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Soul Search

life in your words



India

WELCOME TO A DREAM DESTINATION



A country known for its
hospitality with
5000 years of civilization,
and unparalleled culture.
A land of mystery,
kings, palaces, forts,
romance, nobility and grandeur.

We invite you to experience and
realise your dreams of
bygone era of
Royal Indian Splendour.
A journey of a lifetime that will
open the frontiers of your
mind and soul!

OUR SIGNATURE TRAVEL PRODUCTS

India has almost everything which is necessary for a prime tourism destination. Snow clad mountain peaks of mighty Himalayas, verdant hill stations, breathtaking islands & beaches, pristine mountain lakes, enchanting rivers, scenic backwaters, architectural wonders, rich cultural heritage, battle scarred forts, opulent palaces, superb temples, intricate monasteries & churches, colonial homes, wildlife parks & sanctuaries, dense forests & desert emptiness, beautiful landscapes, world class resorts and of course warm and hospitable people.

At **Soul Search** (life in your words), We have created inspired journeys for an international community of passionate travellers to the fascinating world of India. Join us in these journeys that open a window to the heart of India, and explore the mystery, enchantment, and potential of this mysteriously fascinating nation.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

- Adventure
- Cultural
- Educational
- Religious Tours (Chardham Yatra, Kumbh Mela)
- Wildlife
- Ayurveda, Yoga & Meditation
- Tribal Tours
- Photography (Nature - Wildlife - Birding)
- Incentives

ADVENTURE TOURS

- Trekking (Soft & Hard)
- Mountain Climbing
- Camping
- White Water River Rafting
- Mountain Biking
- Skiing
- Mountain Climbing
- Jeep Safaris
- Angling

CAMPING TOURS

- Luxury Camps
- Camping Tours for Students
- Outdoor Conferences
- White Water River Rafting
- Leadership Courses
- Team Building
- Rock Climbing
- Rappelling
- Camping Incentives

TREKS, CLIMBS, RIVER RAFTING, JEEP SAFARIS & CAMPING

India is the adventure travellers paradise, a natural playground with no equal. The mighty Himalayas dominating northern India is the setting for your adventure holidays. The wide variety of treks, climbs and rivers in the North Indian states of UTTARAKHAND, HIMACHAL PRADESH and LADAKH (in JAMMU & KASHMIR) make it possible for you to have the perfect trip suited to your needs and abilities.

At **Soul Search** (life in your words), we have a team of dedicated escorts and guides who are adventurers at heart and for whom exploring the great outdoors is a way of life. This is coupled with an enthusiastic staff who sit in the office and diligently design itineraries, make bookings and follow-ups, so that all the logistics concerns are completely taken care of and your travel is smooth.

