



5 Reasons to Travel Spiti Valley from Shimla - Kinnaur Route

We all know that two routes exist to travel to Spiti Valley. The one road takes you to Kaza, Spiti from Shimla - Kinnaur side while the other direction goes from Manali - Rohtang Pass to Spiti. There are certain definitive advantages as well as disadvantages of both these beautiful routes. It is a hard choice, but some of the reasons mentioned in this article will help you make the right choice based on your preferences.

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Acclimatization and AMS

Sometimes, people traveling or going directly to Spiti Valley from Manali suffer from AMS due to the sudden change of altitude. The body does not adapt quickly to such a high altitude of Kunzum Pass or Kaza, which is about 3600 Mtrs high. However, when you travel from Shimla - Kinnaur side, it provides a gradual ascend to travelers.

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Ugly & Messy Drive of Rohtang Pass - Gramphu - Batal

The problems of the Rohtang Pass - Gramphu - Batal route which includes the famous traffic jams at Rohtang Pass which leads to ill health at those altitudes and the slush-filled roads of this region make the Shimla Kinnaur route a better option.

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Drama of Manal - Rohtang Pass Permits

Although now a more trivial process due to the easing of issuance of permits, it could still be considered a hassle in the peak seasons. When you travel from the Shimla-Kinnaur side, there are no permits required, and it is one less thing to worry.

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Limited Season of Travel - June to September

The roads to Spiti Valley from Manali to Kaza side opens up in June. This direction has a limited window and is open until late September to October. This limitation is due to BRO's higher prioritization of the Manali-Leh highway. On the other hand, the Shimla - Kinnaur route remains open almost all around the year, including winter months in Spiti.

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The beauty of Hindustan Tibet Highway

The experience of traveling on Hindustan - Tibet road is unmatched, and it indeed can be considered a destination in itself rather than the journey. It does not mean the Manali-Kaza route is less scenic, but each of them is an experience on its own.

Himalayan Travel Tips

- Have Buffer Days
- Stay Warm & Hydrated
- Avoid Alcohol
- Carry Required Clothing, Food & Water
- Drive with Caution & Care
- Start Early, Sleep Early



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- Spread Smiles Not Plastic
- Stop Littering
- Bring Back Your Own Trash
- Avoid Plastic Water Bottles