

# CHANDRATAL CAMPING



**TRIP DATE: AUG 14 - 18, 2015**

**DURATION: 4 NIGHTS/ 5 DAYS**

**PLACES COVERED: CHANDIGARH – MANALI – BATAL - CHANDRATAL – MANALI -CHANDIGAR**

This is one of the most exciting camping in Himachal Pradesh. The highlight of camping is the stay near Chandratal (Moon Lake), considered to be source of Chandra River. You get magnificent views of glacier and peaks of Mulkila & C.B. ranges from here. The Chandra River joins Bhaga River few kilometers down the valley and forms Chenab that flows into Pakistan. Crystal clear water shadows the massive glaciers. Incredibly changing colors with the passage of day, peaceful and sublime, the lake is simply enchanting.

Dates:	Aug 14- 18, 2015
Start from:	Delhi/ Chandigarh
End at:	Chandigarh/ Delhi
Maximum altitude reached:	Kunzum La (4551M)
Best time to Visit:	Mid- June to Mid- October
Meals:	Lunch on day 1 to day 11
Min/ Max group size:	12
Permits:	Foreigners require permit for crossing over to Tabo



**Day 1 | Chandigarh - Manali (2286M) - 8 hrs**

Reach Chandigarh airport/ Chandigarh railway station around 1100 hrs and drive on to Manali. Lunch on your own en route to Manali. Reach Manali in the evening. Settle in your rooms. Evening at leisure around bonfire. Night stay at the hotel.

**Meals included: D**

**Day 2 | Manali - Batal (3960 M) - 5-6 hrs drive**

Leave after breakfast. Drive across Manali & Rohtang La and see the landscape changes drastically from lush greenery of Manali to barren landscape of Spiti. Carry on your drive via Gramphu, Chatru, Chhota Dhara and reach Batal by afternoon. Camp Overnight.

**Meals included: B, L & D**

**Batal** is situated at the foot of Kunzum Pass, which provides the main approach to Spiti from Lahaul.



**Day 3 | Batal - Chandratal (4270 M) 2-3 hrs drive**

Post breakfast, drive to Chandratal. Drive across Kunzum La and reach our campsite in an enchanting meadow (about 1 ½ km before the lake). You should be here by early afternoon. Do a hike of about 1 ½ hrs each way to see the exquisite Chandratal lake.



**Meals included: B, L & D**

**Chandratal** or Lake Of Moon is of exquisite beauty. It is set on large meadows of Al Weiss between a lower ridge and the main Kunzum range with an outlet into Chandra River



**Day 04 |**

**Chandratal- Kunzum la (4551M)- Manali - 5 - 6 hrs drive**

Post breakfast, drive back to Manali via Kumzum La (meeting place of the Ibex). This Kunzum La-Losar pass joins the twin valleys of Lahaul and Spiti. From here, carry on your drive back to Manali. Stay the night in a hotel.

**Meals included: B & L**

**Day 05 |**

**Depart Manali**

Post breakfast check out from the hotel and leave for your onward destination.

**Meals included: B**

**Drop off points:**

Chandigarh Railway station- 1700 hrs

Chandigarh airport- 1730 hrs

**Cost per person on twin share: INR 24250/-**

**Single Room Supplement: INR 5700/-**

**Cost includes:**

1. Accommodation as per itinerary (morning tea, breakfast, lunch, evening tea and dinner)
2. Transport from Chandigarh - Chandigarh in Innova or similar.
3. Services of a guide as per itinerary.
4. A Banjara escort to accompany the group.
5. Service charge/ Tipping.
6. All applicable taxes.

**Cost does not include:**

1. Any beverages except those served on buffet table.
2. Any En route/ personal expenses.
3. Any expenses incurred due to factors beyond our control like a natural calamity/ man-made calamity.
4. Any air/rail fares.
5. Bottled mineral water (Aquaguard purified water is served free of cost at all our properties).

**TOUR NOTES**

**Accommodation:**

Chandratal & Batal: Regular/Alpine tents

Manali: Deluxe Room at Negi's Mayflower/similar

**Food & Hygiene:**

Food is a mix range of vegetarian/ non- vegetarian with a choice of Indian, Continental & Chinese food. All meals are buffet meals. There is no room service at most places.

**Fitness:**

You should be in good health if you wish to hike. Please take your doctor's advise if you are a heart patient, asthmatic, pregnant or suffer from epilepsy. Please note that you will have to climb down about 90 odd steps to reach the retreat.

### Tippling & Porterage:

We charge a service charge of 5% for the rooms. Tipping/ service charge is already taken care of in this trip. Our staff will carry your bags down to retreat and back up to car on day of departure.

### Photography:

The retreat is at 7500 ft. and we will travel up to about 11000 ft. If you plan to take photos then please keep sunlight according to this altitude in mind. Please ask your guide before taking photographs inside any temple and if you plan to photograph any locals, please take their permission before doing so. You could charge your camera at the retreat.

### Altitude Sickness:

Acclimatization to altitude above 3000 meters takes time. The body undergoes a number of physiological changes some of which are immediate like increased pulse rate & respiratory rate. These changes plus the effect of intense sunlight, walking & dehydration may cause loss of appetite, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, sleeplessness, mild shortness of breath etc.