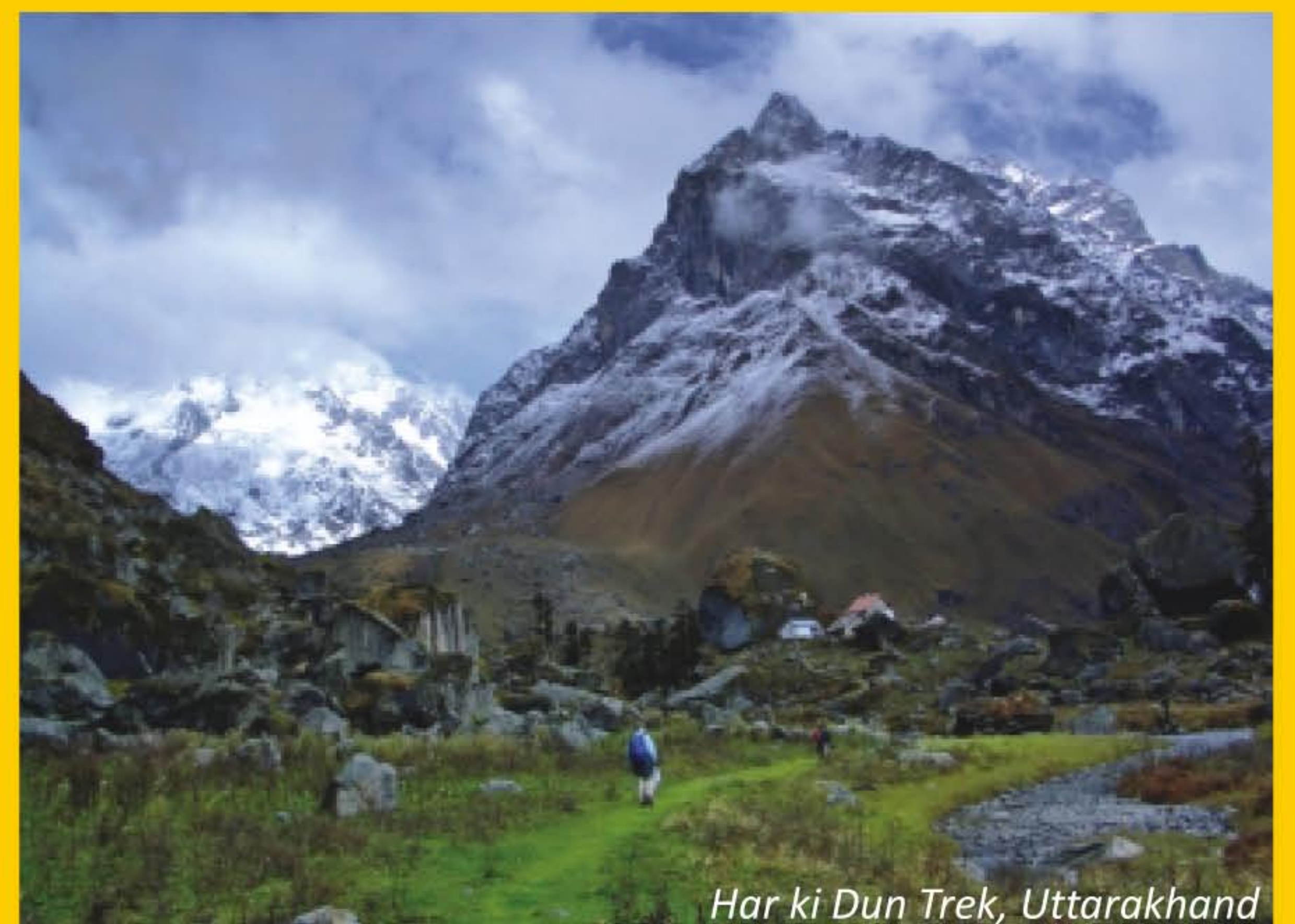
UTTARAKHAND



Looking up the East Kamet Glacier to Mana Peak, Uttarakhand

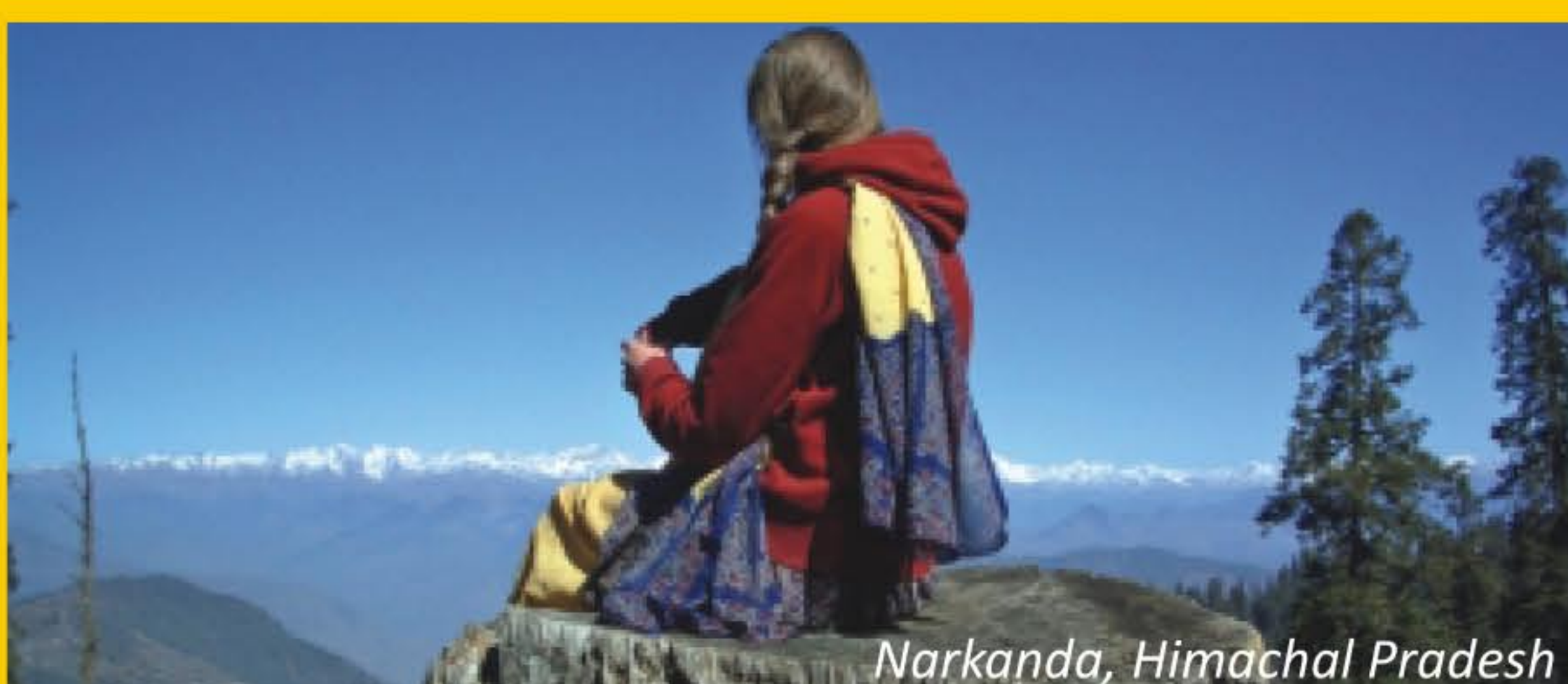
Uttarakhand has predominantly Hindu culture, all the main Hindu shrines such as Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath are in Garhwal Himalayas of Uttarakhand. Traditionally, pilgrims have been visiting these shrines deep into the valleys since ages. The holy river 'Ganges' finds its source from the Gangotri glacier which is completely enclosed by a concentration of peaks like Bhagirathi, Chaukhamba, Kamet, Kedar Dome and many others in the Garhwal region of the state. The mysterious lake of Roopkund, sacred peak of Nanda Devi (highest peak completely in India standing at 7802 m) and the huge massif of Trishul are in Kumaon region of the state.

Mythology seeps out of every pore of Uttarakhand. It has been a land of adventures and has attracted explorers since long. It offers thrilling rafting run down rapids of Bhagirathi, skiing down the slopes of Auli and some extremely challenging treks over passes such as Kalindi Khal, Lamkhaga pass or over the Trails pass. For people with moderate proclivities, it also offers some soft to moderate treks such as Kuari Pass, Milam glaciers or Chopta valley. For wildlife enthusiasts, there are sanctuaries such as Jim Corbett National Park and Rajaji National Park.



Har ki Dun Trek, Uttarakhand

HIMACHAL PRADESH



Narkanda, Himachal Pradesh

Popularly known as the Devbhumi – "Land of the Gods", Himachal Pradesh is a beautiful hill state in northern India nestled in western Himalayas. The state is landlocked with the Tibetan plateau to the east, Jammu and Kashmir to the north, and the Punjab to the west. However the state stands apart from its neighbours in terms of its sheer topographic diversity and breathtaking pristine natural beauty.

