Shimla

Situated at about 6 hours drive from New Delhi, Shimla was once the summer capital of British India. One of the best tourist places in India, it is still every Indian’s favourite hill station. One can see the glimpses of the colonial era in the architecture and buildings of the city. The main attractions of Shimla include Mall Road, Jakhoo Temple, Christ Church, The Ridge and many more.

Welcome to the “Queen of Hills”, a name which is rightly given to Shimla. The picture-perfect beauty and the beautiful colonial structures add charm to this lovely place. Nice walking trails lined with majestic Deodar and tall Pine trees give you a spectacular view of the brilliant Himalayas.

Nature has blessed this beautiful hill station with countless gifts. Exploring Shimla's natural beauty on foot is the best way to know the city. Every Indian family's favourite summer vacation retreat, Shimla is one of those hill stations that are on the brink of modernisation but are holding on to the nostalgia of the British Raj. The beauty of Shimla cannot be captured in words--from the dizzying peaks to the lonely walks, from boarding schools to old-world cafes, Shimla promises a love affair with the past.

Shimla, one of the most popular hill stations, also happens to be a favourite movie location among filmmakers. Movies like Jab We Met, 3 Idiots, Black, and Gadar: Ek Prem Katha have been shot here. The picture-perfect beauty and the beautiful colonial structures add charm to this lovely place.

It is one of the perfect summer retreats with pure mountain air, cerulean skies and snow covered peaks. The long and winding Mall Road is sure to take you down the rich cultural and historic past of the city. The Mall, as it is fondly called, has an array of shops to the south of it. The bazaar is bustling with activity and goes down till the Cart Road. Vehicles are prohibited in the centre of the town, so most of the travelling has to be done on foot. A tram car facility takes passengers from Mall Road to Cart Road.

The most famous place in Shimla, probably, is the Scandal Point! The history behind its etymology goes such that the King of Patiala, Bhupinder Singh had eloped with the daughter of the British Viceroy in 1892. The place where he eloped with her—the confluence of the Mall and the Ridge, came to be known as Scandal Point. He was banished from entering Shimla, so in retaliation, he made a new summer capital for himself in Chail!

The feeling of wonder and exuberance evoked by the spectacular landscape could last a lifetime. So it’s time to pack your bags and surrender to the breathtaking views and magical surroundings of Shimla.

Famous For : Weekend Getaways

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What To SEE

1 Viceregal Lodge
http://www.ixigo.com/places-to-visit-see-in-shimla-tp-1140415

Observatory Hill, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh 171001, India

Harry Potter. Huge hallways paneled in teak, an imposing facade, sprawling greens and state of the art technology here all contrive to take your breath away. The Viceregal Lodge also houses photographs and texts from the times of the British colonial rule, which are of much interest to the history buffs. It is best to visit Viceregal lodge during the day as your beautiful views may be interrupted by the darkness of night.

2 Jakhoo Temple

Jakhoo, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh 171001, India

The Viceregal Lodge in Shimla is an imposing British-raj Palace constructed under the supervision of Viceroy Lord Dufferin in 1888, who used to live here. Today it is known as Rashtrapati Niwas and is located on the picturesque Observatory hill of Shimla. The palace is constructed in the famous Jacobethan style, which is a popular English architectural design depicting the Renaissance revival.

Be careful with your kids when you are here for this place is infested with monkeys of all sizes. These animals are not violent and the most they do is snatch eatables from your hand, but it is still advisable to not agitate them. Do carry your water bottles, they come in handy. If you are not up for the physically challenging task, you can also drive to Jakhoo Temple, but trekking up is the best way to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Shimla.

3 The Mall

Dedicated to Hindu God, Hanuman, this Jakhoo Temple in Shimla is a steep 45-min trek from the Mall Road. The most attractive aspect about this temple is the 108 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman that adds to the sacred environment of the temple. Legend has it that the place where the temple is built has the foot prints of Lord Hanuman and this temple was built around it to pay respect to the almighty. It is a highly revered place for people from the Hindu community.

