



**The**  
**Châlets Naldehra**



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## NALDEHRA

As the nineteenth century came to an end, Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon (1899-1904), fell in love with Naldehra. He would abandon the resplendent Viceregal Lodge in Shimla and camp at this glade for weeks on end communicating with his office and sending messages that controlled one-fifth of the human race by heliograph. His youngest daughter, Alexandra was given 'Naldera' as her middle name after the glade he loved so much.

As a significant part of this romance and perhaps the most enduring one, he suggested the layout of a golf course on the site. Given the point of time when manicured greens took the place of Himalayan grassland, this is perhaps the oldest golf course in this part of the world. It is also one with considerable character with wide views, a surround of thick woods and comes complete with an ancient temple built in the local style by the greens.

Set under a thick grove of Himalayan cedar (deodar) trees, the Naldehra spur is an offshoot of the Kufri massif which is the highest in the Shimla area. The place name 'Naldehra' is regarded to have come from the temple of the 'Nag devta', serpent deity whose temple is on the links.

Naldehra golf course has a par 70 course with eighteen holes. The yardage of the front nine is 2559 and in the back nine is 2478. The Naldehra Golf Club has been in existence since 1905.

## SHIMLA

With all its intricacies, history seems to have been the mortar for every brick and stone that has built Shimla. Earlier spelt 'Simla', the town rose in the wake of the 'Gurkha Wars' which came to end when the Peace of Sagauli was established in 1815-16. At that juncture, the victorious British decided to retain certain pockets as military outposts and sanitarium. The first house, built in 1822, is regarded to have been 'Kennedy House' which was the residence of Charles Pratt Kennedy, the newly appointed Political Officer to the Hill States. In 1827, the station was visited by Lord Amherst, the British Governor-General of India, and the following year, the Commander-in-Chief, Lord Combermere also came to Shimla. From that time on, the place steadily grew in importance.

In 1864, under the Viceroyalty of John Lawrence, Simla was officially declared the 'Summer Capital' of the British Empire in India, a status it retained up to Indian Independence in 1947. Interestingly, the Government of India ended up spending more time in this little town than in the 'real' capitals Kolkata (earlier Calcutta) and later, New Delhi. The move to the hills was normally made in early April and the migration back to the plains took place in late October or early November. And during this period, a staggering one-fifth of the human race was ruled from these heights as the jurisdiction of the Indian Empire extended from Aden in the west, to Myanmar in the east. From 1871, the state government of the Punjab also began moving to Shimla from Lahore for the summer months.

From 1947 to 1956, Shimla served as the State Capital of the Punjab. In 1966, the district of Shimla was transferred to the state of Himachal Pradesh. The town of Shimla has since been its State Capital.

As a colonial summer capital, Shimla also saw a spate of remarkable building activity in the town and some of the finest structures of the British-colonial genre still stand in the town. Tudor, Neo-Gothic, English Renaissance and Norman-Baronial architecture jostled each other on the seven hills of Shimla. This was the hill station for the elite and all the minions of the Raj who were kept at bay from the inner circle, began bestowing the town with names like 'Mount Olympus' and 'Home of the Little Tin Gods' Today's Shimla is both a favored and famous leisure destination. The town's ambience, accessibility and facilities continue to attract thousands of visitors and holiday makers.

## THE HOTEL AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>9</b>
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### **TO CALL ANOTHER ROOM**

Please dial room number you wish to call. E.g. if you want to call room 102 please dial "102".

### **PHONES IN BUNGALOW**

301 LOBBY - Room A	401	Room B	402	Room C	403		
302 LOBBY - Room A	501	Room B	502	Room C	503	Room D	504
304 LOBBY - Room A	601	Room B	602	Room C	603	Room D	604
305 LOBBY - Room A	701	Room B	702	Room C	703		

### **WAKE UP CALL**

Please dial "9" for Operator.

