

SPITI VALLEY, HIMACHAL PRADESH · 9-DAY WINTER SPITI SNOW LEOPARD EXPEDITION (FROM SHIMLA)

Snow Leopard Expedition in 9 Days — Winter in Kibber, Spiti

STARTING FROM

₹64,999

per person

DURATION

9 days · 9-Day Winter Spiti Snow Leopard Expedition (from Shimla)

ROUTE

Sarahan · 1N

Kalpa · 1N

Tabo · 1N

Kibber · 4N

Kalpa · 1N

DEPARTURES

Ask us for the next departure, or pick your own dates for a private group.

Highlights

- Three full days tracking snow leopards with local Kibber spotters
- Ibex, blue sheep, red fox and Himalayan wolf in their winter range
- Winter Spiti and Kinnaur by 4×4 — snow-bound monasteries and villages
- Warm village homestays heated with bukharis
- Season: January to March, when the cats come down to the valleys
- Sightings are likely but never guaranteed — it's wild nature



Day-by-day itinerary

DAY
1

Shimla to Sarahan

8:00 am

Pickup in Shimla

About 170 km and 6 hours along the Sutlej, via Narkanda and Rampur.

Evening

Sarahan

The wooden Bhimakali temple at dusk. Overnight in Sarahan.

DAY
2

Sarahan to Kalpa

9:00 am

Into Kinnaur

About 110 km and 4–5 hours up the Sutlej gorge.

Afternoon

Kalpa

The Kinner Kailash range right in front of the village. Overnight in Kalpa.

DAY
3

Kalpa to Tabo via Nako

8:00 am

Into Spiti

About 160 km and 7 hours. Stop at Nako village and its frozen lake.

Evening

Tabo

The thousand-year-old Tabo monastery, then a heated homestay.

DAY
4

Tabo to Kibber

9:00 am

Kaza and up to Kibber

About 70 km via Kaza to Kibber (4,200 m). Meet the local spotters, check the latest sightings, and rest — the altitude is high.

DAY
5

Tracking day 1

7:30 am

With the spotters

Spotters scan the cliffs around Kibber and Chicham with scopes from dawn; when a cat is found, you drive and walk to the best vantage point. Expect a lot of waiting in the cold — and ibex and blue sheep close by.

DAY
6

Tracking day 2

7:30 am

Wider search

Ridges towards Tashigang and the Chicham bridge gorge, following the blue sheep herds the leopards hunt.

DAY
7

Tracking day 3

7:30 am

Last search day

A final full day; in the evening, a talk with the villagers about living alongside the cats.

DAY
8

Kibber to Kalpa

7:00 am

The long drive back

About 210 km and 9 hours back down through Spiti and Kinnaur.

DAY
9

Kalpa to Shimla

8:00 am

Drop in Shimla

About 230 km and 8–9 hours. Reach Shimla by evening.

Stay, food & what's included

Stay

Hotels & homestays — Heated hotels in Sarahan and Kalpa, and Spitian village homestays in Tabo and Kibber with bukhari stoves; twin sharing.

Food

- All meals
- Packed lunch and hot tea in the field on tracking days

Spitian kitchen — Thukpa, momos, tingmo and butter tea in the homestays.

Included

- 8 nights in heated hotels and village homestays (twin sharing)
- All meals from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 9
- 4×4 SUV with snow chains and an experienced mountain driver, Shimla to Shimla
- Local snow leopard spotters and their scopes for three full tracking days
- Expedition leader trained in first aid; oxygen cylinder and pulse oximeter
- Inner line and wildlife permits

Not included

- Travel to Shimla and back
- Camera gear and long lenses
- Personal winter gear
- Extra nights if snow closes the road
- Travel insurance (strongly advised)
- Anything personal

Things to carry

- Down jacket rated to –20 °C and windproof outer layer
- Thermals, fleece, woollen cap, balaclava, warm gloves and liner gloves
- Snow boots or insulated waterproof shoes
- Binoculars (spotting scopes are provided)
- Camera with a long lens if you shoot wildlife, plus spare batteries (they drain fast in the cold)
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm

- Personal medicines; ask your doctor about Diamox
- Government photo ID

Add-ons you can include

Full Reel Package (Videographer, Full day)

₹8,000 per group

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