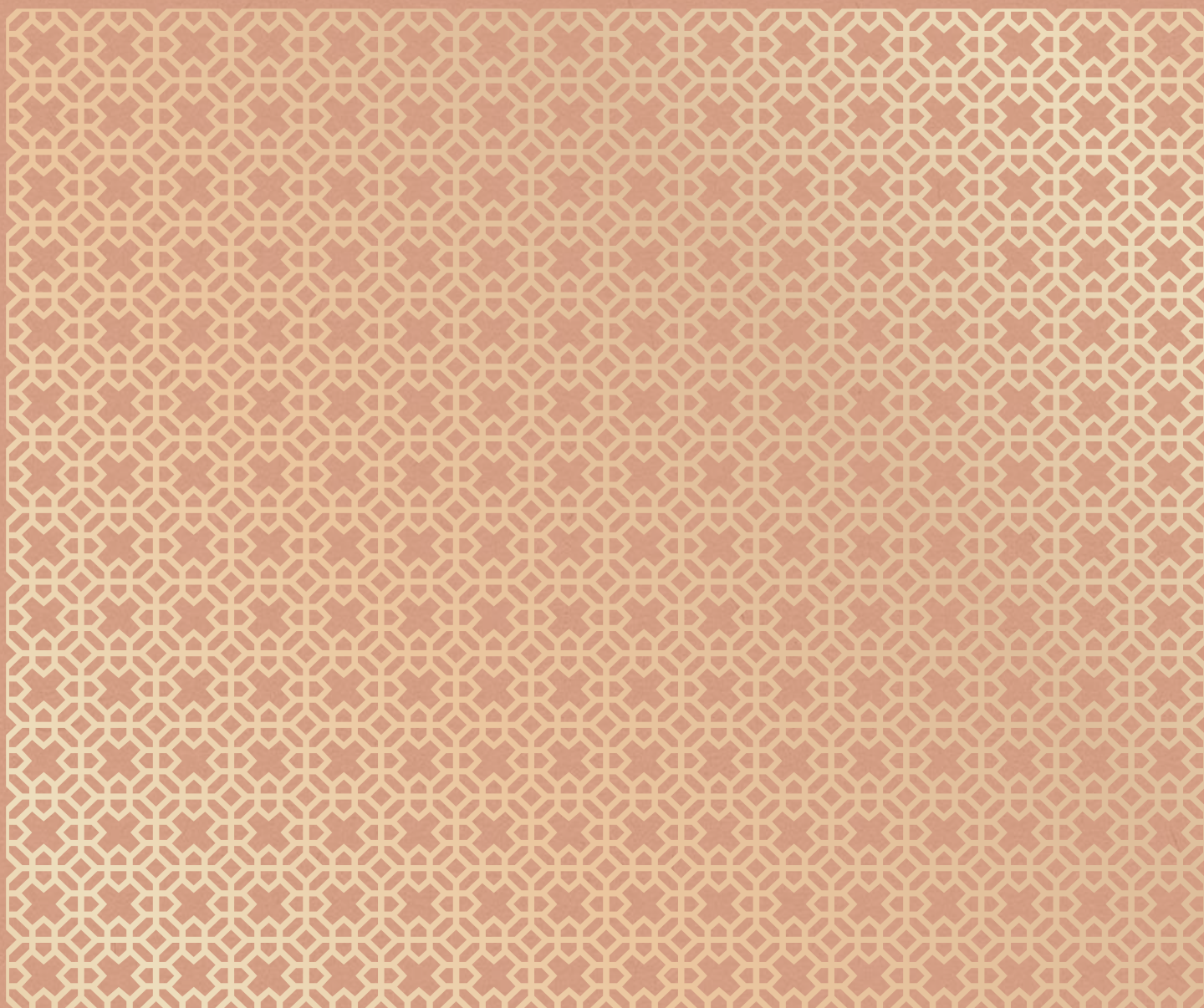


EXPERIENCES

*at*





# A NATURE *of* A PLACE

The valley is so much more than luxurious and pretty cottages of ours and hill side; it is pure bliss in terms of natural beauty. It has something for those willing to experience the adrenaline rush and also for those willing to immerse themselves in cultural heritage.



