Dalhousie; A must visit in the Himanchal Pradesh

There are many hill stations in India to visit, and among which there is a Hill station with the name Dalhousie. Dalhousie Town was named after The Earl of Dalhousie, who was the British Governor-General in India.

## About Dalhousie -

This Hill Station was found in the year 1854 by the British Government. Dalhousie is a hill station in Chamba District, in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. Dalhousie has a humid subtropical climate. It is situated with an elevation of 1,970 m (6,470 ft) above sea level. Dalhousie is spread over the five hills of Kathlog, Potreyn, Terah, Bakrota, and Bhangora.

## History:

Dalhousie came into existence in the year 1854 when it received five hills- Balloon, Potriyan, Kathal, Tehri, and Bakrota from the Raja of Chamba during the British rule. Dalhousie, a beautiful city, is situated on these hills. Dalhousie earlier came under Gurdaspur of Punjab but joined Chamba in Himachal Pradesh at the reorganization of Himachal Pradesh in 1966. The city was named after "Lord Dalhousie," the then Viceroy of India, in 1854 at the behest of "Sir Lord MacLeod." You will be surprised to know that Lord Dalhousie never visited Dalhousie. In 1959, Tibetan refugees settled in Dalhousie. In 1962, 1988, Dalai Lama also visited Dalhousie. Today, Dalhousie is known as a famous tourist destination all over the world.

## The specialty of Dalhousie -

The weather of Dalhousie is very attractive; the traveler can get in love with this place. If someone wants to leave alone without any disturbance, then Dalhousie is the best place to visit. During the winter season, you can see a Snowfall in Dalhousie.

## Dalhousie's main dish:

Just as this place is full of natural beauty, it is also known for its delicious cuisine. Here you can find delicious Tibetan dishes such as Gyurma and Thenthuk, the famous dishes here.

## How to reach Dalhousie -

One can reach Dalhousie by Air, Rail, or Road. If we are traveling by air, the nearest domestic airport is Gaggal Airport (Kangra) which is 130 km away from Dalhousie. Outside the airport, you can take a cab/taxi or bus services to reach Dalhousie.

Major cities like Delhi, Jaipur, Ahmadabad, and Jodhpur are connected directly to Pathankot. If someone is traveling from Rail, then Pathankhot railway station is the nearest railhead to Dalhousie. You can hire a private taxi from outside the railway station to reach Dalhousie, which takes approximately 3 hours.

If someone is traveling from Road, you can take a private cab or bus services to reach Dalhousie.

## Languages & Best Time to Visit in Dalhousie -

In Dalhousie, the common languages spoken are English, Hindi, and Pahari. Due to a moderate climate, Dalhousie can be visited any time with your family and friends. During Winter Season, the temperature in Dalhousie remains between 10° C to 1° C. During summer; the temperature remains below 35°C.

In Dalhousie, there is no major event and festivals, but still, local people celebrate their religious festivals every year with great enthusiasm.

## Tourist Attractions in Dalhousie -

Dalhousie is famous for its beauty and attractive tourist places around. You can also take part in many adventure activities along with seeing the tourist places here. Here we are telling you about five major tourist places of Dalhousie where you must visit. If you want peace, scenic beauty, valleys, and snow-capped mountains all in one, then it is the best place to visit Dalhousie.

## Khajjiar:

Khajjar is a beautiful tourist attraction of Dalhousie. It is a small town located near Dalhousie. People also know it as "Mini Switzerland" of India. Many people have been impressed by the beauty of this place; even this place was an example of beauty for the Mughals and Rajputs. It is situated at an altitude of 6500 feet above sea level. Tourists come here and get lost in the beauty of this place. You will also find a huge nine-hole golf course here. The greenery here is very attractive. The tourists and the local people very much like the lake of Khajjiar. You will find many adventure options here. Here you can enjoy fun activities like zorbing and trekking.

## Chamera Lake:

Chamera Lake, located 35 km from Dalhousie, is built on the Ravi River near the Chamera Dam. Chamera Dam, built on the Ravi river, was constructed under the hydroelectric scheme, and due to this, Chamera Lake was also formed. The height of Chamera Lake is only 226 meters (741 feet) above sea level.

Chamera Lake, located near Dalhousie, is situated in the foothills of the Himalayas. Being situated in the valley, the natural scenery around Chamera Lake is also very beautiful. There is also a dense forest of Bhandal valley near the lake and dam; huge deodar trees are also planted in these dense forests of Bhandal valley. Various types of water sports facilities are available here for the tourists visiting Chamera Lake.

Water sports like canoeing, river rafting, motor boating, and kayaking are very much liked by the tourists. Apart from water sports, you can also enjoy trekking and picnic in the jungle here. The ancient Bheli temple located near Chamera Lake is also considered a great center of faith among tourists.

## Sathdhara Waterfall

The Satdhara waterfall is located in the Chamba Valley in Himachal Pradesh, surrounded by spectacular views of snow-capped mountains and fresh deodar trees. 'Satdhara' means seven springs; this waterfall is named Satdhara because of the water of seven beautiful springs coming together. The water of these springs meets at a point 2036 meters above the sea. This place is a special place for those who want to experience peace by getting away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Satdhara Falls is also known for its medicinal properties as mica is found in the water here, which can cure skin diseases.

