

HOW TO GET TO INDIA? HOW TO GET TO SHIMLA-TRANSFERS

The best and the fastest way to get to India is by air. Flights are available to New Delhi from almost anywhere in the world. The riders can then take another flight to Chandigarh or alternatively do a train journey or road journey to Shimla. The port of entry in India should be New Delhi which offers the maximum possible options to reach Shimla (which will be the start point of the race).

Shimla as a town is setup in the Shivalik hills of the Himalayas. The town is situated at an altitude of 7200 ft (2150 m above sea level). As a town Shimla boasts of a rich history and exquisite nature. It served as the erstwhile capital of the British Raj in India, in summers. Also known as the summer capital of India, Shimla offers a beautiful mix of modernity as well history. You can almost smell the grandeur of the British Raj walking through the densely covered pine forests. An evening walk on the mall road which has served as the centre of the town for centuries will leave you enchanted!

Entry into India - New Delhi

Closest Airport to Shimla - Chandigarh

Chandigarh to Shimla Distance by road - 115 km

Delhi to Shimla Distance by road - 350 km

The multiple options to get to Shimla are:

1. Delhi to Shimla by **road**

You can either take Volvo/ AC Semi Sleeper buses from *Mandi House* to *Shimla* or a cab from the airport straight to Shimla. The bus will cost you \$15 per person whereas the cab will cost you nearly \$150. An average of 3 persons can travel in a cab with their bikes.

Cab recommended – *Toyota Innova*. (We can arrange Bus bookings as well as cab pickups for riders as and when they need)

2. Delhi to Shimla by **rail**: The travellers can take the *Shatabdi train* or the *Himalayan queen* to Kalka and then take the toy train from Kalka to Shimla. The rail route between Kalka and Shimla is a UNESCO World Heritage and an engineering feat. It boasts of 103 tunnels cut through the Shivaliks over an 80 km stretch. An incredibly beautiful rail route is a major tourist attraction in the region and is definitely worth doing. It might take you a couple of hours extra as compared to a road ride but we vouch for the natural beauty to see over the 80 km.

3. Chandigarh to Shimla by **road** - Chandigarh to Shimla by road is 115 km and cab will charge you nearly \$50 and will get you to Shimla in around 3 hours. It's a hilly road and people who get motion sickness are advised to take medication atleast 30 minutes before starting the journey.

WHERE TO STAY?

1. In Delhi - Multiple hotels close to the airport in *Aerocity* offer very modern and western accommodation. We highly recommend *Hotel Ibis* near the airport. It has a swimming pool, Free Wifi and very friendly staff.
Delhi has innumerable hotels and the riders can book a place according to their needs. TripAdvisor, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com), OYO Rooms all are trustworthy websites that help you choose hostels according to your budget.
2. In Shimla - The race will offer you accommodation starting from 24th September till 3rd October. Any days other than this we recommend that you make your relevant bookings.
We recommend the following places :
 - Hotel Woodville Palace
 - Hotel East Bourne
 - Hotel Willow Banks
 - Hotel Marina
 - Hotel Combermere

WHEN TO GO?

We recommend that the riders should ideally get to Shimla by the 20th September. They should get acclimatised to the altitude and maybe get some miles on their bikes in the region. Shimla has all kind of riding trails - From single track to jeep tracks to tarmac climbs.

The racing begins on the 25th, hence all riders must report **LATEST by 24th Morning** in Shimla.

Please see that accommodation and food etc before the 25th must be paid by the riders.

Our representatives can make relevant bookings for you on request and will be present to receive and guide you in Shimla

CURRENCY

We recommend that riders must carry Indian rupees with them. The only accepted currency will be the Indian Rupee. You can easily get money exchanged from either the airport or enters in both Delhi and Shimla. We recommend you carry - American Dollar, British Pound or the Euro from your country as it is easy to get them converted into Indian rupee.

PLACES TO VISIT

1. In New Delhi : Lodhi Gardens, Lal Qila(Red Fort), Old Delhi, Jama Masjid, Hauz Khas Village, Qutub Minar, Lotus Temple, Akshardham Temple
2. Close to Delhi - Agra(Taj Mahal) , Rajasthan - Jaipur, Bangarh, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Rishikesh, Haridwar
3. In Shimla - Viceregal Lodge, Wild Flower Hall, The Mall Shimla, Shimla Museum, Walks around the forest road, Jakhoo Temple, Hike to Tara Devi Temple

From	To	Mode	Time	Cost	Comments
Delhi	Shimla	Train	10 hours	\$20	
Delhi	Shimla	Road/Bus	10 hours	\$15	Highly Recommended Mode
Delhi	Shimla	Road/Cab	8 hours	\$150	
Chadigarh	Shimla	Train	6 hours	\$10	Highly Recommended Mode
Chandigarh	Shimla	Road/Cab	3 hours	\$50	Highly Recommended Mode

Places that can be explored	Cafes recommended in the place	Other Landmarks	Distance from Delhi
Shimla	Cafe Sol (Drinks and Continental) ; Cafe Shimla Times (Drinks and Continental) ; Wake and Bake (Continental) ; Indian Coffee House ; Hotel Holiday home (Indian Food) ; Honey Hut ; Davicos (Indian Food) ; Baljees (Indian Food)	Viceregal Lodge , Jakhoo Temple, Shimla Mall, Forest road walks, The mall Shimla	350 km ; 10 hours
Agra	See Travel Websites	Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri	3 hours by road
Rishikesh	The Beatles Cafe, Ganga Kinare, Royal Cafe, German Bakery, Cafe Nirvana	Lakshman Jhula, Triveni Ghat arti, Ram Jhula, Parmarth Ashram, Rafting in Shimpuri, Rajaji National Park	6 hours by road/train
Delhi	See travel websites : The Lodhi, Khan Chacha , A lot of places in Khan Market, Cyber Hub Gurgaon, Hauz Khas Village	Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Akshardham temple, Lotus Temple, Hauz Khas village, Lodhi Garden	Depends on the location within Delhi