

23rd May - 27th May



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**INTO THE DHAULADHARS TO SURROUND ONESELF WITH THE
VIVID TIBETAN CULTURE, ART AND ARCHITECTURE**
DHARAMSHALA & McLEOD GANJ



PROGRAM SUMMARY

An insight into the great Tibetan culture; the program focuses on the cultural identity of Tibetans who fled Tibet and were provided refuge by the Indian government. One of their settlements is in Dharamshala in the beautiful environs in and around McLeod Ganj, a beautiful hill station surrounded by the mighty Dhauladhars.

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

-  **Duration:** 5 days full of learning & fun
-  **Best Recommended for** Grades 2nd onwards/ Age 7 and above
-  **Covers** McLeod Ganj, Dharamshala, Kangra
-  **Mode of Travel:** road, train

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit to **Tsuglagkhang complex**, the official residence of his highness 'Dalai Lama' in India
- Learn to shape and stuff dumplings during a Tibetan culinary class
- **Trek** set in middle of a forest with beautiful views of the Dhauladhars range.
- Visit **Project Clean Upper Dharamshala** working on an efficient and environmentally friendly waste management system of collecting rubbish and recycling
- Visit St. John's Wilderness, an Anglican church dedicated to John the Baptist built in 1852.
- ULeaP session at Indiq's oldest fort

Unique learning programme



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DETAILED DAYWISE PROGRAM

DAY 1 NEW DELHI / McLEOD GANJ (-/-/-)

20h00 Students to report at school for overnight coach transfer to McLeod Ganj.

OVERNIGHT **COACH**
MEALS **NONE**

DAY 2 ARRIVAL IN McLEOD GANJ – TSUGLAGKHANG COMPLEX, MOMO MAKING SESSION(B/L/D)

09h00 Approx. at this time you will arrive at McLeod Ganj and check in to hotel for 2 nights' stay. Post breakfast the morning is at leisure to unwind.

Lunch will be at the hotel.

15h00 After lunch you will visit Tsuglagkhang Complex, which is the seat of the Tibetan government-in-exile is in McLeod Ganj. The complex has Dalai Lama's residence, Tibet Museum, Tsuglagkhang Temple, Kalachakra Temple and Namgyal Gumpa. You will feel the ambiance, which is warm and collegial. Wistful sketches of the Potala Palace hang beside paintings that depict scriptural stories and fierce Tibetan deities.

17h00 Thereafter, proceed for an exciting momo making session under the supervision of Tibetan chef.

ULeaP reflection is followed by Tibetan dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: **McLEOD GANJ**
MEALS: **BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER**

DAY 3 McLEOD GANJ –BAHL VILLAGE, TIBETAN CHILDREN VILLAGE, CUD PROJECT (B/L/D)

06h00 Wakeup call, wash & change

06h45 Assemble in the lobby for milk, tea/coffee & cookies. During this time ULeaP Thought of the Day and the day's program will be discussed.

07h00 Depart for Bahl village (approx. 1 hour trek). En-route stop for birding, see a Himachali village house, and a Clean Upper Dharamshala (CUD) initiative of cleaning the trail of litter. Here you will be passing amidst the forest and towards the end take the trail on foot. The route exposes you to vast variety in flora of the region. Picnic breakfast will be served at Bahl Village.

10h30 Proceed to visit the Tibetan Children's Village (TCV) for interaction with destitute Tibetan children in exile, as well as for hundreds of those escaping from Tibet every year.

Lunch will be at one of the popular cafés.

15h00 Visit the Clean Upper Dharamshala (CUD) project office to understand their initiatives to keep Upper Dharamshala clean & free of litter and also see some of their recycled products. Students will have an opportunity to try their hand at making some of the products.

ULeaP reflection is followed by traditional sit-down Kangri Dham dinner.

OVERNIGHT: **McLEOD GANJ**
MEALS: **BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER**

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DAY 4 McLEOD GANJ – ST JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS, KANGRA FORT, DEPARTURE FOR DELHI (B/L/D)

Breakfast is at the hotel.

