

## Travel Itinerary

OK, here's a possible 2-day itinerary from RKL (assuming you mean Rourkela, Odisha) to Manali within a tight budget of Rs. 4555. This is EXTREMELY challenging, and assumes the budget is ONLY for travel from RKL to Manali excluding food, accommodation and activities in Manali itself. This also assumes you are VERY frugal and travel solo. It prioritizes getting to Manali and sacrificing comfort.

### Important Considerations Before Starting:

This is a Bare Minimum Budget: Rs. 4555 is very low for this journey. Be prepared for significant discomfort and compromises. Expect long hours on buses, minimal food expenses, and no sightseeing beyond the views from your transportation.

Booking in Advance is Crucial: Prices fluctuate, especially for longer journeys. Book bus/train tickets as early as possible to secure the lowest fares.

Flexibility is Key: Delays are possible. Have backup plans and be prepared to adapt your schedule.

Safety First: Prioritize your safety. Avoid traveling alone at night in unfamiliar areas. Keep your belongings secure.

No Accommodation Included: This itinerary focuses SOLELY on getting from RKL to Manali. It does NOT include any money for hotels/guesthouses/hostels. You are expected to arrange accommodation separately OR factor sleeping on buses/trains into your plan.

Food Not Included: This itinerary doesn't include food costs. You'll need to budget separately and eat extremely frugally (e.g., packed snacks, cheap street food only).

This is Just a Skeleton: This is a bare-bones outline. You'll need to fill in the details with specific bus/train routes, timings, and booking.

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### Day 1: Rourkela to Delhi (Overnight Travel)

Morning: Start very early. Rourkela does not have direct flights to Bhuntar. You'll need to use train or bus.

Travel: Book a train from Rourkela (ROU) to Delhi (NDLS/ANVT). Attempt to book a sleeper class ticket (approx. Rs. 800 - Rs. 1200 depending on availability). This journey takes roughly 24-30 hours.

Evening: Overnight train journey.

### Day 2: Delhi to Manali (Overnight Travel)

Morning: Arrive in Delhi.

Afternoon: Transfer from the train station to a bus stand (Kashmere Gate ISBT is the most common). Use public transport (metro) or a shared auto-rickshaw (approx. Rs. 50 - Rs. 100) to save money.

Evening: Book an overnight HRTC (Himachal Road Transport Corporation) bus from Delhi to Manali. Aim for a non-AC, ordinary bus to minimize costs (approx. Rs. 800 - Rs. 1200). Private Volvos will be significantly more expensive.

Night: Overnight bus journey to Manali (approx. 12-14 hours).

### Estimated Expenses:

Rourkela to Delhi Train (Sleeper): Rs. 1000 (estimated average)

Delhi Train Station to Bus Stand: Rs. 100

Delhi to Manali HRTC Bus (Ordinary): Rs. 1200

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Total: Rs. 2300

Remaining Budget: Rs. 4555 - Rs. 2300 = Rs. 2255

Potential Further Cost Considerations and Using the Remaining Budget:

Buffer: It's essential to have a buffer for unexpected expenses or delays. Allocate at least Rs. 500 from the remaining budget for this.

Food/Water: This is not included in the above calculations. Bring your own snacks/water to avoid expensive purchases.

Local transport in Manali: Assume zero budget. Be prepared to walk everywhere.

Important Notes:

Check Train and Bus Availability and Prices in Advance: Use IRCTC (Indian Railways) and HRTC websites (or online travel aggregators) to check real-time availability and prices before committing to this plan.

This is a VERY Basic Itinerary: This itinerary prioritizes transportation and sacrifices comfort and any activities. You'll need to be prepared for long travel times and basic conditions.

Contingency Plan: Have a contingency plan in case of train/bus cancellations or delays.

Personal Safety: Be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas like train stations and bus stands. Keep your belongings secure.

Health: Carry any necessary medications and be prepared for potential altitude sickness in Manali.

This itinerary gets you to Manali within the absolute bare minimum budget, but it requires careful

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planning, advance booking, and a willingness to compromise on comfort and other expenses. Be prepared for a challenging but potentially rewarding journey.

Good luck!