## DINING

### **THE GARDEN PAVILLION**

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The Garden Pavillion serves a multi cuisine menu comprising of Indian, Chinese & Continental cuisines prepared by our chefs. Scan QR code for menu.

### **360 DEGREE- TOP OF THE WORLD**

A sense of flying without talking off, panoramic views of the valley below while the enormous windows of the revolving restaurant slowly reveal the mountains and forests. Indulge in an over-the-top dining experience letting your eyes wander as far as the horizon while the 360 Top of The World revolving restaurant completes a circle.

### **PELITI'S TRADITION**

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This is a well-stocked bar that has a wide variety of cocktails, beers, spirits and wines.

### **CONCIERGE**

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Please allow the manager on duty to make lunch or dinner reservations at any hotel in the vicinity or to book a taxi for day excursions or to the airport/train station.

### **ROOM SERVICE**

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Room service is available from 7.30 A.M. to 10.30 PM. Should you have a specific request for items not on the menu, do not hesitate to let us know and we will try to accommodate your request. Food drinks may be ordered in room. Kindly scan QR code for food and beverage options.

### **SAFE DEPOSIT BOX**

Safe deposit facilities are available in your room. The hotel does not assume liability for loss of any valuables left in the room or at any other public area in the hotel.

### **CAR HIRE/TAXI**

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For taxis please contact Reception.

### **ART WORKS**

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Art works displayed in common areas like the restaurant, bar and reception are for sale. Please contact Reception for details.

### **BONFIRES**

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Private bonfires are available on request and are subject to availability on a chargeable basis.

### **BILLS AND PAYMENTS**

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Accounts may be settled with cash, net banking, UPI or with Visa and MasterCard debit/ credit cards.

### **CHECK OUT**

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Check-out time is 12 noon. Please contact Reception on Extension 9 for necessary assistance. We reserve the right to charge guests for an additional room night in case of late departure. Late departure is subject to availability and may only be done after prior consultation with the reception.

**INTERNET FACILITY**

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Limited internet services are available; please contact Reception for details.

**LAUNDRY SERVICES**

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Dry-cleaning, laundry and ironing facilities are available. Laundry bags have been placed in your room.

**LOST & FOUND**

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Our Housekeeping department will be pleased to assist if you misplace an article.

**MINI BAR**

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A mini bar has been provided in every unit. A' Contents and Rate Card has been placed with the mini bar.

**PETS**

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We are a semi- pet friendly hotel. Please enquire with reception regarding our pet policies.

**SECURITY**

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Hotel provides 24 hrs security. Please remember, for your own safety and protection, put your safety latch on when occupying your room, and identify any visitors before admitting them. Do not hesitate to contact reception should you notice anything amiss.

**WATER**

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As a green initiative to reduce single use plastic use, complimentary RO water is provided in the rooms. Complimentary bottled water is also available on request.

**HOUSEKEEPING TOILETRIES AND OTHER ITEMS**

All Housekeeping items like pillows, quilts, linen, towels, coffee maker, T.V. etc. are the property of the Resort

**Only the following items are disposable:-**

1. Soap
2. Toilet roll
3. Shower cap
4. Disposable bag
5. Shoe shine strip
6. Laundry bag
7. Sewing kit
8. Dental kit
9. Shaving kit

**On a returnable basis, the following are available from Housekeeping at Ext. 33.**

1. Books
2. Extension board
3. Hot/cold water bag
4. Multi plug
5. Hair dryer
6. Thermometer
7. Mosquito Repellent
8. Umbrella
9. Shoe polish & brush

## HEALTH CLUB AND SPA

**Health Club Desk**

**310**

The Following are available in our health club:-

- Ayurvedic Massage
- Steam, Sauna, Jacuzzi
- Chilled Shower

These services are chargeable.