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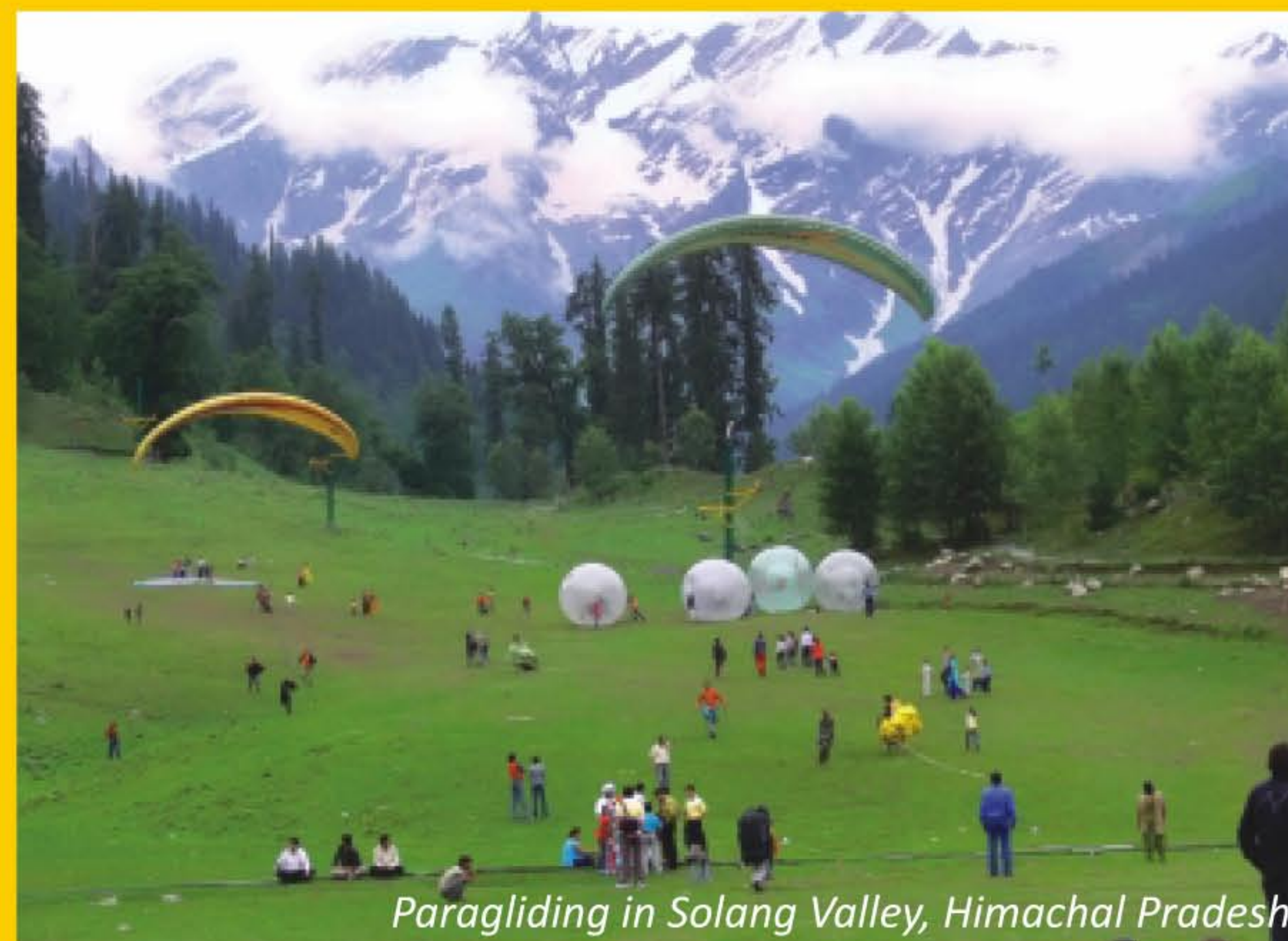
HOLIDAYS IN HIMALAYAS

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From vast tracts of high-altitude Trans-Himalayan desert to dense green deodar forests, from apple orchards to cultivated terraces, from snow capped high Himalayan mountain ranges to snow fed lakes and gushing rivers, Himachal offers an experiential escape to all.

It is a hub for adventure seekers. There are various treks ranging from soft to strenuous along with options for skiing, heli-skiing, paragliding, mountaineering, rock climbing and biking. For soft adventures, there are many overland tours in Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti.

