

Snow Leopard Expedition, Spiti

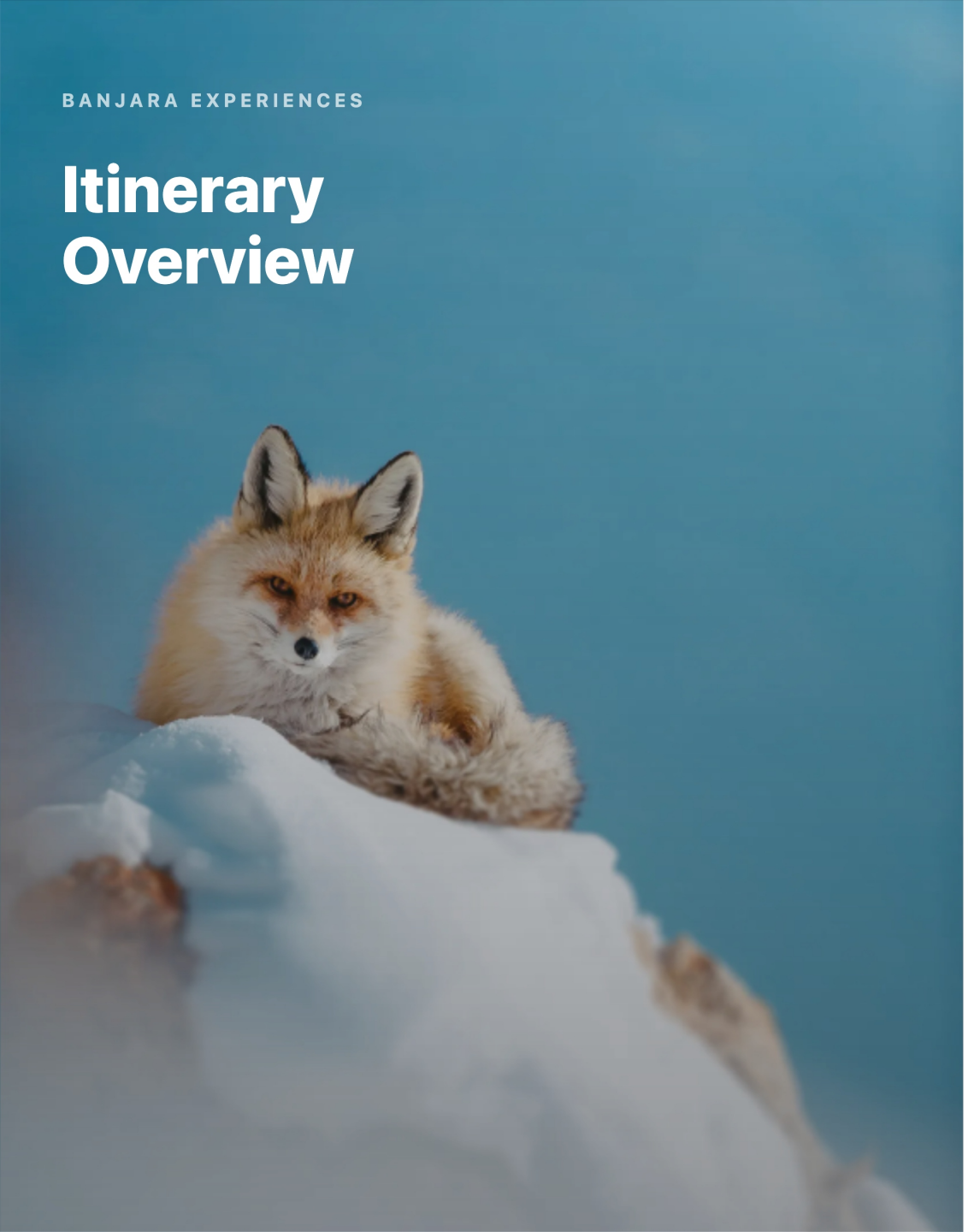
Come see the Ghost of the mountains

Who We Are

Founded in 1993, **Banjara** has a deep-rooted presence in the Indian Himalayas when it comes to hospitality and adventure. Through our experiences we hope to share the same spirit of adventure & exploration with everyone and also bring the best of adventure and hospitality together in doing so.