The timing for the health club and spa as follows:-

### Morning

Female 10.45 to 13.15 PM

Male 8.00 AM to 10.30 AM

### Afternoon / Evening

Female 14.00 PM. to 16.30 PM

Male 17.00 PM to 19.30 PM

### Couple Timing

#### **Morning**

07.00 AM to 08.00A.M.

#### **Evening**

19.30 PM to 20.30 P.M

#### Note:

- 1) Only one couple is allowed during couple timing.
- 2) Please book in advance for couple timing.

#### **Swimming Pool**

Timings (09.00 hrs to 13.00 hrs / 14.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs)

## HEALTH CLUB

### Last Spa Appointment

Female – 04:00 PM

Male – 06:00 PM

### AYURVEDIC MESSAGES

Massage	Duration	Rate
Aroma Almond Oil Massage	60 minutes	₹3,000
Aroma Apricot Oil (Chuli) Massage	60 minutes	₹1,800
Aroma Olive Oil Massage	60 minutes	₹1,800
Ayurvedic Oil Massage	60 minutes	₹1,700
Pattar Pind Swedan (Potli Massage)	60 minutes	₹2,000
Herbal Dry Powder Massage	60 minutes	₹2,000
Rice Herbal Massage	60 minutes	₹2,000
Reflexology foot Massage	30 minutes	₹1,100
Coconut Oil Scrub Massage + Olive Oil Scrub Massage Polish	90 minutes	₹2,500

Use of health club @ ₹500/- per person  
Govt. taxes Extra as applicable

## IN HOUSE FACILITIES

The Chalets Naldehra has a wide variety of activities available on the premises.

1. Table tennis
2. Putting Green
3. Pool Table
4. Badminton
5. Mini library
6. Kids Zone
7. Toddlers Zone
8. Board Games
9. Chess
10. Carom board

### **GAMES ROOMS**

**310**

Games room opens from 09.30 AM to 19.30 PM.

### **SWIMMING POOL**

Our solar heated swimming pool in a glass house is open from 9:00AM to 07:00PM in the summers and 11:00AM to 04:00PM in the winters. This facility is free of charge. Costumes and swimming trunks are available on sale. Use of the facility only with proper swimming attire. Swimming trunk for males and swimming costumes and swimming cap for ladies.

## IN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

### **STARGAZING AT CHALETS**

Detox your mind with an exhilarating stargazing experience amidst the forest and feel the adrenaline rush while you catch the Milky Way on a clear night along with a glimpse of a satellite. Experience the stillness of the night sky and the thrill of being out in the forest in the dark guided by the moonlight. If you are lucky, you may witness a shooting star. Close your eyes and let the sound of the gushing wind through the cedar trees transform you to the ocean.

Just grab a yoga mat from the resort and discover the magic of the night sky amidst the whispering forests that surround us. You may order a pint of beer or a glass of wine to enhance this magical experience.

**Tip- Download you preferred sky map app from App Store or Play Store to see constellations.**

### **GREENER SIDE OF THE CHALETS**

The gorgeous glimpse of greenery and the vast variety of flora & fauna that surround the property will leave you spellbound. From beautifully manicured private lawns outside your cottages to walls covered by varieties of ivy and creepers is a sight to behold.

With our internationally recognized expertise of Scandinavian log homes, our core lies in a plethora of green initiatives and minimizing the use of plastic. We compost our garbage into manure and use solar panels for heating the water of our swimming pool, among other things. Come and explore the immaculate landscapes and clad in our green splendour, while we walk you through our environment-conscious initiatives.

**Tip- learn about the flora and fauna of the region from our gardener and green initiatives undertaken by the property.**



## ACTIVITIES ARRANGED BY THE RESORT

The following activities can be arranged by The Chalets Naldehra:-

### **WHITE WATER RAFTING**

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White water rafting on the river Satluj near Tattapani can be facilitated in season, subject to availability and Terms & Conditions of the rafting operator. This facility is chargeable by the rafting operator.

### **GOLF**

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The resort can facilitate golf at the historic golf course at Naldehra. This facility is chargeable.

### **HORSE RIDING**

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Horse riding in the surrounding area can be facilitated. This facility is chargeable.