## R E S O R T

### *activites*

Explore the local surroundings like never before as we take you through the narrow pathways and let you soak in the natural beauty around the resort. The cost of these activities are included in package and only transportation shall be charged extra as applicable.

All activities need to be pre - booked to confirm & ensure availability







## SHORT HIKES



### *leisure walks*

**VILLAGE WALK (DURATION - 1 HOUR 30 MIN):** A short walk through Rakh Village. The trail initially goes along the stream to Manimahesh Temple then it descends through the fields, giving a glimpse of village life and witness the very old and traditional method of wheat grinding (pan-chakki).

**SIDH BABA TEMPLE TREK (DURATION - 2 HOURS 15 MIN):** This hike is a bit more strenuous going through Ghamrota village, crossing over the brook facing a steep ascend till Bababhaga Village where the Sidh Baba temple is located.

**DORZONG MONASTIC INSTITUTE TREK (MONASTERY AND GURUDWARA) (DURATION - 2 HOURS 30 MIN):** Initially cross Rakh village and take “the road less travelled” going through dense and serene pine forest, try spotting jungle fowl and some other flora and fauna. Enjoy a close up view of Himani Chamunda and the Dhauladar range. Peep into the lives of young monks and seek blessings at the Gurudwara.

**NIGHT TREK (DURATION - 2 HOURS):** This trek gives you a whole different perspective as you walk on the trails crossing the village reaching deep into the jungle. What's better than sitting next to the stream and enjoying the starry night with a cup of hot tea?





## LONG HIKES



*test your stamina*

**DIBNU MATA TEMPLE AND GADHI (SNOW POINT) TREK (DURATION - 10 TO 11 HOURS):** This trek will test your stamina, as you cross the village Ghamrotha and the pine forest. Stop by to visit Dibnu mata temple, enjoy the view of the valley, beautiful landscapes and finally reaching to the point “Gadhi” where all your hard work pays off while you enjoy the fresh snow in winters.

**BHAGPUR (VIA ADUDU) TREK (DURATION - 11 TO 13 HOURS):** Another trek that will literally test your strength, both physically and mentally. Enjoy the 360 degree view of beautiful valley and shake hands with the mighty Dhauladhar range.

**NATURAL SPRING WATER BATH TREK (DURATION - 6 HOURS ):** This trek is long, but also so much fun at the same time as you cross the village rakh and enter the jungle where the trail allows you to witness a different landscape every kilometer. The trail ends where the stream is wider than other places and you can take a dip to beat that heat in summer. A small picnic with live cooking makes this trek a great bonding exercise for kids and adults alike.

Calories Burned - On an average a 70kg person burns between 430 and 440 calories per hour of hiking!

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## CULINARY EXPERIENCE



### *himachali rasoi*

A tasteful blend of Rakkh's locally grown organic ingredients and age old recipes - Himachali cuisine is an irresistible delectation! At Rakkh we believe in promoting & celebrating local flavors, so there is a strong emphasis on traditional Himachal Food, with its rich and unique flavor. Guests join us at our Himachai Rasoi for a taste of mountain food prepared the time-honoured way! At Rakkh, we are constantly striving to celebrate biodiversity by our a "Farm to Fork" approach! Our own home-grown organic garden is cared for by a team of avid local gardeners. We cultivate and grow our own indigenous fruits, vegetables and plants to give a taste of authentic Himachal to all our guests!



## D H A A M



*traditional communal feast*

Did You Know? It is believed that about 1,300 years ago, Jaistambh, the then-King of Himachal Pradesh, liked the Kashmiri Wazwaan so much that he ordered his cooks to prepare a similar meal without using meat. Thus a new style was evolved in Himachali cuisine, eventually known as Dhaam. Enjoy the deliciousness of Dhaam – the traditional Himachali feast organized in the evenings & be enthralled by Kashmiru, our Himachali Bob Dylan who sings with two traditional musical instruments in his hands and a big smile on his face. An exemplary artist, allow him to enthrall you with his trademark “Raag Pahari, Khanjari Khana – Masauda Gayan” style of music along with a traditional Gaddi Dance performance!