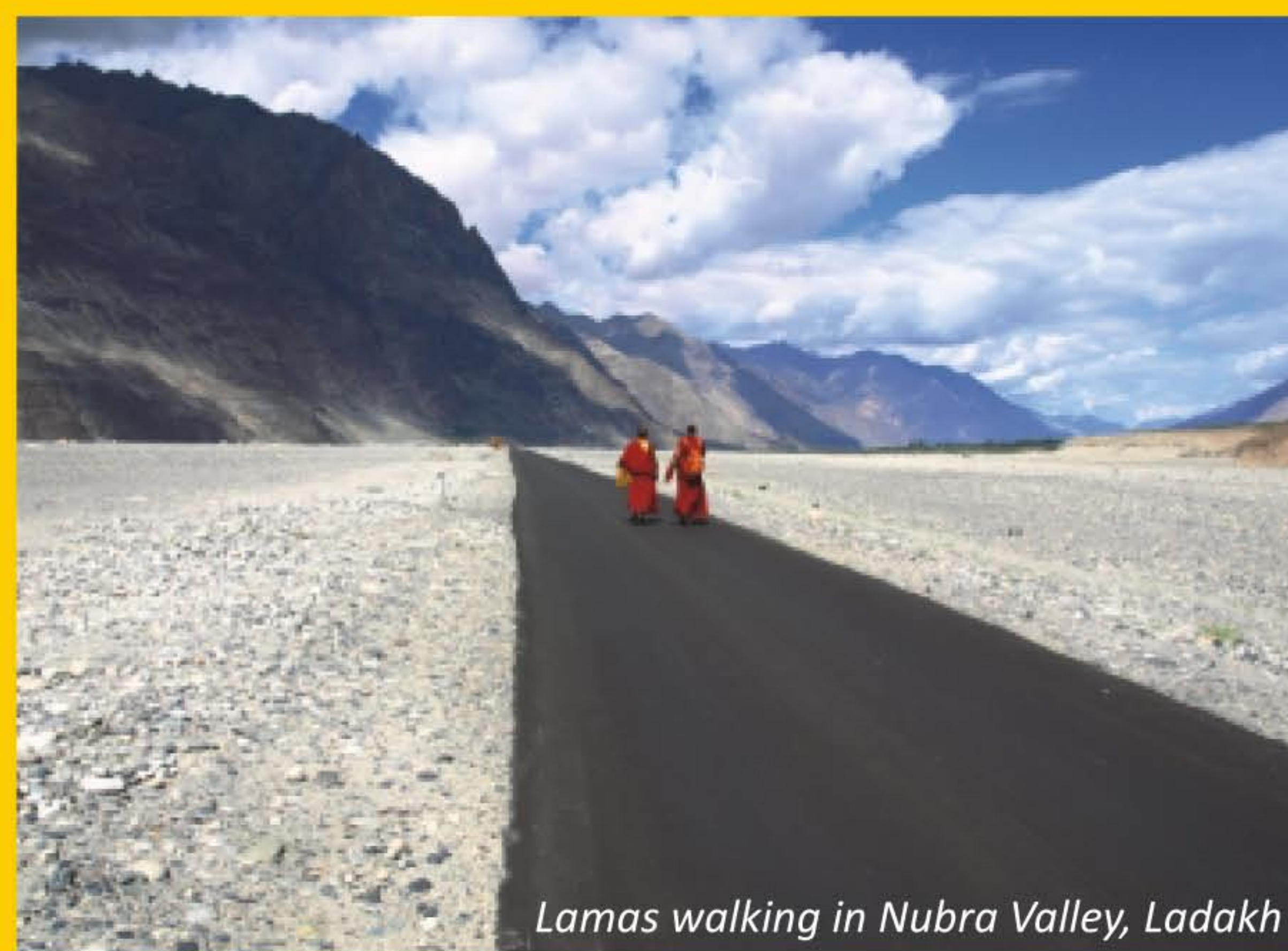


LADAKH (Jammu & Kashmir)



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Tucked between two highest mountain ranges in the world, the Karakoram and the Greater Himalayas, Ladakh offers adventure that is a cut above any in the world. With barren crags, an occasional green valley, jewel like waterways and mountains of different hues deepened by the sharp sun, this high altitude destination is punctuated by colorful thrills and adventure challenges at every step. Renowned for its surreal remote mountain beauty and Tibetan Buddhist culture, it is sometimes called "Little Tibet".