### **FOREST WALKS AND EXCURSIONS**

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Several forest walks near the resort are possible. You may take these on your own. Reception will be happy to provide directions. Excursions to places of interest can also be arranged on a chargeable basis.

### **TOWN HERITAGE WALKS**

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Heritage walks in Shimla can be arranged on a chargeable basis.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **EMERGENCY**

In case of an emergency please dial '9' for the Operator

### **FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY**

The Chalets Naldehra is equipped with firefighting equipment, however, we are aware that even with the best of equipment, a fire can still break out. Your safety can be greatly enhanced if you carefully follow the instructions mentioned in the following pages of this docket.

- When you check into your room familiarize yourself with the closest exit.
- Check the location of firefighting equipment installed nearest to your room.

### **IF YOU DISCOVER SMOKE OR A FIRE**

**Remain calm. Do not panic.**

- If possible, evacuate the building. Do not endanger your life.
- Do not shout "FIRE" IMMEDIATELY. Inform the Telephone Operator about the fire, by dialing "9"
- Use the nearest fire extinguisher and try to extinguish the fire if possible.
- Stay calm and think. Don't hurry or panic.

### **IF YOU ARE TRAPPED IN SMOKE OR FIRE**

- Keep your door closed and block the edges of the door with wet towels.
- Fill the wash basin with water.
- Breathe through wet towels. Do not break the windows
- Do not walk in smoky areas, always crawl.
- Close the door, if any, between yourself and the smoke.
- Remain calm and think. Panic is the most dangerous reaction.

### **SECURITY**

1. The hotel has vigilant, mobile security staff on duty 24 hours of the day. Do not hesitate to inform Reception if you notice anything amiss, suspicious, anything of alarming nature or need any special assistance.
2. Safe guard your Room key to avoid any unnecessary inconvenience.
3. Always remember to take your room key with you.
4. In case your Room key is lost, inform Reception immediately.
5. Ensure your room door is locked and secure openings to balconies before retiring or leaving it.
6. When occupying your room, keep your door locked at all times.
7. Secure the door-latch.
8. Identify all callers before opening the door.
9. Do not leave cash and other valuables in the room. Use the safe deposit box for valuables.
10. Always Deposit your key with Reception when leaving the hotel / check out.
11. Never reveal the name of the hotel, your room number or the details of your stay in front of strangers.
12. Do not leave your luggage unattended while checking out.
13. Never admit any repairmen or persons with unsolicited deliveries into your room without checking with the Management.

## HOUSE RULES

The following are the terms and conditions of the Agreement under which room are permitted to be used by guests and are binding on them:

1. **TARIFF:** Guest should obtain the "Room Tariff" card from the Reception. The tariff is for your room only. Food & Beverages are available at fixed prices on table d'hôte basis or on a' la carte basis in our Restaurant. Government taxes as applicable.
2. **SETTLEMENT OF BILLS :**
  - A) Advance when requested should be given.
  - B) Bills must be settled on presentation.
  - C) Cheques are not acceptable.
  - D) Indian Nationalities, NRI's & Foreign Nationals must settle their account in Indian currency only.
3. **LIEN ON GUEST'S LUGGAGE & BELONGINGS:** In case of default in payment of dues by a guest, the Management shall be entitled to lien on the luggage and belongings and to detain the same and to sell or auction such property, at any time after the day of departure without deference to the party and appropriate the net sale proceeds towards the amount due from the guests.
4. **CHECK-OUT:** check-out time is 12 NOON.
5. **LUGGAGE STORAGE:** Luggage can be stored in the Luggage Room at the guest's sole risk as to loss or damage from any cause. Luggage cannot be stored for a period of over one week.
6. **GUEST BELONGINGS:** Guests are particularly requested to lock the door of their rooms when going out or when going to bed and not to leave the key in the keyhole, outside the door. The management will not, in any way whatsoever, be responsible for the loss of resident's goods or any other property not entrusted to the Management or for damage thereof whether due to neglect of resort employees or agents or any other cause whatsoever including theft or pilferage. For the convenience of guests, safe deposit lockers are available at the Front Office to ensure the safety of any valuables.
7. **HAZARDOUS GOODS:** Storing of cinema films, raw and exposed, explosive or any other articles of a combustible or hazardous nature, in the residential room or in the luggage room is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
8. **DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:** The guests will be held responsible for any loss or damage to the Resort property caused by themselves, their friends or any person for whom they are responsible.
9. **PETS:** Limited pets allowed in property; semi pet friendly.