The best treatment is prevention! Avoid rapid ascents; take acclimatization symptoms seriously using rest days/Diamox tablets. If symptoms are severe, DESCEND IMMEDIATELY.

### Medicine:

We keep a first aid kit. It would be anyway a good idea to bring your own basic first aid kit with medicines for motion sickness, nausea, some painkillers etc. Please carry sun block and chapstick. Keep your face, feet and hands well protected. Request your doctor to prescribe effective medicines to cover the following: Fever, Body and joint pains, Cold, Cough, Sore throat, Headache, Acidity, Stomach cramps, Vomiting, Dysentery, Loose motion, Constipation, Diarrhea, Swelling, Muscle Pulls & Sore eyes. We do carry a first aid box though. In case you have any illness of any sort, please do inform us in advance so that we can take necessary precaution. You could also carry vaseline, Band Aid, Cotton, Badge roll, Dettol, Mouth freshener, Nose inhaler, Cough drops, Lip balm, Vicks, Elastoplasts, Adhesive tape, 4" crepe bandage.

### List of things to bring:

1. Duffel bag (avoid suitcases if you can)
2. A small day backpack to carry water, food, jacket and camera
3. Hiking shoes- you need good traction in shoes and these should be at least water resistant. Forclaz 500 is a good. Your shoes should be well broken-in and not new. Otherwise, your regular sports shoes will also do.
4. 2 pairs of lowers.
5. 4-5 full sleeves T-shirts
6. A fleece jacket
7. A full sleeve thick jacket
8. Underclothing
9. 1 pairs of thermal inners
10. 2-3 pairs of sports socks. 2 pairs of woolen socks
11. Woolen cap/ balaclava that covers the ears
12. Gloves
13. Sun glasses
14. Lip balm
15. Cold cream and sun screen lotion (SPF 40+).
16. Water bottle.
17. Flash light
18. Personal toilet kit.
19. Personal medicine
20. Small repair kit consisting of safety pins, needle, thread and string.
21. Camera, memory-cards, batteries etc (carry enough spare batteries. Electricity is not available on the slopes.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE TO USE A LOT OF WOOLENS LISTED ABOVE BUT, WEATHER IN THE HIMALAYAS CAN BE RATHER UNPREDICTABLE HENCE, BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.**

## BOOKING, PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

### CONFIRMATION:

100% advance to confirm booking.

### CANCELLATION CHARGE:

Minimum : 20% of full amount.  
Less than two weeks of arrival date (or tour start date) : 50% of full amount.  
Less than one week of arrival date (or tour start date) : Full amount.

### PAYMENT MODES & METHODS:

1. ONLINE TRANSFER into our **current** accounts in Axis Bank or Standard Chartered Bank
2. DIRECT CHEQUE DEPOSIT into our **current** accounts in Axis Bank or Standard Chartered Bank at any branch/ ATM in India
3. DIRECT CASH DEPOSIT, into our **current** account at any branch in India
4. By CASH or CHEQUE handed over personally (or by your rep) AT OUR DELHI OFFICE
5. OUTSTATION CHEQUE payments are acceptable **only if** they are delivered (or we get a scan of the bank deposit slip) at least 4 working days before the payment due date.
6. OUTSTATION PAYMENTS by a **Payable at Delhi** DD sent to our Delhi Office by courier/post.

**IMP: CHEQUE / DD to be made in favour of "Banjara Camps & Retreats Pvt. Ltd."**

### AXIS BANK:

- A/c name : Banjara Camps & Retreats Pvt. Ltd.

- A/c no. : 015010200017806
- Branch address : K-12; Green Park Main; New Delhi – 110016
- Branch Code : UTIB0000015 (for direct cheque deposit)
- IFSC Code : UTIB0000015 (for online transfer)

**STANDARD CHARTERED BANK:**

- A/c name : Banjara Camps & Retreats Pvt. Ltd.
- A/c no. : 525-0-509-319-3
- Branch address : 10 Sansad Marg; New Delhi – 110 001
- Branch Code : SCBL0036027 ( for direct cash/ cheque deposit)
- IFSC Code: : SCBL0036027 (for online transfer)

**DETAILS BY CURRENCY FOR O.T.T. /WIRE TRANSFER & DIRECT DEPOSIT:**

In Favour of: **"Banjara Camps & Retreats Pvt. Ltd. "**

**1) USD**

Bank: Standard Chartered Bank  
Branch: 10, Sansad Marg, New Delhi- 110001  
IFSC Code: SCBL0036027  
Swift code: SCB-LINBBDEL  
EEFC A/c No. : 525-0-509421-1

**2) GBP**

Bank: Standard Chartered Bank  
Branch: 10, Sansad Marg, New Delhi- 110001  
IFSC Code: SCBL0036027  
Swift code: SCB-LINBBDEL  
EEFC A/c No. : 525-0-509430-0  
IBAN NO: GB42SCBL60910451997017

**3) EURO**

Bank: Standard Chartered Bank  
Branch: 10, Sansad Marg, New Delhi- 110001  
IFSC Code: SCBL0036027  
Swift code: SCB-LINBBDEL  
EEFC A/c No. : 525-0-509426-2  
IBAN NO: GB41SCBL60910457083521

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