

**Himachal (Chamba Valley – Khajiyar and Kalatop)/ Dalhousie**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup> Evening to May 19<sup>th</sup> Morning (Start and End at Delhi)**



**Khajiar (Top) / Dauladhar Range (Below, as seen from Dalhousie)**



## Explorers Tour Plan

**Day 1: May 13, 2017 (Overnight Volvo Bus Journey - Delhi to Pathankot)**

**Day 2: May 14, 2017 Arrival at Dalhousie**

4:00 am arrival at Pathankot, onward journey towards Dalhousie

Check-in to hotel; as per check-in timings (Stay at Hotel rest and walking tours)

Stay: Overnight at Hotel

Meals: Breakfast on the way, Dinner at Hotel



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### Day 3: May 15, 2017 Trip to Khajjar (One Day)

Day trip to Khajjar, full day exploring Khajjar

**Khajjar** is a [hill station](#) in [Chamba district](#), [Himachal Pradesh](#), [India](#), located approximately 24 km from [Dalhousie](#).<sup>[2]</sup>

Khajjar sits on a small plateau with a small stream-fed lake in the middle that has been covered over with weeds. The hill station is surrounded by meadows and forests. It is about 6,500 feet (2,000 m) above sea level in the foothills of the [Dhauladhar](#) ranges of the Western [Himalayas](#) and peaks can be seen in the distance.<sup>[3]</sup> It is part of the [Kalatop Khajjar Sanctuary](#).

Khajjar can be reached from Dalhousie, the nearest major town and hill station, by bus in an hour or so. It has a rare combination of three [ecosystems](#): [lake](#), [pasture](#) and [forest](#).

Mini Switzerland<sup>[edit]</sup>



Switzerland of Himachal Pradesh

On 7 July 1992, Mr. Willy T. Blazer, Vice Counselor and Head of Chancery of Switzerland in India brought Khajjar on the world tourism map by calling it "Mini Switzerland". He also put a [sign board of a yellow Swiss hiking footpath](#) showing Khajjar's distance from the Swiss capital [Bern](#)-6194 km. Khajjar is among the 160 locations in the world that bear topographical resemblance with [Switzerland](#). The counselor also took from Khajjar a stone which will form part of a stone collage around the Swiss Parliament to remind the visitors of Khajjar as a Mini Switzerland of India.

Places of interest<sup>[edit]</sup>

The best entertainment in Khajjar is to walk around the lake or to go for long walks in the thick pine forests. Children enjoy this place because of the freedom of movement and the sloped terrain which permits them to roll down to the lake without getting hurt. Another attraction is horse riding.<sup>[1]</sup>

#### **Dauladhar mountains:**

Dense deodars, pines and lush green meadows are characteristic of Khajjar. Since Khajjar is situated

at the base of the Dauladhar mountains, the tourists here can get panoramic views of the mountains.

### [Khajjiar Lake](#)

Khajjiar Lake is a small lake, surrounded by saucer-shaped lush green meadow and a floating island. The dense growth of weed called [vacha](#) has made its earth spongy. Now the banks stand covered by a thick layer of earth, formed by the years of dust settling down on the weeds.

### Khajjinag temple

A little away from the lake is the temple of Khajji Nag belonging to the 12th century AD made by the king of chamba Preeti Singh . In the [mandapa](#) of the temple one can see the images of the Pandavas and the defeated Kaurvas hanging from the roof of the circumambulatory path. The sanctum of the temple has been beautifully carved from wood.<sup>[1]</sup> This temple is dedicated to snake ([Nāga](#)) worship and there are some snake idols inside.

### Grasslands of Khajjiar



### Trekking

Khajjiar offers numerous trekking opportunities. **Khajjiar to Dainkund is a 3.5 kilometre easy to moderate trek.** The trek starts 6 kilometres from Khajjiar on the Dalhousie-Khajjiar road and ends at Pholani Devi Temple at Dainkund. This trek with a well-defined trail and moderate ascent is an excellent trek for beginners and children. The trek offers excellent views and a beautiful camping site.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner at Hotel

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#### Day 4: May 16, 2017 Trip to Kalatop (One Day with small conifer trail trek)

**Kalatop Khajjiar Sanctuary** is a 30.69 km<sup>2</sup> [animal sanctuary](#) at Kalatop and [Khajjiar](#) in the [Chamba district](#) of [Himachal Pradesh, India](#). The sanctuary area is well laid out for trekking trails both at Kalatop and [Khajjiar](#). There is a dense [deodar](#) and [fir](#) forest covering 19.63 km<sup>2</sup> of the sanctuary, which is about 6 km from [Dalhousie](#). [Pheasants](#), [serow](#) and black [bear](#) are some of the common animals found here.<sup>[1]</sup> The sanctuary lies in the path of the [Ravi River](#), and is surrounded by [coniferous](#) and oak forests.

