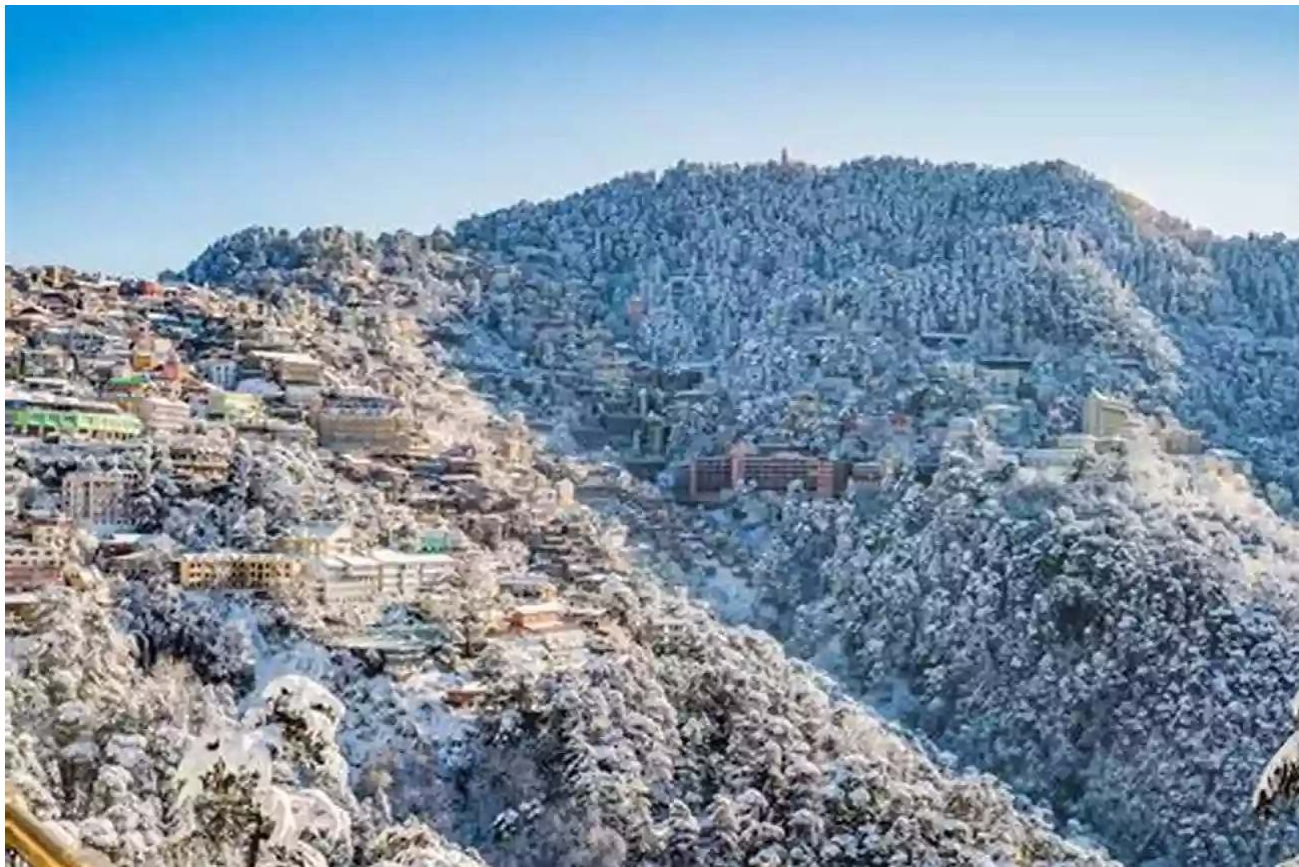


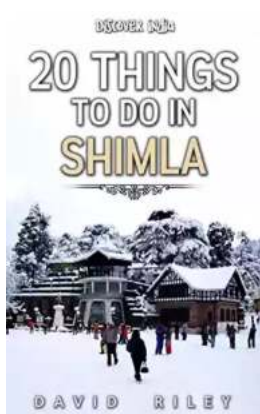
# 20 Things To Do In Shimla - Discover the Beauty of India



Shimla, the capital of Himachal Pradesh, is a charming hill station known for its stunning vistas, colonial architecture, and pleasant climate. Nestled in the Himalayas, this picturesque city offers a plethora of activities and attractions that will leave you mesmerized. Whether you are a nature lover, an adventure enthusiast, or a history buff, Shimla has something for everyone. In this article, we will explore 20 things to do in Shimla that will make your visit to India truly unforgettable.