MOUNTAIN TREKS (Mellow to Mighty)

With the Himalayas spanning across India's entire 2500 kms northern border, the scope for trekking in India is almost endless. The huge variations in altitude and latitude create many different climates giving us a twelve month trekking season. We offer trips for all levels of ability, from low altitude routes with short walk times, to 6000 m peak ascents and long glacial traverses. Itineraries vary in length from five to fifteen day expeditions, passing through some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.



RIVER TRIPS (Relaxing to Raging)



The Indian Himalayas have some of the best rivers in the world. Our River running trips in India takes you way off the beaten tourist trail.

A wide variety of different rivers with different styles make it possible for India to fulfil every adventure seekers needs. From mellow float trips through spectacular mountain scenery, to large volume rivers in remote and inaccessible areas, expeditions may vary from five to thirteen days and it is possible to go river rafting all year round.

HIGHEST JEEP SAFARI IN THE WORLD

The **Manali** (Himachal Pradesh) to **Leh** (Ladakh) road is open only for 2-3 months, between July and September, every year before the snows cover it up or wash away the road. This overland route has become an increasingly popular way to go to Leh. This overland road safari is an unforgettable experience as the road traverses a variety of landscapes and one can hardly put the camera away. Along the way nature impresses with awesome mountain passes of 17-18,000 ft., long stretches of flat, cold desert without a trace of vegetation, amazing natural rock formations and deep gorges of the rivers Beas, Chandra, Bhaga and finally Indus.



CULTURES (Interact with India's unique hill folk)



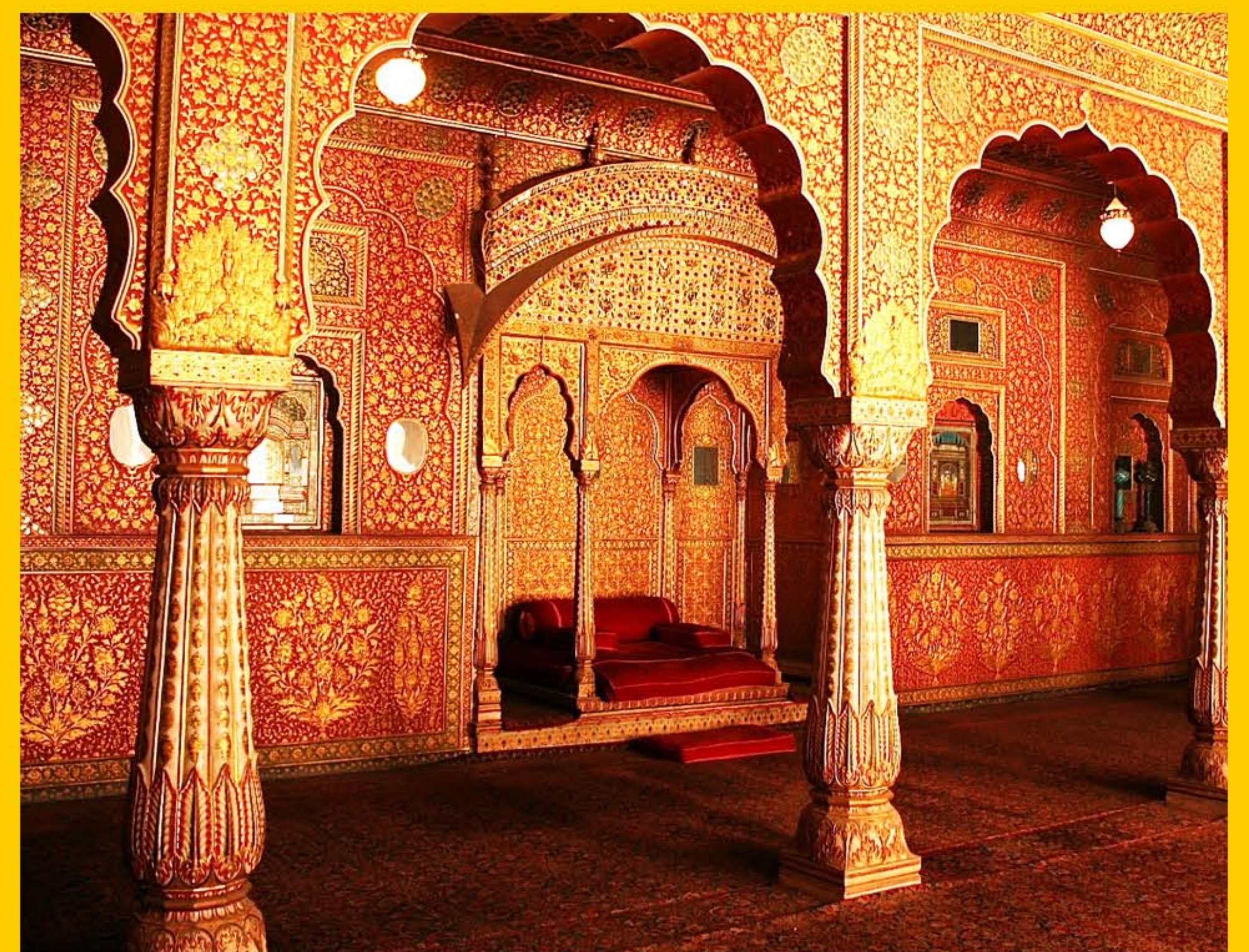
From the unique Buddhist culture of Ladakh, Lahaul & Spiti, to the ancient Hindu villages of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, a wide variety of people inhabit the highlands of India. Our treks, safaris and river expeditions bring you face-to-face with these cultures for a chance to interact with them. This interaction enriches your travel experience with an insight into the life, faith, lifestyle and cultures of these simple hill folks.