If you are looking for a good place to visit near Dalhousie, then Satdhara Falls is a good place for you. It is known as 'Gandak' in the local language. The water here is crystal clear and pure. When the water droplets of the majestic Satdhara Falls bounce on the rocks, they delight the tourists immensely. Here the scent of soil moistened with water refreshes the air. The view around Satdhara Falls impresses the visitors immensely with its grandeur. Always keep in mind these points while visiting this place-

* Wear shoes that give you good grip and comfort as rocks are slippery with moss.
* Must see the sunset from Satdhara waterfalls!
* Don't forget to bring a camera with you.

## Ganji Hills:

Ganji hill is a very beautiful place of Dalhousie, situated at a distance of 5 km from Dalhousie city on Pathankot road, attracting the tourists who come here. Ganji hill is known for its main feature. The name of this hill is Ganji hill because there is no vegetation of any kind here. The route for this trek starts from Panchpula, leads to the top of the hill.

Ganji hill is known for its environment and natural beauty. The view of sunset and sunrise from here provides a very attractive and thrilling view to the tourists. In this place, you can spend time with your friends and family members. This is a very good ideal place for tourists visiting Dalhousie.

The natural beauty provides an extremely thrilling trek to the tourists who come here. During the winter season, the same area is covered in a thick layer of snow. And which presents a panoramic view to the tourists who come here. If you have to trek in this place, you should take a local guide with you as the guide will show you the safe and thrilling scene. You may have trouble finding them. The weather in this place is quite pleasant during summers.

Chamunda Devi Temple Dalhousie-

If you have come to visit Dalhousie, you must take the time to visit the ancient Chamunda Devi located at a distance of 130 km from Dalhousie. Situated near the Baner River, this ancient temple is believed to be more than 700 years old. Built entirely of wood, this temple is situated in the dense forests of Patidar and Lahla; this temple was built in 1762 by the then ruler Umaid Singh.

Chamunda Devi Temple is considered to be a big center of Hindu faith in Himachal. Every year thousands of devotees come to see the Goddess Kali established in the temple. Touching the deity of Goddess Kali installed in the temple is strictly prohibited. For this reason, red clothes are worn to the deity of Goddess Kali so that no person can touch the idol of Goddess Kali in the temple.

Apart from the deity of Goddess Kali, the Shivling of Lord Shiva has also been installed inside the temple. For this reason, this temple is also known as Chamunda Nandikeshwar Temple. To protect the temple, idols of Hanumanji and Bhairavnath have been installed at the temple's main entrance. Hanumanji and Bhairavnath are believed to be the protectors of Goddess Kali. This temple is dedicated to Goddess Kali, the fierce incarnation of Goddess Durga.

## Dainkund Hills;

Dainkund Peak is also known as Singing Hill. This place is located in Dalhousie at an altitude of 2755 meters above sea level. This place is the highest in Dalhousie. From the top of this place, you can get amazing views of the valleys and mountains. For nature lovers, the serene place is like heaven. Dainkund is famous for its beautiful snow-capped peaks and lush green surroundings. Dainkund Peak attracts a large number of tourists from all over the country every year. It receives maximum snowfall during the winter season.

Although there is a motorway to reach this hill, tourists can cover this distance by trekking and can see many astonishing natural scenes on the way. Here the natural charm of Khajjar Lake is located in the Hariyali Beach, and the panoramic view of the mud houses gives great pleasure to the eyes of the tourists. Let us tell you that Dainkund Peak is one of the most visited places in Dalhousie, such a fascinating view of Khajjiar Lake is seen from Dainkund that everyone tries to capture in their camera.

## The Mall Road-

The full name of Mall Road Market in Dalhousie is Mall Road Gandhi Chowk. It is one of the most suitable places to buy handmade products of Himachal Pradesh. The handmade warm clothes and khadi wears found in Mall Road are very much liked by the tourists. Dalhousie does not have a mall road like Manali and Shimla.

The Gandhi Chowk market here is also known as Mall Road. The beauty of this market is worth seeing in the evening. If you have come to visit Dalhousie with your family or friends, then in the evening you can enjoy eating street food in the Mall Road Market of Dalhousie.

Mall Road, located in Dalhousie, is one of the most suitable places for shopping, street food, photography, and relaxing with your loved ones. You can also buy dolls made in Dalhousie here very comfortably from this market. From this market, you can get a very beautiful view of the mountain range of Pir Panjal.

## St. John's Church Dalhousie-

St. John's Church, built in the British architectural style. The building is a fine example of Victorian-era buildings that were built in 1863. This church is quite old, which shows the historical importance of the region. The foundation of the church was laid during British rule by fanatical missionaries. Special prayers are organized every Sunday in the church. Churchgoers, history lovers, and those who are fond of reading religious books must visit this church. The Old Library of St. John's Church houses rare photographs and many old books. This church is located at a distance of 2 km from the main bus stand of Dalhousie. This place is very charming. This church is located near Gandhi Chowk in Dalhousie.