- 10. MANAGEMENT'S RIGHT:** The Management reserves for itself the absolute right of admission to any person in the Resort premises or to request any guest to vacate their room at any moment, without prior notice and without assigning any reason whatsoever. The guest shall be bound to vacate the same when requested to do so. In case of default, the Management will be entitled to remove the luggage and belongings of the guest concerned from the room occupied by the guest.
- 11. RELATION BETWEEN MANAGEMENT & THE GUEST:** Nothing herein above shall constitute or be deemed to constitute any tenancy, sub-tenancy or any right of tenancy of any right or interest in the Resort premises, of any part or portion thereof in favour of any guest or resident or visitor and the Management shall always be deemed to be in full and absolute possession and control of the whole of the Resort Premises:
- 12. GOVERNMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The guests are requested to observe the Government Rules and regulations that may be enforced from time to time in respect of Registration, Alcoholic Drinks, Firearms, Medicines, etc.
- 13. AMENDMENT OF RULES:** The above rules are laid down, to ensure a comfortable stay of all guests. The Management reserves the right to add, alter or amend any of the above terms & conditions and any other rules, at any time, without notice.
- 14. QUITE HOURS:** The hotel observes (quite hours) after 10 PM. Music or any other loud disturbances are not permitted in public areas, rooms, and restaurants. Extra kids above six year will be chargeable as per actual. Any disputes with hotel, management or its staff are subject to Shimla courts.

## PLACES OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NALDEHRA AND SHIMLA

**Naldehra golf course** (0.3 kms.) has a thick cedar forest, picnic grounds and a 18 hole par 68 golf course that is regarded to be one of the most challenging ones in the country. Naldehra golf course has a par 70 course with eighteen holes. The yardage of the front nine is 2559 and in the back nine is 2478. The Naldehra Golf Club has been in existence since 1905. The course was designed by the British Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon (1899-1905)

**Mashobra** (12 kms) is one of the area's well wooded pockets; this also has the little chapel of St. Crispin's. A pedestrian track from Mashobra leads down (2 kms) to the 'sacred grove' of Sipur, which is shaded by massive deodar trees and is criss-crossed by narrow brooks. Built in the indigenous style, it has an attractive temple dedicated to the local deity, 'Seep'.

The Mashobra spur also has Carignano which was once the estate of the famous Italian confectioner, the Cavalier Fredrico Peliti. He probably named the property after the famous Baroque palace of his native Turin, Italy. The head of this spur holds the Fruit Research Station which belonged to a pioneering horticulturist of the area, Mr. Coutts.

The Bekhalty road that bifurcates from Mashobra, makes a good walk or drive, this also connects Fagu that lies on the Hindustan-Tibet Road.

**Tattapani** (30 kms) is to be submerged by the waters of the Kol Dam. It has hot sulfur springs that are known for their healing powers. River rafting is available on the Satluj near Tattapani Past Tattapani is the attractive countryside and apple-orchard area around Alsindi, Chindi and Karsog.

**Mahunag** (63 kms) is accessed by an attractive drive through pine woods that gradually give way to deodars. The temple of Mahunag is regarded as one of the most important in the area. This is considered to be the core temple of the deity nag, who is believed to be the embodiment of Karna of the epic, Mahabharata. Other important temples in this area are the ones of Kamakshya Devi (in the village of Kau) and Mamleshwara Mahadev (in the village of Mamel).

