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PRICE LIST

1. Printed Thangka	Rs. 200/-
2. Jain Card	Rs. 2000/-
3. Memory Book	Rs. 500/-
4. Dukar Matras	Rs. 100/-
5. Prayer Flag	Rs.40/50/60/100

Above bought funds goes to Monastery's charitable trust.
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On the 18th of September 2022, twenty five students and two teachers from The Assam Valley School took off to Spiti Valley on an eight-day trip. The trip was an unforgettable experience for us, so we decided to store these memories as a visual go-through of the place. The Assam Valley School 2023 Calendar is an effort to give you a glimpse of the best locations in Spiti through the lenses of our team members. Here we share our impressions, experiences and learning about one of the varied regional cultures and lifestyles in India, the Spiti Valley in Himachal Pradesh.





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A pilgrim near the Gue village - Buddhist pilgrims in Himachal are very hardworking and welcoming, and generally trek long distances on foot, which is why they live a long healthy life. They are very devoted to their religion and go from monastery to monastery educating the tourists about their culture.

FEBRUARY

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The Tabo Monastery is one of the oldest Buddhist centers in the Western Himalayas. Murals of Tabo Monastery are quite similar to Ajanta paintings. It took 46 years to complete the monastery. Dimly lit rooms, mystical shrines, ancient murals and Tibetan art forms make this one of the most popular Buddhist monasteries in India.



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MARCH

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Buddhist Stupa in front of Sakyā Tangyud Monastery overlooking the Kaza village - The central structure consists of a hemispherical dome on a base, with a relic chamber deep within. The dome symbolizes, among other things, the dome of heaven enclosing the earth. It is surmounted by a squared railing that can be said to represent the world mountain.



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On the advice of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tabo Monastery established Serkong School on 29 May 1999, with the aim of helping to preserve the tradition of Spiti Valley and to give local youth a modern education. The school seeks to enable the younger generation of the valley to build their own future, based on the Tibetan culture.

MAY

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The Tabo monastery has 9 temples, 23 chortens, a monk's chamber, and a nun's chamber. The meditation caves have been dug by hand into the side of the mountain. These were believed to be the abode of the Buddhist monks during the frigid Himalayan winters.



JUNE

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Overlooking the Spiti river, the Kye monastery is said to be the largest and the most visited monastery of Spiti valley. The walls of the temples here are covered with beautiful murals and paintings that best depict the 14th-century monastic architecture.

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The Dhankar Village is located near Kaza. Literally meaning a fort on a cliff, Dhankar was the capital of Spiti Kingdom in the 17th century. Dhankar is in the cold desert of Spiti Valley and looks like a bowl-shaped structure in the hills. It looks almost as if all the old Dhankar houses and fort have emerged straight from the mountains with their back wall being merged on the hill.



AUGUST

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Overlooking Kaza from a height of about 13,500 ft, the Kye monastery is the largest in the valley and holds a powerful sway over the most populous part of the valley around Kaza. The gompa is an irregular heap of low rooms and narrow corridors on a monolithic conical hill.

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Located about 15 km from the town of Kaza in Spiti Valley, Hikkim has a population that is majorly Buddhist. For most of the months, this place remains cut off from rest of the world due to heavy snowfall over the passes. The world's highest post office, connected by a motorable road is found here; a bright red cylinder, it revels in its rarity, with many old women outside selling tea and postcards.



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Langza Village, situated at an altitude of 4200 metres, is one of the most picturesque villages of Spiti. It is located on the highland meadows with snow capped mountain ranges forming the backdrop. The village is adorned by a beautiful image of Buddha and an ancient temple more aptly called 'Lang' said to be the abode of the deities of the region and over 1000 years old.

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Sheep and goat rearing is the major occupation of the Gaddi tribe in Himachal Pradesh. The number of sheep and goats reared per household is about 120 and 50. The sheep and goats are grazed for 7 to 8 hrs a day on common forest/pasture lands during different seasons. Sheep wool is used to make traditional textiles like the Kullu shawls or scarves.



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The Serkong School established by the Tabo Monastery focuses its support on children and youth from poorer families. Providing an education to the monks, to equip them to promote the Bhoti (Tibetan) language and Buddhist philosophy is the primary aim of the school.



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