08h30 Visit St. John in the Wilderness, located within walking proximity of McLeod Ganj, is an Anglican church dedicated to John the Baptist built in 1852 at Forsyth Gunj. Set amidst a deodar forest and built in neo-Gothic architecture, the surrounding forests are a great way to showcase Himalayan flora. The Church structure survived the 1905 Kangra earthquake, one of the most devastating calamities which destroyed many buildings in the area.

12h00 Check out of the hotel and have lunch at one of the popular cafés.

Post lunch you will visit Kangra fort, which was built by royal Rajput family of Kangra State (the Katoch dynasty), which traces its origins to the ancient Trigarta Kingdom, mentioned in the Mahabharata epic. It is the largest fort in the Himalayas and probably the **oldest dated fort in India**. Enter the fort through a small courtyard enclosed between two gates which were built during the Sikh period, from here a long and narrow passage leads up to the top of the fort, through the Ahani and Amiri Darwaza (gate). About 500 feet from the outer gate the passage turns round at a very sharp angle and passes through the Jehangiri Darwaza. Enjoy the historic beauty and visit the temples of Lakshmi Narayan and the Sittlamata, which have elaborate decorations on ceilings and exquisite carvings to delight you

Uleap reflection is followed by transfer back to Delhi. Packed dinner will be served on-board the coach.

OVERNIGHT: COACH
MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

DAY 5 ARRIVAL IN DELHI (-/-/-)

06h00 Approximate time when you will return to the school.

COST OF THE PROGRAM (BASED ON MIN 30 STUDENTS)

Program Fee per student

Complimentary accompanying Teachers to Students ratio

Rs. ~~TBC~~ ₹ 12,990/-
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Includes:

- ⊗ Cost of the program based on min XX students
- ⊗ Cost of return air tickets in economy class
- ⊗ Currently applicable taxes
- ⊗ Complimentary arrangements for X accompanying teachers on Triple share
- ⊗ Accompanying Explorars' Program Director during the entire course of the trip
- ⊗ Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- ⊗ X nights' accommodation on Triple share (three in a room) for students
- ⊗ All meals as per the itinerary (daily breakfast, lunch, dinner), as per the itinerary

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- ⊗ Exclusive workshops as mentioned in the program
- ⊗ PRIVATE transportation in deluxe vehicle throughout the itinerary
- ⊗ Entrance fees to all attractions as per itinerary
- ⊗ Explorars' Travel Kit

Excludes:

- * Service Tax @ 3.625%, subject to change
- * Meals than the ones mentioned in the itinerary
- * Items of personal nature like water, soft drinks, gratuities, laundry, room service, incidentals, camera tickets etc.
- * Additional excursions or sightseeing apart from the suggested in the program document
- * Anything not specifically included above

Important notes:

1. Airport taxes, airline fees and train ticket cost are valid at the time of quotation only and subject to change
2. For detailed Terms and Conditions please refer to <http://explorars.com/program-terms-conditions.htm>

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A cancellation is effective only when received in writing by Explorars from the person signing the Booking Form. The cancellation policy is based on when the participant cancels in relation to the date of program departure. The applicable refund will be made within 30 days of the cancellation date.

Between 90 – 30 days	Registration Fee (Non-refundable)
Between 29 – 0 days	100% program fee

If any cancellation reduces the number of paying participants below the minimum number required for a particular program price (including free places), the invoice would be adjusted accordingly for all remaining group participants.

CANCELLATION ON THE PART OF EXPLORARS FZ LLC / PLANET EXPLORER PRIVATE LIMITED

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- b) Whilst Explorars always endeavours to operate the program as confirmed, nevertheless, because of changing circumstances, it reserves the right to make alterations both before and after a confirmed booking. If for any reason the details of your program have to be changed before departure, Explorars will inform you as early as possible.
- c) If a participant's final payment is delayed beyond the due date he will not be eligible for compensation payment and the Company will invoke conditions as per the cancellation policy above (for more details refer to <http://explorars.com/program-terms-conditions.htm>)