## Y O G A & S P A



*rejuvenate*

Away from the hustle & bustle of everyday life, both on and off the mat, solitude is in abundance and a sense of timelessness is in the air. At Rakkh Resort, Yoga is practiced in the serene atmosphere of Himachal Pradesh under the able guidance of experienced practitioners! At Rakkh Resort, we offer you the option of the Yoga Studio, an Amphitheatre (for a lovely sunset view), or the Terrace (stunning view of the rising sun)

Baanka (meaning beauty in Pahari) is Rakkh's exclusive spa, designed to help our guests relax and unwind from the day to day stresses of life, or after a long journey, to restore body and mind. Relax, Refresh & Recharge at Baanka, our in-house spa. Our team of talented therapists deliver a comprehensive variety of healing, beauty and pampering treatments, including aromatherapy, Swedish and Thai massages, body scrubs and wraps using all-natural ingredients to achieve the ultimate sense of well-being.





## ADVENTURE CALLING



*mountain biking, wall climbing, slack lining*

Explore the beautiful Himachal Pradesh countryside on two wheels! Our experienced activity guides will take you on various trails across the stunning landscapes that flank the resort, with plenty of rest and snack stops along the route.

Get a foothold in the adventurous world of wall climbing as you learn to ascend our eight meter wall that has been artificially constructed for climbers of all abilities!

Slacklining can most easily be described as walking, balancing on a line tensioned between two anchors. This activity is huge in Europe and the States, no scene in any park is complete without a group of friends demonstrating their slacklining skills, and now Rakkh is bringing it to India!

On an average a 65kg person burns about 500 calories per hour of mountain biking!





## H A N D M A D E



### *pottery and handloom weaving*

Rakkh offers an in-house pottery workshop to give guests an opportunity to get in touch with their inner child & watch their creations come to life.

The wool weaving culture of Himachal Pradesh needs no introduction. At Rakkh Resort we have employed a local artisan who will demonstrate with nimble fingers the time-tested art of shawl-making. Watch how these beautiful shawls are made, the skill and craft that goes into each one – and if you decide to buy it – all proceeds go directly to the artisan.





## KIDS CORNER



*puppeteering, darts, bird watching, archery,  
tent pitching, log balancing, ninja activity*

We use adorable puppets to not only to entertain our young guests but also as an important tool to stimulate imagination & encourage group participation.

Any aspiring Robin Hoods out there? Experience Archery at Rakkh Resort! Come try your hand at one of the world's oldest sports and see how you match up.

Rakkh is home to many a species of migratory birds that can be spotted at various times throughout the year - White Naped Tit, Asian Paradise Flycatchers, White Throated Kingfisher & many more. This is an effort to introduce everyone to the birds around "Rakkh". The more birds the children identify, the bigger the prize they receive.

Also, we are a pet friendly resort : )

## O U T D O O R

### *excursions*

Go paragliding or explore the ancient architecture around with our tailored trips or just visit the tea gardens around. Here are few activities that you may choose to club with your stay.

We request you to kindly check the availability and the commercials prior to your check-in as the cost shall be based on group size and weather conditions.

Rakkh can help facilitate the bookings for these & provide relevant contact details as well.