**Preti** (58 kms) is a tiny village that lies just off the main route to the Karsog valley. This has some excellent views of the area.

**Kufri** (26 kms) has long been famous for its ski-slopes and fine views of deep valleys and thick forests that are framed by a backdrop of melting snow peaks. The drive between Kufri and Chail, is along the ridge shaded by trees and has fine views. Around the Mahasu massif, Kufri has nthe Himalayan Nature Park.

**Fagu** (32 kms) is a small village on the way to Narkanda. It offers good views of the area.

**Narkanda** (64 kms) is situated at a height of 2,700 m and is famous for its ski slopes and magnificent views. The area is covered by forests of fir and spruce, with a smattering of maple, aspen and cedar trees. It is in these woods and pastures that the migrant herdsman, the 'Gaddis' bring their flocks of sheep to graze.

**Hatu peak** (72 kms) At 3136m, the peak of Hattu, above Narkanda, is among the highest in the Lower Himalaya. Apart from an interesting hike trail, the peak is connected by a motorable road that climbs through woods of cedar and spruce and undulating meadows where sheep and horses graze. Its heights unfold a magnificent vista of snow peaks and valleys. Ahead lie the Greater Himalayas and a host of 'almost-legendary' peaks the Kinner Kailash, Shrikhand and the Kullu ranges. The valley of the river Satluj, embroidered by the highway, has a rich fabric of woods and villages. Hattu's flanks hold stretches of apple orchards and acres of wild flowers. The top is crowned by a temple dedicated to the goddess, Hateshwari.

**Kotgarh and Thanedar (84 kms)** are an hour's drive from Narkanda. These form a part of Himachal's apple-growing heartland. It was in this tract that the American varieties of apple were introduced by the Quaker, Samuel Evans Stokes in the first quarter of the twentieth century. The small Tani-Jubbar lake is close by Kotgarh has the St. Mary's Church which is one of the oldest in India

## SHIMLA

(22 kms from Naldehra)

**The Mall** is the hub of Shimla's social life. Lined by shops and restaurants, the thoroughfare loosely resembles an English marketplace. Even today, it remains one the longest stretches of open-air purely pedestrian shopping in the world. Promenading and shopping on the Mall is an old time favorite. The 'Scandal Point' forms the core of the Mall and the popular though incorrect story goes that the Maharaja of Patiala carried off the British Commander-in-Chief's daughter from the spot. Walking along the Mall, do take a moment to look past the shop signs and you will see some rather interesting architectural details finely worked stone, unusual skylights, Doric and Corinthian columns, acroteria of urns and carved finials. The Mall also forms the core of the notified 'Heritage Zone' of Shimla.

**The Ridge** lies just above the Mall. This has wide views of the mountains and valleys. Children quite enjoy the place with its ice-cream shops, balloon-sellers and horse rides. The area also has some of Shimla's interesting bits of colonial architecture especially Christ Church and the neo-Tudor building of the Library.

**The 'Lakkar Bazaar'** is just off the Ridge and has budget-range souvenir shops, a few eating place and a roller skating rink.

**Christ Church** is loosely Gothic in character and stands tall on Shimla's Ridge. This has quite become the signature along the town's skyline. It still tells the story of a part of the town's rich history and pews still mark the seats of the Viceroy, the Commander-in-Chief and the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab while dozens of memorial tablets sound a roll call of the British Empire. The side door to the church is normally open.

**The Gaiety Theatre** is a part of the old town hall. The theatre is about a hundred meters from the Scandal Point on the Mall and complete with papier mache paneling and remarkable acoustics, this is a miniature version of a London theatre.

**St. Michael's Cathedral** lies just below the Deputy Commissioner's office. Built with a partial though elegant vocabulary of the French- Gothic style, the exterior of St. Michael's is of dressed grey stone. The floor plan follows a cruciform and this is one of the town's most striking buildings. Over the high altar is a rich tapestry of glass that depicts a group of the crucifixion. A statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, presented by the people of Mexico has also been installed in the church.

