Best places to visit in Kangra

Kangra is one of the preeminent places to spend vacations in Himanchal Pradesh. Kangra is well-known as Devbhumi. The spectacular natural beauty of Kangra is a sight to behold throughout the year. People who come here get inner peace. Located in Himachal Pradesh, this place is always green and mesmerizing to the people. Here you can not only visit the magnificent natural site but also enjoy many fantastic manufacture attractions. So let's start exploring the wonders present in this beautiful hill town. Kangra is also famous as residence to the Katoch Empire, one of the oldest royal dynasties in the globe. Today in this article you will know some interesting things about Kangra and some of the major attractions there-

## Demographics-

Dharamshala, a beautiful place, is the headquarters of the Kangra district. Whose height is 1597 meters above sea level. Its area is 5739 square kilometers. Kangra is not a small town or city; this place is the largest district of Himachal Pradesh by population. Some statistics of Kangra district:

* Population 15,07,223
* Population Density 263
* Literacy rate 86%
* Sex Ratio 1013

## History of Kangra

Kangra was earlier known as Trigarta. It was the oldest princely state of Himachal, with Nagarkot as its capital. The princely state of Trigarta was founded by Susharma Chandra. It was Susharma Chandra who got the Nagarkot fort built.

Firoz Shah Tughlaq attacked in 1365 AD. 1009 AD Mahmud Ghaznabi attacked Trigart, and in 1337 AD, Muhammad bin Tughlaq attacked in this place. In 1540 AD, Sher Shah Suri attacked, and in 1620 AD, Jahangir attacked the fort of Kangra. In 1809, the Jwalamukhi Treaty was signed between Maharaja Ranjit Singh and Sansar Chand.

Kangra was part of Punjab from 1864 to 1 November 1966, after that Kangra was merged with Himachal Pradesh. Kangra district came into its existence on 1 September 1972. After some time, Una, Hamirpur districts were created by dividing the Kangra district into three parts.

## How to reach Kangra?

Kangra is about 450 km from New Delhi, so traveling by bus is the best way to reach Kangra. Another major city near Kangra is Chandigarh, which is about 6-7 hours away. The roads are well built, which are good for a pleasant road trip.

## By Train-

Kangra doesn’t have a railway station. The nearest railway station of Kangra District is Pathankot. The distance between Pathankot railway station and Kangra is approximately 86 km. Mukarian Railway Station is the nearest railway station which is 30 km away from Kangra town. Kangra Valley Express is the best train option for the tourists who are visiting this area. This train is operated between Pathankot and Bajinath.

## By Bus-

From Kanpur and Delhi, you can choose between buses that leave for Kangra. You will find many buses at a regular interval. If you want, you can also take a Volvo bus ride. These buses are not only comfortable but also have a planned stoppage. Those passengers who do not want to compromise on their comfort zone can travel in luxury buses. Your enjoyment will increase by traveling by luxury buses.

## By Air-

The nearby airport of Kangra, is the Gaggal airport. This airport is 7 km away from the district. Gaggal airport is linked to different urban cities. You can take a flight at regular intervals. SpiceJet and Air India flights can easily take you to Kangra. Airlines like Indigo and Jet Airways also offer connecting flights to Gaggal airport from some major cities. If you live in a city like Mumbai and Kolkata, it is best to travel by flight. The distance of these cities from Kangra is about 1000 km.

## Best time to visit Kangra:

If you want to visit Kangra, the best time to visit there is between September and February. This is the time when you will get cold weather here. If you want to see snow, you should travel from December to January, and if you want to enjoy the tourist places openly in good weather, you can come here anytime after September.

## Famous local food of Kangra:

The food of the region of Kangra is infused with spices. Major dishes include Kalan ke pakodas, Bhringi, Barah ki chutney, sera, Fafrou ka saag with onion, garlic and other spices, Lasod ki sabzi, Choli kheer, Kulfa ka saag, Aadu sabzi (Graved Peaches) and Nashapati ki Sabzi. Huh. You can taste a variety of food at various dhabas and small restaurants in the city.

## Activities to do in Kangra:

Kangra is such a valley that apart from its tourist destinations, it is a paradise for people who like many types of adventure sports like trekking, paragliding. Many kinds of watersports are also available here, you can enjoy these sports. Like other tourist places Shimla, Manali in Himachal Pradesh, Kangra is not given as much importance in the tourism sector as it should be. Even today, many places of Kangra are untouched by tourists due to the lack of adequate facilities in some tourist places. If you are planning to visit Kangra, then definitely read this article; here, we are telling you about the significant temples, tourist places, and places of interest in Kangra.

