once you are in Naggar.)

After the retreat

Return travel from Naggar - Delhi or onward travel within India

NB: If you fly from Kullu - Delhi after the retreat, you **MUST** allow an extra day in Delhi, before your international flight departure, just in case the Kullu flight is cancelled due to bad weather.

If the Kullu - Delhi flight is cancelled.

- 1.** Wait for the next days flight if the weather forecast is clear.
- 2.** Ride share to Delhi (13 hr. approx. 17000 rupees per car - cost is shared by the number of passengers.)
- 3.** Ride share to the Kangra valley (6 hr.) Fly Dharamshala - Delhi.

Kullu valley is usually lovely warm, clear weather in October. But at 1300 meters, the weather can be changeable.

If you opt to fly Kullu - Delhi, you would be advised to book that flight well in advance.

If you opt to drive and train for your return, you can wait until you are at the retreat venue to book this return travel and join a group who is also taking this option.

If you wish to continue your adventure and visit other parts of India, you can also wait to arrange it once you are in Naggar and speak to Adi to help you with your plans and bookings. You may meet others from the retreat who you can travel with.