**Other Churches in Shimla** Now a library, the deconsecrated Church of Scotland, St. Andrew's rises in bare unpretentious brick just behind the Post Office on the Mall. The Church Missionary Society ran St. Thomas' for the 'natives'. Now in the shadows of its former glory, the All Saints Chapel lies in a corner of the sprawling estate of the former Viceregal Lodge. In the town's wooded suburb of Mashobra, lies St. Crispin's. The Seventh Day Adventists have their own little chapel and similarly, many of the town's educational institutions have well maintained chapels too.

**Kali Bari Temple** is located just off the Mall and is held in high veneration by the town's Hindus. This was established in the mid- nineteenth century by Ram Charan Bhramachari, a Bengali Brahmin.

**The Himachal State Museum** has a display of the state's cultural, artistic and archeological heritage. The gallery on miniature paintings is especially noteworthy. 'Inverarm', the building that holds the museum, once housed a Member of the Viceroy's Council.

**The former Viceregal Lodge today's Indian Institute of Advanced Study.** The site for Viceregal Lodge was selected by Lord Lytton, the British Viceroy of India between 1876 and 1880. In Lord Dufferin's tenure (1884-88), the plans were redrawn, and the Lodge built. The building falls under the broad classification of Scottish Baronial and elements of Elizabethan Renaissance and Dutch burgher are also visible. The building is of light blue-grey stone masonry with tiled pitch roofing. The main block has three stories and the kitchen wing has five and a tower strikes above the rest of the structure. In Lord Irwin's time, a 'public entry wing' was added in 1927. Major additions to the lawns were made by Lord Curzon and by Lord Minto (1905-10). The interior has remarkable woodwork and this was the first building with electric lighting in Shimla. After Independence in 1947, the building became the property of the President of India and was renamed Rashtrapati Niwas. In 1964, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study was created and housed here.

Today, portions of the ground floor, including the main hall and a small museum, are open to the public on a nominal ticket. The Institute is surrounded by attractive grounds while the hill has some good short walks.

**Jakhoo Hill** is Shimla's highest point and offers a spectacular view of the town, hills and distant mountain ranges. The views at sunrise and sunset, especially during the monsoons, are magnificent. The peak has a temple dedicated to Hanuman. Legend has it that he stopped here while searching for the sanjivini plant, the herb required to cure Laxman who lay mortally wounded on a battlefield in Lanka, an episode from the epic Ramayana. A variation of the legend says that his sandal fell here.

**The Glen** is a thickly wooded ravine, through which a stream flows. It is a popular picnic spot and is quite attractive after crossing the initial 200m or so -- this is after the pumping station that lies at the beginning.

**Annandale** is best known as a helipad. This large glade has a golf course, is surrounded by thick deodar woods and has a charming temple by the edge. An excellent museum of military history is also located at Annandale.

**Potter's Hill** and the Chadwick Falls lie past the university campus at Summerhill, as the name suggests, Potter's Hill was where Shimla once got its clay pots and pitchers on a side road and finally connected by a narrow path, lie the rain-fed Chadwick Falls.

**Tara Devi Temple**, Tara Devi on the highway to Kalka is a bare 4 kms from Shimla and the hill is crowned by a temple of the same name. Vehicular access to the shrine is along a road that bifurcates at Shoghi. The views are spectacular and down the valley lies Junga, the seat of the erstwhile state of Keonthal whose patron deity was Tara Devi. Sunday mornings have a throng of devotees and there is a lunch 'bhandara'. The temple may also be reached by a walk trail that rises from the highway and goes through oak and rhododendron woods through the 'Homestead' a property run by the Boy Scout movement.

**Buddhist monasteries** are there at Kasumpti (Nyingma-pa sect) and at Sanjauli (Geluk-pa sect).