Visiting the Viceregal Lodge, which is now the Institute of Advanced Studies, is likely to transport you into the fantasy world of
Once you are at the Mall in Shimla, you will witness the myriad of activities happening all around the street. Tourists roaming around scrutinizing the place, locals busy with their daily activities, enthusiastic groups enjoying street food, others actively bargaining at the roadside stalls and many such scenes are a regular part of a normal day at the Mall.

Vehicular movement is restricted inside the Mall Road to maintain a pristine environment as well as for the shoppers’ and tourists’ convenience. It is the most important place of the city with the presence of places like the Viceregal Lodge and the Cultural complex. Spend some quality time at the mall road on your visit to Shimla. Be it shopping or eating at your favourite food joints, Mall road will offer you with some memorable moments here.

4 **Tara Devi Temple**

Tara devi temple is an age old temple in Shimla, dedicating to Goddess Tara which located some 11 kms away from the city atop a small hill. The most unique thing about the temple is its history on which the temple was built. It is said that a locket of Goddess Tara that passed on from generations after generations in the Sen dynasty of West Bengal was the reason why the temple was built. The story takes place once when Raja Bhupendra Sen visited Himachal Pradesh and went out hunting in the Juggar forest. After a tiring hunting day he dozed off under a tree, with the locket of Ma Tara tied on the upper torso of his arm. It is now when Goddess Tara with her consorts Dwarpal Bhairav and Lord Hanuman comes in his dream and wishes to be unveiled infront of the common of Himachal. Thus respecting the wishes of the gods, Raja Bhupendra Sen builds this temple on around 10 acres of land introducing Goddess Tara to the people of Himachal.

The temple is today a highly revered place for both locals of the place as well as outsiders. The attractive part about the temple is its seclusion in the serene and beautiful environment of Shimla. Just by stepping inside the temple you will feel spiritual and pure.

5 **The Ridge**

A wide open street in Shimla lying next to the Mall Road adjoining the Scandal Point is he Ridge. A hub of all activities, this place also offers a panoramic view of the snow-capped mountains around Shimla. The age old Christ church is also located on the ridge which is yet another reason for the tourists to swarm the place during the peak season. Moreover, just like the Mall road no vehicles are allowed on the ridge. This place is also where festivals like Summer Festival, New year’s Eve and Christmas are celebrated with much fervor and joy.
The Ridge, Lower Bazaar, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh 171001, India
+91-177-2621572

The cozy ambiance and the beautiful setting of Ashiana & Goofa invites you for a delectable meal that you will not forget in your lifetime. Run by the HPTDC, Ashiana and Goofa serves delectable food in a lovely surrounding at Scandal Point.

3  Wake & Bake Cafe

A small but beautiful cafe located at the Mall Road, Wake & Bake Cafe is perfect for a sip of simmering coffee and a quick bite. The picturesque surroundings of the place adds to its charm. The only place in Shimla where you can have delectable bacon and pancakes. Gorgeously painted interiors of the place and the laid back ambiance of the place is there to steal your heart.

34/2, The Mall, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, 171001, India
+91-177-2813146

4  Qilaa

Indian, Lebanese, Chinese and Italian cuisines are the speciality of this place. The falafel is a must have when you visit this place. The ambience and the price of food here makes it a must visit place when you travel to Shimla.

The Mall Road, Below Syndicate Bank, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, 171002, India
+91-97366-91209 | +91-177-2652784

5  Cafe Sol

Cafe Sol is a perfect place to enjoy Italian, Mexican and Mediterranean cuisines. Located on the roof of Hotel Combermere on the Mall Road, it is a delight for the food buffs and people who love to discover new places.

Hotel Combermere, Tourism Lift Street, Mall Road, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, 171001, India
+91-177-2651246

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