

5 - 22 July 2013 (18-days) India Bhapa Pass Trek & Manali

Trip Cost in July 2012 was Rm4530 (per pax for 12 pax group), Rm4480 (14 pax), Rm4380 (16 pax), Rm4180 (18 pax & above)
(Excludes Air ticket KL-Delhi-KL by Malaysia Airlines)

Update 22 Mar 2013 Current MH deals totalling **RM1,660** (fare RM714, airport taxes Rm946). These fares are valid till **end March** 2013. Please contact rachelheng123@gmail.com to register and grab these special fares.

Update 31 Aug 2012 There are offers available for MH flights to Delhi. Do make your trip bookings early and we will keep a lookout for the best fares. Best Deal fares are **Rm993 and taxes extra Rm986**, available today. We can arrange for those wish to extend Golden Triangle trip - Delhi, Jaipur and Agra Taj Mahal. Kindly email rachelheng123@gmail.com for registration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit (**for Bhapa one must be fit**), with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have un!



Bhapa Pass trek 2008 & 2011

Annually, travellers visiting this far-flung corner of the Indo-Tibetan frontier region of India, barely hits five figures, a major reason being access to Spiti is only for 6 months in a year! Discover a face of India seldom seen; in age-old Gompas devoid of mass tourism a la Potala(!), ancient mountain hugging villages, and a ruggedly beautiful Himalayan landscape. Then after all that culture, its time to get high on mother nature on a tough but rewarding 5 day trek across the 4900m Bhapa Pass—a true voyage of self-discovery we assure you!

This is trekker trip and requires a higher standard of fitness. During trek days, luggages & equipment will be portage on pack-horses. Group members carry a day back. A camping crew comprising of guides, horsemen and a cooking crew will accompany and assist the group. This should make the trek more enjoyable and easier to cope.

The region had exceptional cold weather in Jun 2005, the coldest in 25 years. As a result they was heavy snowfalls and many parts of the road and tracks were covered in snow and ice. Our group encountered much difficulties and hardships. **If there is a repeat of a similar cold front, expect the trip to be postponed to perhaps between one to two weeks later.** In July 2012 our group had no such problems and trip proceeded smoothly.



Ki Monastery Spiti 4116m / Monks at Monastery/local woman

[Day 1 - 5 July 2013 Friday KL-Delhi](#) - Meet at KLIA take morning Flight MH172 at 0840AM to Delhi. Take 5 hrs + reach Delhi at 1140am (local time). Free & Easy. Check in Hotel. Group can have take MRT to Connaught place for lunch and shopping. O/N Delhi.

[Day 2 Chandigarh Manali](#) - We will take early morning train from Delhi to Chandigarh at 0740, arriving at 1105am. We will have lunch at Chandigarh and continue our journey by road to Manali all the way which will take approximately 9-10 hours, expected reach Manali late night. O/N Manali.

[Day 3 Manali](#) - Rest of day free to wander about Manali for shopping and visits to the Hidimba Devi Temple

and Old Village. Manali is full of nice cafes and eateries, good for relaxing. O/N Manali.

Day 4 Manali - We drive to Solang Valley for paragliding. This recommended activity is optional and members will have fly tandem i.e. with an accompanying pilot. We walk back to Manali through picturesque villages and orchards of apples, apricots and peaches. Manali is mainly Hindu with a sizeable Tibetan population. O/N Manali.



Group 2008 & 2011 Climbing Bhapa Pass

Day 5 Rohtang Pass to Dadar Pul - We bus over the Rohtang Pass 3978m to Dadar Pul 3960m with views of Chandra-Bhage mountain range with peaks above 5000m. We camp here overnight to acclimatise. O/N Camping

Day 6 Trek to Chandratat Lake - Our bus will take us to the trail head in Kunzum Pass 4551m. We then trek down to Lake Chandertal 4270m some 3-4 hours away. This high mountain lake is surrounded by high snow-capped mountains. O/N Camping.