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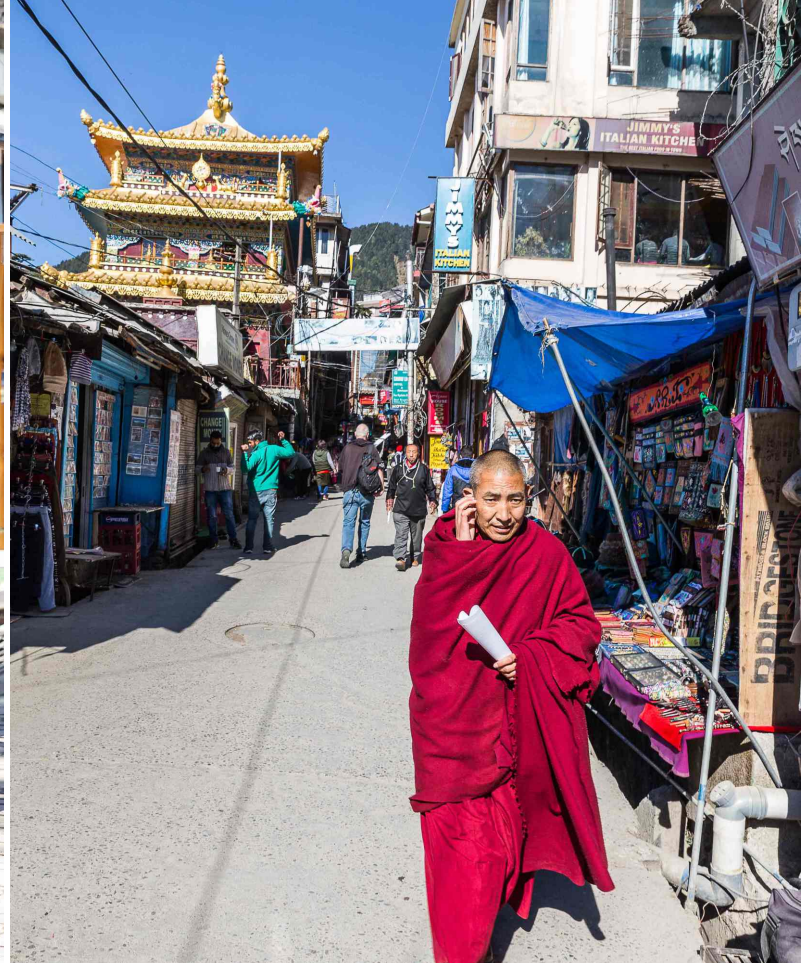


*paragliding*

One of the best places in the world to take a flight amid those scenic mountains, we offer our guests an adrenaline charged activity, Paragliding.

- Drive to Bir takes approximately 1 hr 20 min from where you take-off to site in Billing
- Flight duration is approximately 25mins (depending on factors such as wind, thermals, etc)
- Once back to Bir, lunch at Garden Café (depends on what time you reach)
- Optional visit to the beautiful Nyingma Monastery





M c L E O D G A N G &



D H A R A M S H A L A

Interested in Thangka painting demonstrations or just willing to spend a day out in the bustling markets? If a relaxed day is what you are looking forward to while exploring the local markets and places, this is just for you.

- An hour's drive to McLeod and 30mins further to Dharamshala
- Visit Norbulinka Institute (Thangka painting demonstrations)
- Shop for indigenous shawls, carpets, artefacts and keepsakes
- Explore laid back cafes and Buddhist Monasteries
- Tibet Museum which has interesting collection of photographs of Tibet before and after the Chinese occupation
- Gothic church of St John in the Wilderness, with its atmospheric Victorian cemetery

