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### **Shimla in Himachal Pradesh**

Shimla is one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in India. The importance of the city was known to the world well before modern tourism came into being. Shimla was the summer capital of the British Raj in India. Because of their stay here, the city has a distinct influence of British culture and architecture. When you visit Shimla today, you will find ample evidence of the blend of the English lifestyle with those of the Indians.

The ideal way to explore Shimla is on foot. Taking a walk around the city is a pleasure that no tourist can resist. Those looking for an idyllic walk around Shimla can go to the Institute of Advanced Study. The area around the academy provides ample opportunities for a walk. You can walk towards the State Museum and if you feel adventurous enough, take a stroll right up to Kamna Devi. A short train ride from the Tara Devi station will take you to Sankat Mochan.

If shopping is on your mind, the Lakkar Bazaar is where you must head to. This is a typical Indian market where you can find a wide variety of items. While shopping, take a walk towards the Chotta Shimla and the Raj Bhavan. The town of Jakhoo has numerous paths that crisscross each other. The Five Benches Road is one of the older streets of Shimla. Walking along with Bharari spur is also a wise idea.

The sights and sounds enhance the charm of walking in the lanes of Shimla. Birdwatchers have a special interest in the city. Some popular spots of bird-watching are the Glen, the Summer Hill, the Bharari spur and the villages of Kamina and Pabo. There is trekking route from Kamina to Tattapani that you can explore. Some famous churches of Shimla also attract the attention of the tourists. The more famous among them are St. Andrew's Church, All Saints' Chapel and the Christ Church.