

Trek: Malana via Chandrakhani Pass **(Grade: soft/moderate, Duration: 5 days)**

Day 01): Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival at Delhi, can use the half day for rest of Sightseeing.

Day 02): Delhi - Manali (525 kms drive /12/14 hrs ,or flight-1 hr + drive 92 kms/3 hrs)

In the morning take a half day guided sightseeing at Delhi. In the evening drive to Manali via bus for an overnight journey. If we choose flight leave early morning & reach by around 1000 hrs.

Day 03): Manali

Arrival at Manali by morning and then transfer to hotel for relax & acclimatisation. At leisure visit Hadimba Devi Temple, old Manali and the Mall road. Dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 04): Manali - Naggar - Rumsu - Ganachalani (2700 mts/8856 ft) (15 kms/ 5-6 hrs)

Early morning drive to Naggar (21 kms). From Naggar the trail leads past Roerich's cottage and along the main bridle path for 1 km before branching uphill to the village of Rumsu. There is an ancient wooden temple with close ties to the temples dedicated to Jamlu in Malana. From Rumsu head up the ridge to the east of the village and follow a well defined trail through a forest of deodar, pine and horse chestnut, Trek further to reach Ganachalani. Dinner & overnight stay in tents.

Day 05): Ganachalani - Celanti (3500 mts/11480 ft) (12 kms/4-5 hrs)

This trail from Ganachalani ascends through the forest for 4 kms to a series of open meadows. The lowest meadow is around 3000 m, where shepherds from the Kullu valley graze their animals. From these alpine meadows fine views extend up the Kullu valley to Manali and the Pir Panjal Range and across to the Bara Bhangal Range. The trail heads through a small rhododendron forest to a series of alpine meadows to Celanti. Dinner & overnight stay in tents.

Day 06): Celanti - Chandrakhani Pass (3650 mts/11972 ft) - Dadru (3000 mts/9840 ft) (15 kms/6 hrs)

This day we will start early to reach Pass in order to enjoy magnificent views. It's an hour trek to the pas from Celanti. From celanti trek to ridge line and cairns that defines the Chandrakhani pass. There are impressive views to the north, including the Ghalpo Peaks of Lahaul- Dharamsura (6446 m) and Papsura (6451 m) and the other high peaks in the upper Tosh valley, while the snow capped ranges of the Himala extend to the head of the Parvati Valley. From the pass the trail to Dadru remains about 100 meters below the ridgeline for a further 2 - 3 kms. It descends to the meadow at Nagarvani (3350m). From Nagarvani a couple of river crossings and passage through the forest of silver fir and oak leads to the village of Dadru. Dinner & overnight stay in tents.

Day 07): Dadru - Malana (2650 mts/8692 ft) (8 kms/ 2-3 hrs)

From Dadru continue along the Malana River until you reach a bridge over the Malana River and the trail to Kasol village: this route leads to the Rashol pass (3260m) and the Parvati valley. Continue trekking to the village of Malana. *(Malana is a small village and very popular among trekkers as it has its own language, customs, and beliefs. It is governed by its village elders. Some say they are from Greek race who settled after Alexander The Great returned back after invading India. Some trekkers feel that language spoken is much closer to "Hebrew" and is related with Christ, its also very wellknon around the world for its finest quality "Marijuana").* Overnight in camp.

Day 08): Malana - Jari (1520 mts/4986 ft) (20 kms/ 4-5 hrs)

From Malana, trail descends to the valley floor from where a fairly level walk leads through beautiful forest for 5-6 kms reaching the new dam on the Malana River, The 12 kms trek from the dam wall to Jari can be completed in 2-3 hours. Jari is just above the confluence of Malana and parvati rivers. Dinner & overnight stay in tents.

Day 09): Jari - Manali (6 hrs drive)

Today after early breakfast we will drive to Manali, this will take about 6 hours. Dinner & overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 10): Manali - Delhi (525 kms/12-14 hrs)

Take a half day sight seeing and in the evening drive to Delhi by AC Volvo coach. Overnight journey.

Day 11): Delhi

Arrival at Delhi by morning and from here transfer to hotel for relax. In the evening drive to airport to catch onwards flight.