## 1. Take a leisurely stroll on the Mall Road

Begin your exploration of Shimla by taking a leisurely stroll on the famous Mall Road. This lively street is lined with shops, cafes, and restaurants, offering a perfect blend of local flavors and international cuisine. Indulge in some shopping for handicrafts, woolens, and traditional artifacts, or simply soak in the vibrant ambiance of this iconic destination.



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## 2. Visit Jakhu Temple

Make your way to Jakhu Temple, perched on top of Jakhu Hill. Dedicated to Lord Hanuman, this temple offers panoramic views of the city and the surrounding mountains. Trek through the lush forests to reach the summit and pay your respects at this sacred site.

## 3. Explore Christ Church

A visit to Shimla is incomplete without exploring Christ Church, one of the most prominent landmarks in the city. Admire the neo-Gothic architecture of this

historical church and soak in the tranquil atmosphere. Step inside to witness beautiful stained glass windows and intricate wooden craftsmanship.

#### **4. Ride the Toy Train to Kalka**

Embark on a memorable journey aboard the UNESCO World Heritage-listed toy train from Shimla to Kalka. This scenic rail route passes through tunnels, bridges, and valleys, offering breathtaking views of the mountains. The slow pace of the toy train allows you to savor the beauty of the surroundings.

#### **5. Immerse in nature at Chadwick Falls**

Escape the city hustle and immerse yourself in the serenity of Chadwick Falls. Located amidst dense forests, this cascading waterfall is a sight to behold. Take a walk through the tranquil surroundings and let the mist from the falls refresh your senses.

#### **6. Indulge in adventure activities at Kufri**

Head to Kufri, a small hill station near Shimla, to engage in thrilling adventure activities. Enjoy skiing during the winter months or go hiking and horse riding during the summer. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, Kufri is a paradise for adventure seekers.

#### **7. Visit the Viceregal Lodge**

Explore the grandeur of the Viceregal Lodge, also known as Rashtrapati Niwas. This magnificent building was once the summer residence of British viceroys and now serves as the Indian Institute of Advanced Study. Marvel at its architectural beauty and wander through the lush gardens that surround it.

#### **8. Experience the Shimla Ice Skating Rink**

For a unique experience, visit the Shimla Ice Skating Rink, the oldest natural ice rink in India. Enjoy ice skating or simply watch the locals display their skills. The rink also hosts the annual Ice Skating Carnival, attracting skaters from all over the country.

## **9. Discover the Shaily Peak**

Trek to the scenic Shaily Peak and admire the panoramic views it offers. Located at an altitude of 2,748 meters, this peak provides an excellent vantage point to observe the beauty of Shimla from above. Carry a picnic basket and enjoy a peaceful lunch amidst the awe-inspiring surroundings.

## **10. Go shopping at Lakkar Bazaar**

Explore the bustling Lakkar Bazaar, known for its wooden handicrafts. Indulge in some retail therapy as you browse through a variety of souvenirs, decorative items, and traditional wooden artwork. Don't forget to pick up a handcrafted walking stick as a unique memoir of your trip.

## **11. Visit the Himalayan Bird Park**

Encounter the exotic bird species of the Himalayas at the Himalayan Bird Park. Located near the Mall Road, this aviary is home to a wide variety of colorful birds. Walk through the park and observe the vibrant plumage of these beautiful creatures.

## **12. Explore the Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex**

Step back in time as you explore the Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex. This Victorian-style theater and museum host various cultural events and exhibitions. Admire the intricate architecture and witness the rich cultural heritage of Shimla.

## **13. Pay homage at the Tara Devi Temple**

Visit the Tara Devi Temple, located on top of a hill, and seek blessings from the goddess. Marvel at the beautiful surroundings and enjoy the panoramic views of the Shivalik Range. Capture the beauty of the temple and the surrounding mountains in your camera.

