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Shimla, the capital city of Himachal Pradesh, is one of the most popular hill stations in north region of India. The term hill station was created during the British rule in India. Hill stations are pleasant destinations, with moderate climate, located on elevated grounds which made them popular for Brits who had troubles in getting used to the hot and humid climate in other parts of India. Shimla is surrounded by snow clad mountains of Himalaya Range, and it is a very popular tourist destination that attracts thousands of tourists every year.

The snowy mountain peaks that envelop Shimla Valley offer breathtaking view to tourists, and its hilly terrain is covered with evergreen forests of oak, rhododendron and pine. And to add to the peace and serenity of the location, traffic is banned from most of the central area known as Mall. Nothing can compare to pristine air of Shimla.

Shimla Tourism:

Considering the preferences and interests of tourists, Shimla tourism is offering a lot of different recreational activities. During your Shimla tour you can take a long walks in through the forests, go trekking and camping in the mountains, have a picnic on several popular picnic spots, go ice skating or even play golf. Shimla tours are popular for those who enjoy quiet and relaxing vacation, but also for those who enjoy adventure and excitement.

One of the reasons Shimla is popular as a tourist destination in North India, is because of its wildlife tourism. Several wildlife sanctuaries are offering tourists a great opportunity to explore extraordinary flora and fauna of this region.

Popular Shimla wildlife sanctuaries:

Churdhar Sanctuary: This unique wildlife sanctuary is situated in the Solan Valley in Shimla district. If you decide to visit Churhar, you will be able to see musk deer, barking deer, black bears, langurs, beautiful leopards and colourful monals.

Chail Sanctuary: Located 49 kilometres from Shimla, Chail is home to sambar, large deer, common in this part of Asia together with barking deer, muntjac, goral, that looks like a combination of goat and antelope, rhesus macaque, leopard, bear, wild boar and porcupine.

While visiting Chail you can also explore Chail Palace, famous for its architectural style, and the world's highest cricket ground owned by the royal family.

Nature Park: It is the most frequently visited place in Kufri, located close to Shimla. Besides incredible rich forests and beautiful orchids that grow there, in this wildlife park you can also see snow leopard and common leopard, Tibetan wolf, brown and black bears, different species of deers and rare birds.

Daranghati Sanctuary: While on your Shimla tour, you can also visit this wildlife sanctuary that is home to several species of pheasants that will thrill every bird lover. This unique wildlife sanctuary also has some other species like flying squirrel, palm civet, blue sheep, Himalayan weasel, Himalayan Ibex, leopard, hyena and several types of deers.

All the wildlife parks and sanctuaries in Shimla district are perfectly maintained by the Forest

Department. Every considerable step has been taken by the department to save the endangered species of birds and animals from extinction. The best time for your Shimla tour package and visiting these places would be from April till June and from October till November.

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