# Places to visit in kangra:

## Kangra Fort -

Kangra Fort falls in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh state of India. It is located at a distance of 205 kms from Himachal Pradesh, as well as it is located at a distance of 2 kms from Kangra. Kangra Fort is one of those places where tourism in Himachal Pradesh. If you come to visit the state, you come to see the Kangra Fort at one time or another because tourists very much like its texture and carved design; the construction of the Kangra Fort was built by the royal Rajput family is described in the Mahabharata poetry. It is said that this fort is the largest in the Himalayas, and it is also known as the oldest fort in India; if you want to visit Kangra Fort, then you can reach here by plane and road. You can also reach here through the medium. Its nearest airport is Gaggal Airport.

## The Dhauladhar Rangers:

The Kangra Valley is known for the beauty of its majestic Dhauladhar ranges, which give the city a spectacular view with the beauty of lush green hills and endless tea plantations. Let us tell you that Palampur in the Kangra Valley is famous for its tea garden gardens located 36 km away from the city of Kangra. Kangra has been a part of Indian mythology, and hence many temples have been built here.

## Kareri Lake:

This lake is most famous for being a trekking destination in Dhauladhar. The lake is often frozen with snow from December to March-April. There is a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and Shakti on the hill on one side of the lake. Kereri Lake (also known as Kumarava Lake) is 9 km to the south of the Dhauladhar range. In the northwest Dharamsala lies a shallow, freshwater lake at an altitude of 2934 m above sea level. The natural landscape around the lake is very beautiful and enchanting.

## Acchar Kund:

Achhar Kund is one of the famous religious places of Kangra. This place is located at a distance of about 4 kilometers from Kangra. There is a temple and a waterfall, where tourists come to visit. If you are fond of water sports and bathing in the river, then this place can be a good option for you, so if you are on a trip to Himachal Pradesh, you should visit the Achhar Kund, Kangra.

## Brajeshwari Temple:

The Brijeshwari Temple is located at Nagarkot in the Kangra district. This place is located 11 km away from the nearest railway station to Kangra. Kangra Fort is located nearby. The original temple was built by the Pandavas during the time of Mahabharata. This temple was robbed many times by Muslim invaders. This temple was looted by Mohammad Ghaznevi at least five times; in the past, it had tons of gold and many bells made of pure silver. The temple was destroyed by a powerful earthquake in 1905 and was later rebuilt by the government. Brajeshwari Temple is one of the most impressive tourist and spiritually enlightening places. This temple is included in the most prominent temples of Kangra as it is one of the 51 Shakti Peethas in India.

## Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple:

Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple is dedicated to Shiva, is located 8 km from Paragpur village.The main attraction of this temple is the Lingam which is situated at the ground level. This temple is adorned with beautiful sculptures. This place attracts tourists immensely.

## Maharaja Sansar Chandra Museum:

This popular tourist place is a popular tourist destination located in the district Kangra of Himachal Pradesh. In this museum, historical objects related to Maharaja Sansar Chandra, the ruler of Kangra district, have been kept; here, the Kangra Art Workshop Maharaja Sansar Chandra Sangrahalaya has displayed traditions and Kangra miniature paintings. An ideal place for tourists visiting Kangra, tourists can see wonderful paintings of young artists in this museum using old techniques, in this museum you can see the beautiful view of the famous Kangra painting.

While your trip to Kangra would be incomplete without visiting this popular historical museum located in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, a trip back home would be an incomplete trip without this wonderful memento. So to round out your visit and cherish the time spent in the fort, the museum shop offers you a variety of souvenirs from books to T-shirts, decorative Kangra etc.

## Bir Billing:

Bir Billing is one of the best paragliding spots in India. This place is in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh. During the summer, there is an influx of tourists and adventure enthusiasts. Here you can enjoy exciting experiences as well as spectacular views.

Bir is at a distance of 35 kms from Palampur. At the same time, the distance of Billing is 14 kilometers from Bir. So if you want to go paragliding here, then this is the best time. You can do Paragliding from March to June and from October to November.

Tourists from all over the world come to see the Billing Valley and do paragliding here. Children from educational places of different states also reach to enjoy this place. Bir is the paragliding take-off site, and Billing is the landing site. This place is internationally famous for paragliding.

