Tips for finding the best travel package for your budget: Himachal by Rashmi Deshpande

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The first step to find a good travel package for your budget is to decide if you want to go on a group tour or a private tour. The second step is to decide on whether you want low-budget, mid-budget or luxury-budget accommodation. A group travel package to Himachal normally covers the beautiful regions of Shimla, Kullu and Manali. A private tour can be customised to include more destinations. Letâ€™s see what these three regions have to offer.

Shimla

The lush hill station of Shimla offers scenic walks through dense cedar forests in Kufri, the highest cricket and polo ground in the world in Chail, and the chance to explore lively local markets. A beautiful destination for any season, Shimla tours cater to all sorts of budgets.

If your budget is on the lower side, opt for group tour packages that set you up in places like Hotel Blossom. A slightly higher budget would include places like Hotel Landmark. For luxury tours, look at packages that offer private travel and set you up in places like the Eastborne Resort & Spa.

Manali

Comfortably settled besides the sparkling River Beas, and surrounded by the breathtaking Kullu Valley, lies the beautiful city of Manali. This destination offers some of the most unique and spellbinding temples and monuments such as the ancient Hadimba Devi Temple, the Tibetan Monastery, the striking Tankha paintings and a handicraft centre full of intrinsically carved artwork. Two other famous attractions are the Rohtang Pass and Snow Point, where you have the option of hiring ponies or horses to ride through.

For those with a basic budget, look for group holiday tours offering places like Sarovar Portico or Sandhya Palace. For luxury tours, look at private packages that set you up in places like the Q.I. River Country or the Mapple River Crescent.

Kullu

The charming Kullu region is well known for its quaint scenic beauty. When you get to Kullu, be sure to make a trip down to Manikaran, which is about an hour and a half away and is famous for its sulphur springs.

For those with a basic budget, look for holiday tours offering accommodation in hotels such as Sandhya Palace. For luxury tours, look at packages that set you up in places like the Apple Valley Resort.

Himachal tourism offers the best of nature and scenery with just the right sprinkling of history and culture. Ask your tour operator for details on the best travel package for Himachal.

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