

# Filmmaking **RETREAT**

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a white tank top and blue shorts, sitting in a green folding chair on a rocky, dry hillside. She is looking through the viewfinder of a smartphone, capturing a wide-angle shot of a vast, rolling landscape with hills and fields stretching into the distance under a clear, slightly hazy sky.

with **LOST TRAILS & RONIT BATRA**



## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

WHEN: 4-5-6 JULY, 2025

WHERE: SHOJA

### 📍 STUNNING LOCATIONS

Shoja, Raghupur Fort, Jibhi Village & riverside – remote, scenic backdrops for every frame.

### 🎬 LEARN BY DOING

Hands-on mobile filmmaking sessions guided by mentors.

### 👥 INTIMATE COMMUNITY

Max 20 participants, real conversations, creative collaboration.

### 🏡 IMMERSIVE STAYS

Cozy cabins, rustic cafés, and local meals in the heart of Himachal.

### 🎉 CELEBRATE STORIES

Challenges, prizes, screenings, and fireside storytelling.

### 🌲 NATURE & CREATIVITY

Forest walks, waterfalls, and stargazing sessions spark fresh ideas.





# Day 1

## Arrival & Visual Foundations



### 08:00 AM – Journey to Shoja

The day begins with a scenic drive from Aut Tunnel, winding through lush hills and pine-lined roads. The comfortable coach ride includes stops along the way to soak in the mountain views and set the mood for the creative days ahead.



### 11:00 AM – Check-In & Welcome

Participants arrive at the retreat site and settle into their rooms. Registration, refreshments, and the distribution of retreat kits—including a detailed schedule, map, and local tips—help ease everyone into the experience.



### 12:30 PM – Icebreaker Lunch

A hearty Himalayan meal sets the tone as everyone gets introduced in a relaxed and warm setting, breaking the ice over local flavors and shared excitement.



### 01:30 PM – Team-Building Activities

A few fun, informal group challenges bring participants together and spark the early bonds of teamwork and collaboration.



# Day 1 Arrival & Visual Foundations



## 02:00 PM – Session 1: Mobile Videography Basics – Ghar 1964

Set in the cozy café space of Ghar 1964, this hands-on session introduces mobile framing, focus, and steady-shot techniques. Participants begin experimenting with their phones as storytelling tools.



## 03:30 PM – Community Art Workshop – Manzaana

At Manzaana, a quaint, creative space, participants come together to create a collaborative art piece that encourages free expression and group synergy.



## 05:30 PM – Session 2: Advanced Mobile Techniques – 360 Sunset Point

During a gentle forest walk to the breathtaking 360 Sunset Point, this session dives into manual controls, hyperlapse, and slow-motion shooting—all using natural light during golden hour.



## 07:00 PM – Legends of Lost Trails

As night falls, participants gather for an interactive storytelling activity, drawing from local legends to co-create a collaborative narrative that continues to evolve throughout the retreat.



## 08:15 PM – Dinner & Stargazing Tips

Dinner features locally sourced cuisine served under the stars. The day winds down with a light session on stargazing and capturing the night sky through mobile lenses.





## NEW BEGINNINGS IN THE HILLS

The first day sets the tone for **creativity and connection**. As we drive up winding mountain roads, the landscape unfolds like a film reel—each turn a new shot. After settling in, a warm meal and lively introductions spark the first bonds. From **learning framing techniques at Ghar 1964** to **creating a collaborative art piece at Manzaana**, the day flows with hands-on energy. We end with a **golden-hour session at 360 Sunset Point** and a **storytelling circle** that blurred the line between myth and memory!





# Day 2

## Capture, Compete & Create



### 06:00 AM – Sunrise Photowalk – Shoja Waterfall

The day kicks off with a peaceful morning walk through Shoja's village lanes, ending at the picturesque Shoja Waterfall. With guided prompts, participants capture the quiet beauty of dawn, experimenting with light and composition in real-time.



### 08:00 AM – Breakfast

A mountain-style breakfast fuels the group for a packed day ahead, with fresh local ingredients and warm morning energy.



### 09:30 AM – 2-Hour Filmmaking Challenge – Raghupur Fort

In small teams, participants head out to the majestic Raghupur Fort to create short cinematic stories within a limited timeframe. The challenge is designed to push creative limits while staying nimble and focused.



### 12:30 PM – Lunch & Upload Break – Blee Blu

Back at the cozy café Blee Blu, everyone enjoys a relaxed lunch while uploading footage and sharing quick behind-the-scenes moments from their morning shoots.



# Day 2 Capture, Compete & Create



## 02:00 PM – Session 3: Editing Basics – Blee Blu

The café turns into a creative lounge as this session dives into trimming, color correction, and sound design using mobile editing apps—helping transform raw clips into compelling edits.



## 04:00 PM – Super-Short Film Task – Jibhi Village & Riverside

With a fresh prompt in hand, teams travel to Jibhi's vibrant village lanes and riverside trails to craft a 60-second story from concept to first cut. The natural setting and time limit encourage quick decision-making and imaginative shooting.



## 07:30 PM – Awards & Hampers

Everyone regroups to celebrate the best creations of the day, with shout-outs, prizes, and lots of applause for standout visuals and storytelling moments.



## 08:15 PM – Dinner & Fireside Stories

The day closes with a hearty meal and laughter around the fire as participants share stories, bloopers, and triumphs from their filmmaking journey.





## ACTION, IMPROV & IMAGINATION

Day two dives straight into **movement and momentum**. We begin with a crisp **morning photowalk to Shoja's cascading waterfall**—light slicing through mist as shutters click. At **Raghupur Fort**, teams hustle through the **2-hour filmmaking challenge**, shaping wild ideas into tight stories. A **cozy editing session at Bleu Blu** brings focus and finesse, before we head to **Jibhi's riverside to shoot our 60-second film prompts**. The day wraps with **fireside screenings, shared laughter, and stories as vivid as the visuals we've just created**.



# Day 3 Practice, Reflect & Depart



## 07:00 AM – Open-Shoot Hour

The morning begins with a self-guided session, giving participants the freedom to revisit favorite spots or chase the perfect sunrise B-roll. It's a quiet window to reflect and create without structure.



## 08:30 AM – Breakfast

A laid-back breakfast is served, featuring fresh local produce and plenty of time to soak in the last morning in Shoja.



## 09:30 AM – Skill-Swap & Q&A Circle

An informal gathering where participants exchange editing tricks, mobile gear hacks, and future project ideas. It's a space for open learning, curiosity, and creative generosity.



## 11:30 AM – Certification Ceremony

Certificates of participation are handed out in a warm group moment, followed by a final group photo—equal parts pride and nostalgia.



## 12:30 PM – Farewell Lunch

The final feast brings everyone together one last time, with shared social handles, footage folders, and promises to stay in touch.



## 02:00 PM – Closing

As the bus winds back down from Shoja, cameras are packed, but memories stay vivid—each frame captured now part of something bigger.





## REFLECTION, CONNECTION & CLOSURE

The final day eases into **quiet moments and open skies**. As golden light washes over the hills, participants revisit favorite spots or **catch those last dreamy B-rolls**. Over breakfast, casual Q&As spark skill swaps and future collaborations. The **certification circle brings smiles, applause, and a sense of earned accomplishment**. As we share our final meal and exchange reels, laughter, and contact info, the ride back feels less like a goodbye—and more like a **wrap on the first chapter of many creative journeys ahead**.



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