5 Cool North India destinations for Perfect Summer Getaway by Pradeep Kumar

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Furious Sun is burning out, and coming out of AC-equipped rooms has become almost dreadful. Every heart is seeking chill and want to get rid of this extreme heat, literally. And itâ€™s not the case of Delhi alone, but the entire northern and mid-plain is combusting. So, letâ€™s get together and have chill, party and fun at some hill station nearby. Away from the heat, hustle-bustle and infectious city life, several hill stations in North India make a grotesque outing for travelers seeking tranquility and solace. Let me give you some names, which obtain the place in my list of favorites.

Ladakh: Iâ€™m an active traveler, so unsurprisingly Ladakh is my first choice. Snow-capped mountains, virtuous glaciers & lakes, virgin forests and cool fresh environment can enchant anyone here. Leave your marks at some of highest peaks in the world, sip tea at the highest tea-stall in the world, cross through barren glaciers or explore amazing regional wildlife â€“ Ladakh has a lot in store to make your summer a lifetime memory. Interesting Buddhist cultures and colorful local fests will also leave you dazzled here.

Shimla: A most-frequented hill station, Shimla is the capital of mountainous state â€˜Himachal Pradeshâ€™ Quite and sleepy, this town is my favorite destination for a short summer break. Walk around the town, and youâ€™ll find that it has a great connection to Indiaâ€™s colonial history. Breathtaking beauty o surrounding hills, waterfalls, rivers and orchards is simply mesmeric. You can try some adventures like trekking, camping and fishing during a Shimla tour.

Nainital: Both mystical and mythical, Nainital entices me a lot. Though itâ€™s crowded and filled with a number of tourists on summer vacation, but magical beauty of Himalayan peaks, stunning tranquil lakes and gorgeous colonial splendors give you a sense of sheer indulgence. Explore the lofty peaks of Nanda Devi and Trishul, enjoy boating at eye-shaped Naini Lake or enjoy the religious grace of Naina Devi temple.

Khajjiar: Perfect for honeymooners, Khajjiar is called the Switzerland of India. Winter witnesses a heavy snowfall, while summer is exquisitely pleasant. Located in Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh, at an height of 6400ft, Khajjiar is an ideal getaway to beat the heat. Cool pristine mountain air, stunning views of Himalayan sunrise, lofty hills and verdant forests around ensure you a holiday of lifetime. Enjoy some thrilling activities like trekking, birding, camping and forest trailing.

Manali: Situated at the northern end of Kullu Valley, Manali boasts a breathtaking natural beauty coupled with lovely weather and enticing cultures. But what makes it alluring to the romantic couples is its tranquil beauty lies on gorgeous hills and along the meandering water of Beas River. Landscapes here are just breathtaking. Other than that, majestic temples, picturesque picnic spots, lovely cultures and throbbing adventures will leave you enchanted at the end.

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