## Flora and fauna



Kalatop Forest Rest House

The vegetation consists of blue [pine](#) and [deodar](#) forest, with [oak](#). Undergrowth in the forest area is well developed.

- Mammals- [bear](#), Himalayan Black [Marten](#), [leopard](#), [deer](#), Barking [Goral](#), [squirrel](#), [serow](#), [jackal](#), [langur](#).
- Birds- Blackbird<sup>[2]</sup>

*Birds* in this sanctuary many Birds are found some of them are listed below:- 1. Eurasian Jay 2. Whitewinged Black Bird 3. Black Headed Jay 4. Chesnut Billed Rock Thrush 5. Blackheaded Jay. 6. Grey Headed Cannery Flycatcher.



**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner at Dalhousie Hotel.**

**Overnight at Dalhousie Hotel**

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## Day 5: May 17, 2017 Dalhousie Site Seeing

### Etymology

Dalhousie Town was named after [Lord Dalhousie](#), who was the British Governor-General in India while establishing this place as a summer retreat.<sup>[2]</sup>

### History

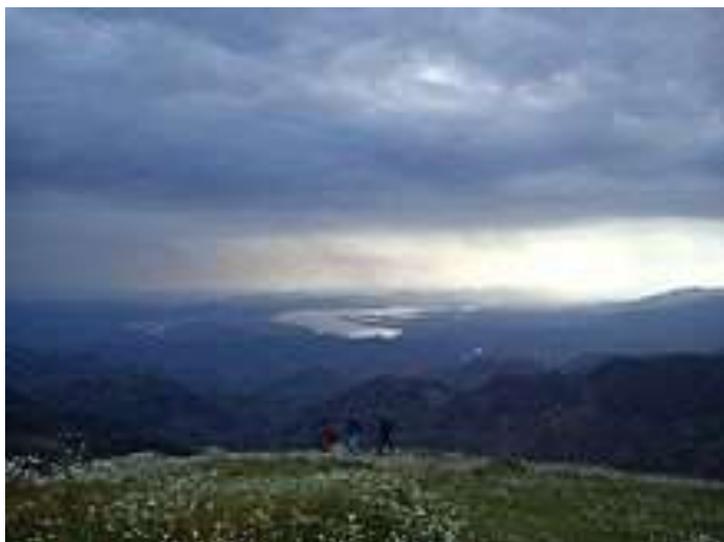
The Dalhousie is a hill station in [Himachal Pradesh](#), established in 1854 by the [British Empire](#)'s government in India as a summer retreat for its troops and officials.

It is built on and around five hills, Kathalagh, Potreyn, Terah, Bakrota and Bhangora.<sup>[2]</sup> Located on the western edge of the [Dhauladhar](#) mountain range of the [Himalayas](#), it is surrounded by snow-capped peaks. Dalhousie is situated between 6,000 and 9,000 feet (2,700 m) above sea level. The best time to visit is in the summer, and the peak tourist season is from May to September. Scottish and Victorian architecture are prevalent in the bungalows and churches in the town.

Dalhousie is a gateway to the ancient Chamba Hill State, now [Chamba District](#) of the state of [Himachal Pradesh](#) of India. This hill region is a repository of ancient Hindu culture, art, temples, and handicrafts preserved under the longest-running single dynasty since the mid-6th century. [Chamba](#) is the hub of this culture. Bharmour, the ancient capital of this kingdom, is home to the [Gaddi](#) and [Gujjar](#) tribes. It has 84 ancient temples dating from the 7th–10th centuries AD.