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# TOY TRAIN RIDE



*from toy train to pottery*

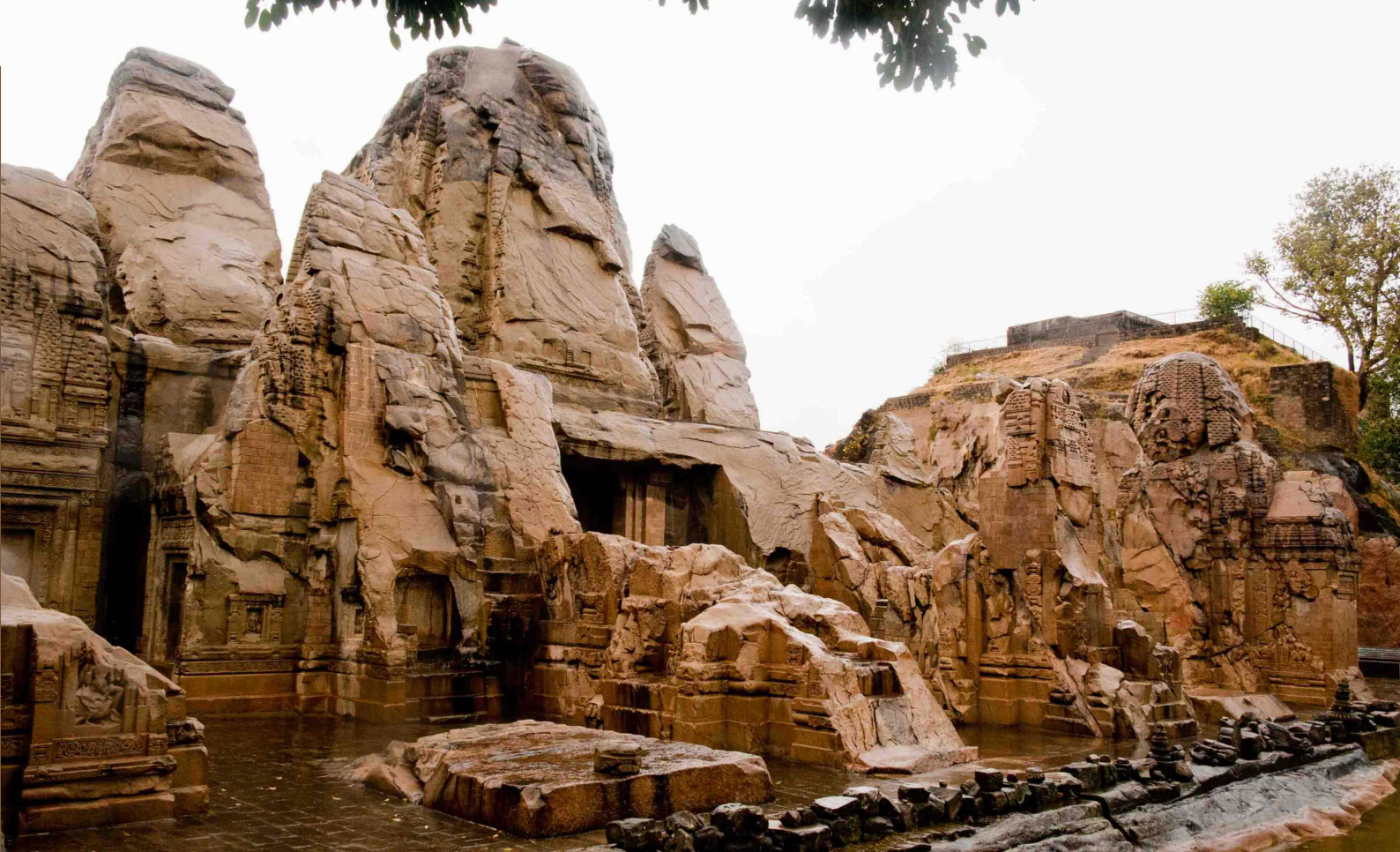
Take on the locals by boarding a toy train that travels 165 kms across the  
Himachal countryside and then stop over to explore the world famous  
Andretta Pottery Studio

- The journey to Baijnath (one of the twelve Jyotirlingas) will take around 1 hour 15 minutes
- On your way mingle with locals, and pass through lush farmlands
- On arrival in Baijnath, stop and have a cup of chai at the platform, or continue directly by vehicle to the temple
- Continue by road towards the small artists-village of Andretta
- Visit the world famous Andretta Pottery Studio, and after (packed) lunch, take part in a 3hrs pottery workshop

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# MASROOR ROCK TEMPLE



## & KANGRA FORT

This is a two way deal where on one hand you witness the grandeur of more than 1200 years old Masroor Temple, associated with several legends from the great epic Mahabharata and on the other the seat of power to the Katoch dynasty, The Kangra Fort.

- Departure from the resort after breakfast and take a two hour drive to Mansoor
- Snacks break at top of the ruins of the small fort next to the temples
- Drive for an hour to Kangra Fort where you meet the audio guide to the fort
- Enjoy packed lunch on the ramparts of the fort
- Return to Rakkh by 6pm

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## TEA TRAILS



*pluck to cup*

A perfect excursion for guests who wish to take a gentle stroll through pristine tea gardens, as well as visiting a working Tea Factory, and get a chance to see the complicated and ingenious process that goes into making a perfect cup of tea.

Here you'll get a chance to pluck your own tea, discover the immense skill that goes into plucking the best buds and witness the multiple steps that go into processing the tea at the factory before enjoying a tea tasting session.