



# Kasol – Himachal Pradesh

Nestled in the lap of the Parvati valley in Himachal Pradesh and stretching along the river Parvati is the remote and charming village of Kasol with a scenic valley, untouched hills, small population and great year round weather. A hidden gem and a complete delight for adventure buffs and explorers, this picturesque hill station has seen a sudden surge in popularity in the past few years. It is located 42km east of Kullu and at a height of 1640 meters, and is partitioned by a bridge into Old and New Kasol. The nearest airport is Kullu and the nearest railway station is Kalka Station.

Kasol is not a place for luxury stays and fancy food, but the warmth and hospitality of the locals and villagers is what makes this place special. Mostly inhabited by local Himachalis and tourists from around the world, Kasol has many attractions that draw a crowd and is a treat for the mind and soul.

## ACTIVITIES



People usually visit Kasol to make the most of the idyllic scenery and natural beauty and to simply unwind and relax as there is not much to see by way of monuments or historic sites. Some unique attractions and must do activities are :

1. Kasol offers a variety of attractions for trekkers, backpackers and adventurers. When the weather is ideal, there are abundant treks and mini hikes that take you to striking and scenic villages such as Chalaal with a short trek of about half an hour or Pulga village with a slightly longer journey or more exhilarating treks to Tosh and Kheer Ganga. The Manala trek will take a full day. In addition, Kasol offers rock climbing and rapelling.



2. Visit the cafes and local markets. Visit the waterfalls and walk to the villages or sit in the cafes by the river to enjoy the serene and tranquil ambience and the magnificent scenery. Tosh village is popular for its hippie culture, scenic beauty and characteristic wooden houses.



3. Kasol is on the way as you go toward Manikaran, a holy place for the Sikhs and known for its hot water springs. One can visit Manikaran Gurudwara, located at the banks of Parvati River early in the morning.



## ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD



Kasol is small and does not offer luxurious accommodation and deluxe dining. However, its hotels and guest houses offer charming experiences, stunning views and unique services. We recommend the quaint cottages at The Himalayan Village.

Kasol has some jazzy cafes and characteristic food joints with options from Israeli, Italian, Chinese and Indian cuisines. Try some Shakshouka, a Boureka, some Falafel and some of the delicious treats at the German bakeries. Some of the popular cafes include Stone Garden Café, Jim Morrison Café, Moondance Café and Bhoj Café.