#### **14. Walk through Annandale**

Take a leisurely walk through Annandale, a picturesque ground surrounded by deodar trees. This well-maintained green expanse offers breathtaking views of the mountains. You can also engage in activities like golf, cricket, and polo at the Annandale Golf Club.

#### **15. Seek spirituality at the Kali Bari Temple**

Seek solace and spirituality at the Kali Bari Temple, dedicated to Goddess Kali. Situated near the Mall Road, this temple attracts devotees from all over the region. Participate in the evening aarti and soak in the divine energy.

#### **16. Enjoy a picnic at Summer Hill**

Spend a leisurely day at Summer Hill, a quaint town located on the outskirts of Shimla. Pack a picnic basket and enjoy a family outing amidst the lush greenery. The tranquil surroundings and pleasant weather make Summer Hill an ideal spot for relaxation.

#### **17. Visit the State Museum**

Discover the rich history and culture of Himachal Pradesh at the State Museum. Located in a colonial building, this museum houses a vast collection of artifacts, paintings, and sculptures. Learn about the history of Shimla and its ancient traditions.

#### **18. Explore the Himalayan Nature Park**

Embark on a wildlife adventure at the Himalayan Nature Park, located near Kufri. This sprawling park is home to a variety of Himalayan flora and fauna, including endangered species like the Snow Leopard and Tibetan Wolf. Take a guided tour and get up close with nature.

## 19. Visit the Shimla Water Catchment Wildlife Sanctuary

Explore the Shimla Water Catchment Wildlife Sanctuary and witness the diversity of the region. This sanctuary is home to a wide array of animals, including leopards, barking deer, and Himalayan black bears. Take a guided safari and experience the thrill of spotting wildlife in their natural habitat.

## 20. Enjoy the warmth of The Ridge

End your Shimla journey by spending some time at The Ridge, a popular open space in the heart of the city. Enjoy the panoramic views of the snow-covered mountains and soak in the vibrant atmosphere. Take a leisurely walk or enjoy street performances and cultural events that often take place here.

, Shimla is a treasure trove of breathtaking sights, adventure activities, and serene spots that will captivate your senses. Whether you want to immerse yourself in nature, explore historical landmarks, or indulge in adventure sports, Shimla has it all. Plan your trip to this enchanting hill station and discover the beauty of India like never before!

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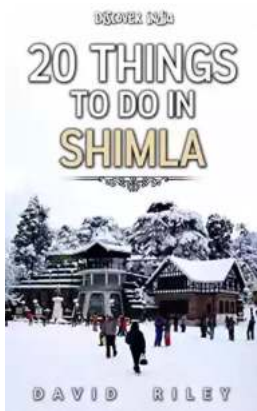
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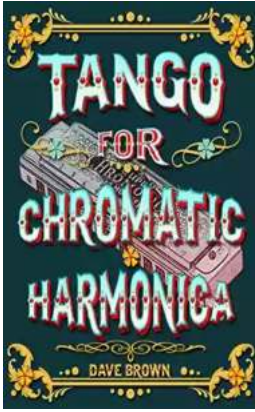
Shimla has a lot of things to offer; from snow-covered mountains to breath-taking lakes and alluring greenery. It is quite often nicknamed as the queen of hill-stations and has a sense of magic in its air that can make anyone fall in love with the city in an instant.

Apart from the many places to see in Shimla, it also consists of several weekend getaways in the form of Chail, Fagu and Kufri; as well as several other destinations, all in the midst of the beautiful Himachal valleys.

So read the book, pack your bags and see it all for yourself; and capture the beauty of Shimla with the most powerful lenses in the world, your eyes!

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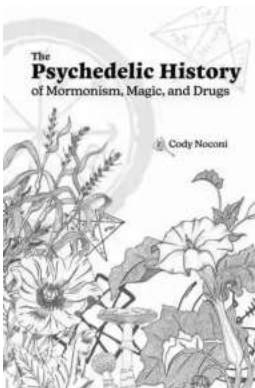
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