Day 7 Trek to Batal - Trek 3-4 hours from Lake Chandratat to Batal where we board our bus to Kaza in 4 hours for overnight stay in a local guest house. O/N Kaza village

Day 8 Tibetan Monasteries - Visit by jeeps the Ki Monastery located on a small hill followed by Kibber Village 4205m, reputed to be the 2nd highest inhabitable village in the world. Lastly we visit the 1000 years old La-Lun monastery with its hanging buddha statues. We proceed to a Tabo guesthouse for the night. O/N Tabo



Crossing river/Packed horses for trek/Trek on glacier

[Day 9 Tabo Dhankar](#) -We visit the Tibetan monasteries of Tabo and Dhanker in the morning. We then enter the Pin Valley and to the the village of Mud. Here, we do a short 2 km trek to our campsite accross from Mud. O/N Camping.

[Day 10 Bara Bolandar](#) - We trekked along the Pin River to our next campsite at Bara Bolandar. The trail goes along green meadows and rather barren landscape. The trek is quite level and should take about 6 hours easy walk. O/N camping.

[Day 11 Bhapa Pass to Fauti](#) - Its a difficult climb up to Bhapa Pass 4890m where we can expect thick snow at the top. Then its down to Fauti campsite. The scenery change is very drastic, from barren snow-peaked mountains to the green valleys on the Fauti side. Expect a long day today with between 5-7 hours trek. O/N camping.

[Day 12 Mooling](#) - A very pleasant and easy walk along the Bhaba river. Trek will be an easy 5 hours in green meadows and sparkling streams and rivers. Wild flowers are also expected. O/N camping.

[Day 13 Mooling-Kafnu-Sarahan](#) - Another easy day with 5 hours level walk to the village of Kafnu. Trek is flanked by green meadows and thick pine forest. Expect to arrive by 1pm, group can have good lunch/rest after few days long trek. We will drive about 19km at main road from Kafnu and drive around 30km Sarahan for a night. Sarahan is famous for Temple of Bhimakali/Hindu goddess. O/N Sarahan.

[Day 14 Sarahan-Shimla \(175km\)](#)- After breakfast, we will visit temple and then drive to Shimla. It take about 6 hours ride to Shimla. Evening free & easy. O/N Shimla.

[Day 15 Shimla](#) - Morning drive to Jakhu Temple and then easytrek™ 1.5 km, 45 minutes down to the Mall road of Shimla to enjoy shopping in pollution free Mall Road, where no vehicular traffic is allowed. Shimla was the Summer Capital of India during British rule and most of the buildings are constructed by Britain. After lunch around 1400 hour, we start our easytrek to Indian Institute of Advanced Studies. This institute is housed in the Viceregal Lodge, which was built in 1884-88 during the British times. It has spacious gardens and is ringed by beautiful pine trees. All is calm and serene just the right atmosphere for a student of literature or politics. Evening free and easy. O/N Shimla

[Day 16 Shimla-Kalka-Delhi](#) - After breakfast drive to Shimla Railway station to board on local steam train,

which passes a hundred tunnels, down to Kalka (Himalayan Queen Departure from Shimla at 1030 hrs and arriving Kalka 1610 Hrs) . From Kalka , we'll go on another Kalka Shatbdi train to Delhi (Departure from Kalka 1745 hrs and arriving Delhi 2155 hrs,dinner will be served in train. O/N Delhi

[Day 17 Going Home](#) - Group can visit Bahai House of Worship and shopping in Connaught Circus area or free and Easy and group can opt to final shopping or day tour (optional) before heading to the airport for night flight back to KL by MH191 at 2300PM

[Day 18 Mon 22 July Home](#) - Arriving KL at 0645am on **22 July 2013**.



Trail Fauti to Mooling at 11am and at 3pm on the same day/ Sarahan Temple

[TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#)

1. Cost cover ground arrangement, guide, budgeted accommodation and transport.
2. Not covered are Visa fees Rm168, airfares & airport taxes/surcharges, entrances fees approximately Rm100, activities, in town-taxis and meals except for trekking days. Allocate about Rm300 for 10 days meals (excluded trekking days). Tips for guides/cooks accompanying group. Yongo encourages group members to be generous but should commensurate with services rendered.
3. A deposit of Rm1060 is payable to confirm your place.
4. Cost is subject to change if there's a significant changes in foreign exchange rates and/or airfares.

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