RAJASTHAN



India is indeed a kaleidoscopic mix of attractions that simply awe and delight at the same time. Explore Rajasthan - a pulsating pot pourri of art, tradition and folk culture. Rajasthan's royal antecedents make this state with its treasure of forts and palaces a great favorite with tourists. Visit any city in Rajasthan; it will charm you with its wealth of attractions. Impregnable forts and palaces, picturesque lakes, shimmering deserts and exotic wild lives - Rajasthan offers you a heady mix. Tourist attractions in Rajasthan lie in its intriguing heritage, colorful villages and vibrant songs and dances. Explore royal cities steeped in medieval grandeur; ride camels and horses to heritage monuments or camp on a desert carpet under starlit skies as you explore Rajasthan. Rajasthan never ceases to astonish with its seemingly unending wealth of traditional attractions. Do take out time to visit this fascinating state that is indeed an experience you must live at least once in a lifetime.

Monuments of Rajasthan - forts of Rajasthan, palaces of Rajasthan, temples of Rajasthan, observatories of Rajasthan, havelis of Rajasthan etc - are the prime attractions of the state. They seem to quietly unfold the story of Rajasthan before a visiting tourist. They are a standing testimony of an era that was marked by plenty of actions and emotions. Individually too, they have a whole range of interesting aspect that make a visit worthwhile. The architecture, sometimes entirely Rajputana style while at other times displaying a mix with other styles (like Mughal), present an impressive sight from outside. Inside, the splendid interior decor with paintings, mirrorwork, portraits, carvings etc exude a picture postcard beauty.



ROMANCE AND ROYALTY



A land of Forts and Palaces, the state of Rajasthan in India is a traditional desert kingdom replete with sand dunes, wooded hills and amazing lakes, magnificent palaces and rugged forts, men and women in colorful turbans and skirts, bustling cities and quiet villages, camels, elephants and tigers. The Forts and Palaces in Rajasthan rank prime among the manifold tourist attractions in Rajasthan. Standing as a witness to the rich history of the state, are numerous Rajasthan forts.