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Itinerary Overview



1	Land in Chandigarh, Drive to Thanedar
2	Drive to Kalpa
3	Drive from Kalpa to The Doksa in Mane.
4-9	The Doksa - Field Days
10	Drive to Rampur
11	Drive to Chandigarh

DAY 1

Land in Chandigarh, Drive to Thanedar

We start our journey from Chandigarh and quickly hit the Himalayan foothills eventually reaching the busy city of Shimla, capital of the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. After tackling the traffic and hustle of Shimla we drive 75 km further to our final destination for the day, Banjara Orchard Retreat, Thanedar.

DISTANCE	TIME	ALTITUDE
200 kms	6-7 hrs	2350 m





DAY 2

Drive to Kalpa

We drive further up and enter the steep mountains of Kinnaur, driving along the Sutlej River and past the numerous hydel power stations that have been built over it. The day's journey comes to a stop in Kalpa, a high point with uninterrupted views of the Kinner Kailash Massif. For non-Indians, this is also where we'll get an ILP (Inner Line Permit) processed.

DISTANCE	TIME	ALTITUDE
150 kms	5 hrs	2950 m

DAY 3

Drive from Kalpa to The Doksa in Mane.

Leaving the pine-fringed crags of Kalpa, the journey climbs into the stark, sub-zero wilderness of upper Spiti along the carved cliffs of the historic Hindustan–Tibet Highway. You'll trace the frozen Sutlej and Spiti rivers before crossing into Mane Gongma—a quiet, snow-bound mountain village perched at 10,700+ feet, serving as a gateway to untamed snow leopard territory.

DISTANCE	TIME	ALTITUDE
200 kms	6-7 hrs	3650 m





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The Doksa

Perched high in Mane Gongma, The Doksa rests in an amphitheater of stark trans-Himalayan peaks and sweeping white valley floor. The Doksa offers 10 thoughtfully designed rooms, including four convertible twins, all positioned to receive ample sunlight and clear views of the valley through floor-to-ceiling windows that bring the mountains directly into your living space.


The Lobby sitting area


The Deck


Evening View of the building


Wide view post the winters once the snow has melted









The Doksa - Signature Rooms







The Doksa - Premium Rooms









The Doksa - Deluxe Rooms











The Doksa - Tshera The Restaurant

DAY 4-9

The Doksa - Field Days

Located at 3,650 metres above sea level, Mane Gongma lies directly in the heart of the snow leopard corridor along the Spiti Valley river system.

The Doksa will act as our heated sanctuary and operational base for the coming week, as we venture out each morning seeking the elusive Ghost of the Mountains and the untamed winter wildlife of Spiti.

TIME	ALTITUDE	TERRAIN
Full Day	3650 - 4200 m	Mountain Terrain



The Ghost of the Mountains in it's natural habitat












Red Fox


Male Ibex


Baby Ibex


Blue Sheep
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DAY 10

Drive to Rampur

Leaving behind the icy heights of Mane Gongma, the return journey winds down through the dramatic Spiti and Sutlej gorges toward Rampur Bushahr. Descending from stark trans-Himalayan desert into the warmer, pine-scented valleys of the lower Kinnaur belt, it marks a serene transition from the high-altitude wilderness back toward civilization.

DISTANCE	TIME
270 kms	7-8 hrs





DAY 11

Drive to Chandigarh

Departing Rampur Bushahr, the final leg follows the winding Sutlej River down through the lush foothills of Himachal before breaking into the plains of Chandigarh. As you reach the city, the journey comes to a gentle close—marking the end of an extraordinary expedition and time to bid farewell until the mountains call again.

DISTANCE	TIME
240 kms	7-8 hrs

Inclusions

Included

- Accommodation for 10 nights on double share
- Mentorship of Ismail Shariff - Snow Leopard man of India
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 11. A hot lunch will be provided in the field on spotting days as would refreshments.
- Ex-Chandigarh transportation by a 4 x 4 or Innova Crysta as the situation may be.
- 06 days spotting experience in the Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary supported by a team of dedicated spotters and a guide.
- Personal field assistant / porter to carry gear and assist in the field
- First aid and support, including oxygen cylinders
- Safety communication devices like walkie talkies
- All necessary permits, fees and entries

Not Included

- GST 5%
- Travel to Chandigarh and return
- Travel and accident insurance
- Flight/Rail/Bus tickets
- Alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses incurred during the trip
- Single room supplement
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances and factors not in our hands.

TRIP COST

INR 2,80,000

PER PERSON

5% GST additional

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