

DR. TRAVELER INDIA

Rohtang Pass Adventure

Private 4x4 Taxi · Manali to Manali · Full Day

13,058 ft

Summit Altitude

3,978 m

Elevation

~110 km

Round Trip

8–10 hrs

Full Day

What is Rohtang Pass?

Rohtang Pass is one of the most iconic mountain passes in India, situated at an elevation of 3,978 m (13,058 ft) in the Pir Panjal range of the Himalayas. It connects the lush Kullu Valley to the cold-desert terrain of Lahaul and Spiti, making it a pivotal gateway for travellers venturing beyond Manali.

Renowned for its dramatic snowfields, sweeping panoramic views, and thrilling mountain drives, Rohtang is a bucket-list destination for adventure seekers, families experiencing snow for the first time, and photography enthusiasts alike. Maintained by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), the pass is seasonal and typically open from May to October.

Why Visit Rohtang Pass?

❄️ First Snow Experience

India's most accessible snowfield — perfect for families experiencing snow for the very first time.

■ Snow Activities

Skiing, snow scooter rides, snowball fights — multiple snow adventures await at the top.

■ Rahala Falls

Dramatic waterfall en route — one of the most photographed cascades on the Manali–Rohtang road.

■ Photography Paradise

Snow-capped peaks, glacial rivers and alpine meadows create extraordinary photo opportunities.

■ Panoramic Vistas

360° views of the Pir Panjal range and Kullu Valley from the summit at 3,978 m.

■ Mountain Cafés at Marhi

Cosy dhabas at Marhi offer steaming Maggi noodles and chai — a beloved Himalayan tradition.

Suggested Day Itinerary

6:00 AM

Departure from Manali

Early start to avoid traffic. Private 4x4 picks you up from Mall Road or Volvo Bus Stand.

6:30 AM

Solang Valley Bypass

Pass through Solang Valley — popular for adventure activities. Quick photo stop if time permits.

7:15 AM

Gulaba — Snow Gear Rental

Rent snow suits, gumboots, and gear. The pass is in sight — excitement begins here!

8:00 AM	Rahala Falls Stop at the magnificent Rahala Waterfall — a cascade fed by melting glaciers. Don't miss it.
8:45 AM	Marhi Dhaba Stop Warm up with piping hot Maggi noodles and chai. Last major stop before the pass.
9:30 AM	Rohtang Pass Summit — 3,978 m Arrive at the summit. Breathtaking panoramic views of snow-covered peaks and glacial terrain.
9:30–12 PM	Snow Activities & Photography Skiing, snow scooter rides, snowball fights. 360° Himalayan photography for 2–2.5 hours.
12:00 PM	Return Journey Retrace via Marhi → Rahala → Gulaba → Kothi → Manali.
3:00–4:00 PM	Back in Manali Drop at Mall Road / Volvo Bus Stand. ~110 km and 8–10 hours of Himalayan adventure complete!

Route Milestones

Stop	From Manali	Altitude	Notes
Manali	0 km	2,050 m	Starting point — Mall Road / Volvo Bus Stand
Solang Valley	~14 km	2,480 m	Scenic meadow; cable car; adventure activities
Kothi	~20 km	2,500 m	Charming village; last settled area
Gulaba	~25 km	3,100 m	Alpine meadows; snow gear rental point
Rahala Falls	~35 km	3,350 m	Stunning waterfall; mandatory photo stop
Marhi	~43 km	3,700 m	Dhabas & cafes; last stop before the pass
Rohtang Pass	~51 km	3,978 m	SUMMIT — snow activities & panoramic views

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions ✓ Private 4x4 taxi — round trip Manali to Rohtang Pass ✓ Experienced local mountain driver ✓ All toll taxes, state taxes & parking charges ✓ Flexible time at the snow point ✓ All sightseeing stops en route	Exclusions ✗ Rohtang Pass entry permit (arranged with guidance) ✗ Meals, snacks & refreshments ✗ Snow gear rental at Gulaba (paid on-site) ✗ Personal travel insurance ✗ Expenses due to road closure or weather
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Permit Information

- An online entry permit is mandatory for all vehicles — Indian nationals and foreigners alike.
- Permits are issued through the official HP government portal (himachalroadways.nic.in). Daily quotas apply.
- Book at least 1 day in advance. Peak season slots fill up fast!
- The pass is CLOSED every Tuesday for maintenance. Plan accordingly.
- Carry a valid government-issued photo ID. Vehicle registration must match permit details.
- Dr. Traveler India's coordinators will guide you through the permit process before your trip.

Best Time to Visit

Month	Manali Temp	Pass Temp	Road Status
Mid-Apr – May	5–18°C	-2 to 8°C	BRO clearing; risky but passable
June – July ★	15–25°C	5–15°C	Clear roads — Peak season
August	15–22°C	5–12°C	Good; occasional rain risk
Sep – Oct	8–18°C	0–8°C	Quieter; early snowfall possible
November+	Below 5°C	Below -5°C	Pass CLOSED for winter

Essential Travel Tips

- **Start Very Early** — Depart Manali by 6:00 AM. Traffic builds quickly after 8 AM and permits have entry time windows.
- **Book Permit in Advance** — Daily quotas are limited. Book online at least 1 day ahead. Pass is closed every Tuesday.
- **Warm Layers Essential** — Even in summer, pass temperature can drop near 0°C. Carry woolens, gloves, windproof jacket.
- **Snow Boots** — Wear waterproof footwear or rent snow gumboots at Gulaba for better grip on the snowfield.
- **Carry Sufficient Cash** — Limited ATMs beyond Manali. Budget for meals, gear rental, activities (■200–■800 per activity).
- **Altitude Caution** — Walk slowly at the summit. Some visitors experience mild headaches. Stay hydrated.
- **Sunscreen & Sunglasses** — UV intensity at 3,978 m is extreme. Snow reflection makes it worse.
- **Limited Connectivity** — Mobile networks are weak beyond Marhi. Download offline maps before departure.

Cancellation Policy

Before 30 days	30% charges
Within 20 days	45% charges
Within 10 days	70% charges
After commencement	No refund
No Show	100% forfeited

Road closure or bad weather: alternate date arranged subject to availability.