Rajasthan has till date retained the medieval grandeur wonderfully and the magnificent Forts and Palaces in Rajasthan bear ample testimony to some of the finest creations of Rajput civilization. Rajasthan Forts and Palaces allow visitors to travel back in time to the bygone era of Kings and Queens and to experience the royal luxury and charm of those times and marvel at the magnificent architecture manifested in the palatial palaces and imposing forts of the state.

GOA

Goa, situated on the west coast of India, is one of the most delightful states in India. Formerly a Portuguese colony, it is endowed with variety of attractions, like palm pronged beaches, miles of golden sands, lush green country-side, an incredible mosaic of cultural heritage, magnificent churches, temples, forts and monuments and a unique cultural synthesis of the east and west.

With its tropical climate, Goa is a tourist’s destination for all seasons. Goa’s cities are impressively individual. The capital, Panjim (Panaji), for many, hast the edge over many cities in the country.Replete with colonial architecture, the city is known for its vibrancy that attains its pinnacle in the annual Goa Carnival festival.

GOA Beaches

Goa's beaches cover about 125 kilometres (78 mi) of its coastline. These beaches are divided into North and South Goa. North Goa is more commercial and touristy with an abundance of mostly low and medium budget tourist accommodations; whereas South Goa is where most higher–end hotels and private beaches are located. A notable exception in South Goa is Palolem Beach which features basic accommodation and is one of the most visited beaches in Goa. The further north or south you go, the more isolated the beaches get. Some of the more popular beaches are Colva, Calangute, Baga and Anjuna. These beaches are lined with shacks that provide fresh sea food and drinks. Some shacks arrange special events to attract more customers.



Beaches in Northern Goa	Beaches in Southern Goa
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anjuna• Arambol• Baga• Bambolim• Calangute• Candolim• Chapora• Dona Paula• Miramar• Morjim• Sinquerim• Vagator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agonda• Benaulim• Bogmalo• Canaguinim• Cavelossim• Colva• Majorda• Mobor• Palolem• Varca

Honeymoon



The dazzling mishmash of sun, surf, sand and sea along with multihued carnival, appetizing sea-food, striking vegetation & fauna and a merry blend of Portuguese and Konkani, together make Goa one of India's most romantic honeymoon destinations.

Goa Carnival

Goa Carnival is the eagerly awaited festival of Goa which is usually held for 3 to 4 days. During the days and nights of the Goa Carnival you can notice a great amount of zeal and zest among the people. The streets come alive with colors, lively processions, floats, the strumming of guitars, graceful dances and of non-stop festivity.

During the month of February before Easter, one of the most colorful festival celebrates in Goa is Goa Carnival. Goa Carnival is merry making, feasting, drinking and partying hard. This Carnival is introduced by Portuguese and it means "to take away meat". The carnival gives whole new look to entire Goa and it is 3-4 days and night long non-stop festival. There is lot singing and dancing on various Portuguese and Goanese songs. Dancers wear vibrant customs and dance on the tunes. Singers sing song accompanied with the guitars.





Camp Kanatal Outdoors

KANATAL campsite is gracefully adorned with deluxe weatherproof tents amidst a very tranquil environ. There are a total of 10 heavy duty tents at the moment. More additions are awaited.

The tents are cosy and secure with furnished interiors and attached bathroom with running water. The amenities within the tents include electricity, twin beds with mattress and quilt, bedside table, wall to wall carpet and colourful matted floors.



The entire campsite provides a spectacular panorama of the great Himalayas in the north and the spreading fields and valley in the south. The lawns beside the tents are just perfect for a scintillating beverage.

A Chhaani (cattle shed made of mud, rock and stone slabs) is situated within the campsite vicinity which has been furnished from the interiors to give our guests an experience of a lifetime staying the authentic pahaari way.

Activities -

There is a child in every one of us and that child wants to pop out of our souls every now and then when we are too tied up in city life. Finally, we decide to take that child for an outing but often end up confused as in where to head for. So how about outdoors in the mountains? DAANDHI KAANTHI OUTDOORS ensures adventure activities in and around the campsite and promise to make your trip a memory of lifetime. The activities in and around the campsite includes:

- Outdoor cooking
- Gardening campaigns
- Morning Yoga
- Live folk music around bon-fire
- Trekking
- Narration of ghost stories





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