### Major attractions

Dalhousie has many places to visit. A favorite spot for tourists is the area near Alla. It is a potato field and it offers mesmerizing scenic landscape. Another popular spot is the area of Karelanu. It is famous for its precious water, which healed [Subhas Chandra Bose](#). He was suffering from [tuberculosis](#) and he regularly drank the water from the natural spring in Karelanu and was healed. Some of the major tourist attractions of the town are:



View from Ganji pahadi, Dalhousie



View from Subhash Bowli, Dalhousie

- Dainkund Peak
- [Khajjiar](#)
- Bakrota Hills
- Village Lohali
- Gandhi Chowk(G.P.O)
- Bakrota Hills
- [Dalhousie Cantonment](#)
- Sadar Bazar
- Tibetan Market
- Panchpula<sup>[6]</sup>
- Kalatop and Kalatop Forest
- [Salooni](#) about 50 km from Dalhousie provides a breathtaking view.

Overnight in Hotel at Dalhousie

Breakfast and Dinner at Dalhousie Hotel.

**Day 6: May 18, 2017 Rest and Shopping (Evening start back for Delhi)**

Dalhousie to Pathankot by Tempo/ Pathankot to Delhi overnight by Volvo

Breakfast at Hotel in Dalousie / Overnight in Volvo

**Day 7: May 19, 2017 Arrival at Delhi (End of Tour)**

Cost Rs.18,750/- per head. MAP. (Double sharing, Hotel Grade Deluxe - Single Star)

**Inclusions:**

**Travel**

Delhi to Pathankot (Return by Volvo)

Pathankot onwards travel by Private Tempo Traveller (Force with good driver)

Site seeing by Tempo Traveller (Private).

**Stay:** All Night Halts at Hotel in Dalhousie (Check-in on May 14<sup>th</sup> and Check-out on May 18<sup>th</sup>)

(All meals at Hotel as per Hotel Package - Breakfast and Dinner i.e. May 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner to May 18<sup>th</sup> Breakfast); May 14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast during travel included

13<sup>th</sup> Night and 18<sup>th</sup> Night in Volvo.

**Exclusions:**

May 18<sup>th</sup> Dinner not included. All Lunch and any other meals during travel not included.

Tips/Shopping etc. cost not included.

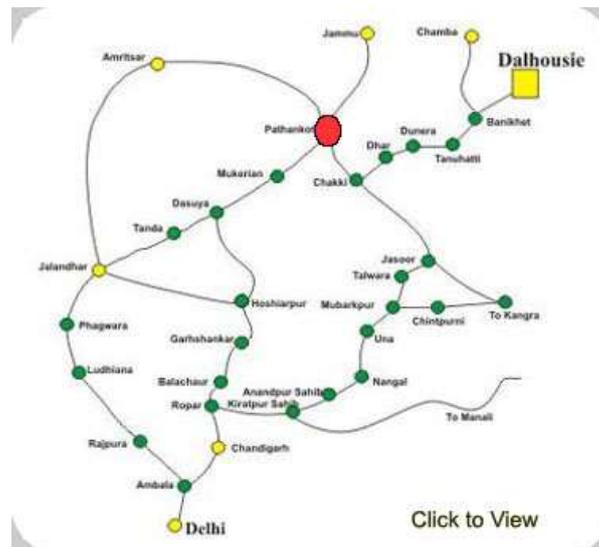
Any cost of Guides / Entry Fee into Forest Parks etc not included.

Any cost due to change in program; vehicle breakdown; emergencies like road block; act of god; strikes etc. not included.

Cost of Hotel/ Meals in Delhi if applicable Delhi not included.



Pathankot is a travel hub in Northern India. It has an ideal geographical location as it's a meeting point of three states, Punjab, Himachal and Jammu Kashmir. Emerging as a leading commercial hub of Punjab, it is feeding major hydroelectric projects of the nation like Ranjit Sagar Dam.



It is connected by airways, rail and road and situated in the picturesque foothills of Kangra and Dalhousie near river Chakki is an important link city for going to Jammu and Kashmir, Dalhousie, Chamba, Kangra and the deep Himalayas. It is surrounded by picturesque spots; Shahpur Kandi with a hanging rest house, Madhopur Headworks which date back to the Mughal era, Malikpur where India's foremost hydraulic research station is situated.