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The Kullu Manali Airport is located in Himachal Pradesh in the city of Bhuntar, which is why it is often referred to as the Bhuntar Airport. This is one of the most challenging airports for pilots, as they need to perform perfect maneuvers on a runway that is located within the deep valley, with peaks that are thousands of feet higher than the runway.

The new terminal was inaugurated in 2008 with a larger apron for parking 2 aircrafts simultaneously. The airport is under the purview of the Airport Authority of India and plans for an expansion of the airport are currently underway, with the cost being estimated at INR 248 crores.

**Flight Information**

Air India Regional provides scheduled flights to Pathankot and Delhi, a service that has been running since May 2013. In addition, Deccan Charters in collaboration with Himalayan Bulls provides 3 daily flights between Kullu and Chandigarh. Flights are also operated to Delhi, Dharamshala, Chandigarh, and Kolkata by Jagson Airlines.

**Terminals**

The Bhuntar Airport operates domestic flights from one terminal that occupies an area measuring 3,000 square meters. There is one boarding gate at this terminal with a capacity of 50 each for departures and arrivals. In addition, passengers can travel conveniently using the check-in counters available at the terminal.

**Traveling Around**

Buses and taxis are available just outside the airport building during all hours of the day and night and can get travelers to their destinations within the city or in neighboring towns and cities.

**Services and Facilities**

Baggage and free trolley services are available at no cost to travelers at this airport. In addition, there is an ATM, STD and local telephone booth, bank, and post office within the airport premises. Medical assistance and wheelchairs are available for travelers if needed.

A tourist information center, operated by the Himachal Tourism Department, is available at the airport.

**Things to Do**

The airport has a snack counter where tourists can bide their time and grab a bite while they wait for their flights.

**Hotels**

Affordable stays near the airport include V Resorts, Panchali Holiday Home, Mashoo Resorts, Summer Hill Kasol, Morpheus Valley Resort, and JJ Resort. Tourists can also opt for hotels like Munish Resorts, Sandhya Palace, 47 Hill, Snow Touch Resort, and Bharhka. Most of the hotels in Kullu provide airport shuttle services for the convenience of their guests.

**Tips for Fliers**

* Avoid buying musk, saffron, or shilajit from roadside vendors as some of these products may be spurious. Try to shop mainly from government authorized stores.
* If you love the cold and are looking for to winter sports then plan a trip during the winter months, but the summer is especially pleasant and the best time for other tourists. Avoid visiting during the monsoons as the region suffers numerous landslides and flashfloods.

**Nearby Attractions**

Popular tourist destinations in the region include Rohtang Pass, Naggar, Manali, Bijli Mahadevan, Manikaran, and Parasar. There are several waterfalls, such as Rahala Falls, Rozy Falls, and Zana Falls in close proximity to Kullu. Deo Tibba Base Camp Trek is famous and provides magnificent views of Deo. Other treks include Hampta Pass Trek and Friendship Peak Trek. This region has several unique offerings such as Himalayan herbs and handicrafts that are worth sampling. Woolen clothes, wooden handicrafts, lingad and apple pickle, and saffron will also interest most shoppers.