

How to Spend Your Days at The Lodge at Wah

Day 1: Unwind and Tea Tour (approx. 2-3 hours, no additional charges).

- Check in and settle into your room.
- Take a tea tour in the late afternoon of the estate and factory, and end with a tea tasting session (last time 4:30pm).
- Evening tea can be taken in the middle of the tea gardens (weather permitting) or back at The Lodge.
- Relax, read a book, play some games or enjoy a conversation with your hosts and other guests.
- Enjoy dinner (bonfire in the winters).

Day 2: Dharamshala & McLeodgunj (approx. 6-8 hours, best to start latest 10 am).

Dharamshala is 1 hour away and McLeodgunj 1.5 hours away by car from us.

- Begin with the Norbulingka Institute in Dharamshala. This institute is a Center for Tibetan Arts and Culture. Norbulingka embodies all the old-world charm of Tibetan architecture and has been modeled and named after the Dalai Lama's summer palace near Lhasa. Walk around to see the different workshops like metallurgy and woodwork, and definitely spend some time in the Doll museum, which gives a lot of information about Tibetan history. The monastery is beautiful as well. (Entry Rs. 40 per person includes guide).
- Stop at St. John's in the Wilderness on the way, which was built in 1852. Set amidst deodar forest, and built in neo-Gothic architecture, the church is known for its Belgian stained-glass windows donated by Lady Elgin (Mary Louisa Lambton), wife of Lord Elgin. Simple yet lovely, the church also has a beautifully peaceful cemetery. (No entry charges)
- Reach McLeodgunj and eat lunch at one of the numerous restaurants (Tibet Kitchen has authentic Tibetan food). Wander around the quaint Walking Street leading up to the Dalai Lama Monastery and visit the main monastery. Shop for souvenirs along the way, or stop at the little cafes.
- Unwind and enjoy dinner at The Lodge at Wah.

Day 3: Toy train to Baijnath and Bir (Train from Patti station which is a 5 minute walk from The Lodge at 11:00 am for a day of approx. 6-8 hours)

- Walk down the village to Patti station behind The Lodge with our guide. Take the 10:30 am train to Paprola station which is approx. 30 -45 minute ride. The train is one of five single gauge trains in India, and the ride is like going back in time, complete with Rs.10 cardboard ticket and a quaint little station.
- Disembark at Paprola and take a 15-minute taxi ride to Baijnath temple, a beautiful centuries old Shiv temple with a rich folklore and intricate carvings.
- Take a 25-minute taxi ride to Bir, which is the second best paragliding site in the world. Watch (or join!) paragliders while enjoying a meal at one of the several cafes near the landing site. (Paragliding Rs. 2,500 per pax for approx. 20 minutes in the air).
- Visit Sherabling Monastery at Bir, set in a forested area and beautifully kept.
- Drive back to The Lodge approx. 45 minutes
- Unwind and enjoy dinner at The Lodge at Wah.

Day 4: Driving Safari

- Enjoy your morning at The Lodge – laze, read a book, or set out for some bird-watching.
- Take a jeep safari with Exsul Travels up to the top of a mountain for a lunch or teatime picnic. Enjoy the fantastic views, the complete seclusion, the waterfall and a nice walk at 6,500 ft at the Old Vindhyavasini Temple. (Rs. 2,500 per pax inclusive of mountain top lunch).
- Take a walk on the Nature Trail marked around Wah Tea Estate. Learn about some trees and see some of our organic produce.
- Unwind and enjoy dinner at The Lodge at Wah.

Optional Day 4: Andretta Village (approx. 2-4 hours). 20 minute drive from The Lodge.

- Enjoy your morning at The Lodge – laze, read a book, or set out for some morning yoga at the Five Elements yoga room in the middle of the tea garden.
- Visit Andretta Village, which hosts a number of artists since decades. Andretta Pottery, which is India's first studio pottery was set up by a renowned Sikh family in the 1900s and lets guests try their hand at the wheel or purchase handmade ceramic wares. (Rs. 150 per pax for approx. 20 minutes)
- Norah Richard's home is the traditional mud home built by the playwright and guests can walk around to view the small rooms and mud architecture.
- Shoba Singh Art Gallery was the home of the renowned Sikh artist who is known for painting the Sikh Gurus. (Rs. 30 per pax for entry)
- Take a walk on the Nature Trail marked around Wah Tea Estate. Learn about some trees and see some of our organic produce.
- Unwind and enjoy dinner at The Lodge at Wah.

Activities at or around The Lodge:

- Kangra Fort (oldest dated fort in India with an incredible audio tour)
- Guided Yoga at the Five Elements yoga room in the middle of the tea garden (Rs. 500 per couple for 45 minutes).
- Take a guided trek with Exsul Travels in lesser-known regions and paths around Palampur (range from 2-6 hours and easy to difficult, Rs. 650 to Rs. 1400 per pax depending on trail selected).
- Take a walk on the approx. 2 kilometer Nature Trail marked around Wah Tea Estate.
- Bird watch with the help of the birding guidebook.
- Read of the numerous books in our library while soaking up the sun in the hammock.
- Spend the evening learning how to cook some local dishes out in the open.
- Take our cycles for a spin on lesser-used roads.