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Dalhousie is a hill station full of colonial charm that holds lingering echoes of the Raj. Spread out over the five hills (Kathlog, Potreys, Tehra, Bakrota and Balun) the town is named after the 19th century British Governer General Lord Dalhousie. It was popular with the British Army personnel in 1860's. The town's varying altitude shades it with a variety of vegetation that includes stately grooves of pines, deodars, oaks and flowering rhododendrons. Rich in colonial architecture, the town preserves some beautiful churches. St. John church is the oldest one built in 1863, St. Francis was built in 1894, St. Andrew in 1903 and St. Patric in 1909.

## PLACES TO VISIT

### **GANDHI CHOWNK (GPO)**

As Shimla finds its focus in the mall, in Dalhousie action gravitates in the evening to the G.P.O. which presents a riot of colours and activity. Sometimes it even becomes difficult to surge ahead without jostling and elbowing. Most of the good eateries and handicraft emporia, hotels and of course the ever attractive Tibetan market are all around the G.P.O. There is a library and a reading room at the G.P.O. for the convenience of the tourists.

### **ST. JOHNS CHURCH**

This Church stands on the Gandhi Chowk. This Church was the first to be built after the town of Dalhousie was founded. Prior to 1863 a wooden structure stood at this place. The idea to build a stone structure took birth with the arrival of Rev. John H. Pratt who came to Dalhousie on 11-04-1863 and

inspired the Christian community to build a permanent church building at this place. Building of this church is a copy of Roman Catholics Church of England but this church belongs to Protestants.

### **ST. FRANCIS CHURCH**

This Catholic Church is a very prominent monument on the Subhash Chowk. This Church was built in the year 1894 from the contributions made by Army and Civil Officers and Civilians. This Church is managed and maintained by the Cathoilic Diocese of Jalandhar. St. Francis' Church on Prtrain hill is believed to have been built on the lines of a certain church in England. Beautiful glass work and intricate stone work can be seen in the Church. Service is conducted every Sunday.

### **PANJPULLA**

It means five bridges. It is a picturesque spot with water flowing under the five small bridges. A samadhi of Sardar Ajit Singh, uncle of Bhagat Singh, adds to its importance. A small fresh water spring Satdhara is close by. There is also a water fall at Panjpulla.

### **KALATOPE**

Kalatop is 10 kms from G.P.O. at an altitude of 8000 feet. Walking along the secluded and forested road through upper Nakorota hills, one reaches Lakkarmandi. Between G.P.O. and Lakkarmandi lies the Dalhousie water system, Tibetan Handicraft Centre and Dalhousie Potato Farm at Ahla. Lakkarmandi is nestled between 8600 feet high DayanKund peak on its

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## **DAINKUND**

Dainkund is 10 km from Dalhousie. On a clear day this tall peak (2745 m) affords a birds eye-view of the hills, verdant valleys and the Beas, Ravi and Chenab rivers threading their silvery passage down to the plains.

## **KHAJJAR**

Khajjar is often referred to as "Gulmarg of Himachal Pradesh". The lush green meadows are surrounded by thick pine and cedar forests. Grazing herds of sheep, goats and other milch cattle present a perfect pastoral scenery. There is a small lake in the center of the saucer shaped meadow which has in it a floating island.

## **CHAMBA**

The town stands on a plateau on the right bank of the Ravi river valley between Dhauladhar and Zanskar ranges south of the inner Himalayas. This town was founded by Raja Sahil Varman when he conquered the lower Rani valley from the petty chiefs called Ranas and Thakurs in the beginning of 10th Century. It seems the original name of the town was Champa as mentioned in Kalhan's Rajtarangani

## **BHURI SINGH MUSEUM**

Bhuri Singh Museum at Chamba opened formally on 14-09-1908, it is named after Raja Bhuri Singh who ruled Chamba from 1904 to 1919. Bhuri Singh donated his family collection of paintings to the museum. The idea to open a public museum came from J. Ph. Vogel, an eminent Indologist who was serving A.S.I. and who through an intensive exploration had discovered, read and analyzed old inscriptions dispersed far and wide in the territory of Chamba state.

## **LAKSHMI NARAYANA TEMPLE**

Lakshmi Narayana Temple, which is the main temple of Chamba town was built by Sahil Varman in the 10th century AD. The temple has been built in the Shikhara style. The temple consists of Bimana i.e. Shikhara and GarbhGriha with a small antralya. Laxmi Narayana Temple has a mandapa like structure also. The wooden Chhattrees, the shell roof, atop the temple were in response to the local climatic conditions as a protection against snowfall.

## **CHAMERA LAKE**

Boating Point located at Taleru is at a distance of 30 km and is one of the most scenic sight of Dalhousie. This sight offers to explore the most beautiful backwaters of Chamba Valley. The Chamera Dam Lake is one of the modern engineering marvel of the State of Himachal Pradesh, as also provides an opportunity to have a exiting boating trip around the magnificent lake.

## **SACH PASS (SNOW POINT)**

Sach Pass located at a height of about 4414 meters (14,478 feet) from the sea level. Sach Pass is most frequently used by the local people, officials serving in Pangi and also by the shepherds. There is a motorable road across Sach Pass, and is in good shape. At the top of the Pass, vision extends to the rivers of the plain to the south. Limitless charm beholds the eye on the top.

## **BHARMOUR**

Bharmour, east of Chamba, also called Gadderan "the home of gaddis" was the former capital of the rulers of Chamba. It is famous for the temple complex Chaurasi, a cluster of eighty-four temples. Bharmour is known for its scenic beauty and for its ancient temples. Some of temples are believed to be existing from 10th century.

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## SIGHTSEEING PACKAGES

Package 1 : Panjpulla, St. Johns Church, St. Francis Church, Subhash Chowk, Subash Bowli

Package 2 : Panjpulla, Kalatope, Dainkund

Package 3 : Panjpulla, Kalatope, Dainkund, Khajjiar.

Package 4 : Panjpulla, Kalatope, Dainkund, Khajjiar, Chamba, Bhuri Singh Museum, Lakshmi Narayana Temple, Dam-view, Rock-garden.

Package 5 : Panjpulla, Kalatope, Dainkund, Khajjiar, Chamba, Bhuri Singh Museum, Lakshmi Narayana Temple, Chamera Lake, Rock-garden.

Package 6 : Rock-garden, Chamera Lake, Bhali Mata Temple.

Package 7 : Chamera Lake, Sach-pass(snow point).

Package 8 : Panjpulla, Kalatope, Dainkund, Khajjiar, Chamba, Bhuri Singh Museum, Lakshmi Narayana Temple, Bharmour, Dam-view, Rock-garden.

## OTHER PACKAGES

Package 1 : Dalhousie, Dharamshala, Drop at Pathankot/ Chakki Bank Railway station or Amritsar.

Package 2 : Dalhousie, Dharamshala, Manali, Drop at Chandigarh/ Ambala.

Package 3 : Dalhousie, Dharamshala, Manali, Shimla, Drop at Chandigarh/ Ambala.

## OTHER CUSTOMIZED PACKAGES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

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