

Dal Lake Dharamshala



Situated 11 Km from [Dharamshala](#) near Tota Rani village is a small altitude lake in [Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh](#). The Dal Lake in Dharamshala is a natural gem nestled amid a lush green forest of deodar trees. It is a popular pilgrim spot with stunning scenic beauty.

This pristine, shimmering lake covers approximately 18 square kilometres and is surrounded by the majestic Himalayan mountains, offering a picturesque backdrop.

It is a hub of cultural experiences and natural wonders and therefore is a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts, honeymooners, and anyone seeking a peaceful escape in the lap of nature.

Do you want to visit Dal Lake in Dharamshala? Read the complete guide below to learn everything about Dal Lake [Himachal Pradesh](#): from legends to things to do, the best time to visit, how to reach, and things to keep in mind before visiting Dal Lake.

Legends about Dal Lake

A 200-year-old Lord Shiva temple is located at the bank of the Dal Lake. This area around Dal Lake in Himachal is a paradise for nature lovers and devotees. It is often referred to as: 'Jewel in the crown of Kashmir.'

According to local legends, a sage named Sage Durvasya prayed to Lord Shiva here. Every year devotees of Lord Shiva flock to this spot to take part in the auspicious celebration at Lord Shiva Temple.

Best Time to Visit Dal Lake

The best time to visit Dal Lake in Dharamshala is during the summer and autumn months. Visiting during these months ensures you can fully enjoy the beauty of Dal Lake and its surroundings.

Here's a breakdown of the seasons:

1. Summer (May to June): This is the peak tourist season, as the weather is pleasantly mild, with daytime temperatures ranging from 15 degrees to 30 degrees. During this time you can witness the blooming forest, vibrant houseboats, and clear skies which make it a perfect time for boating and sightseeing.
2. Autumn (September to early October): Autumn in Dal Lake has a unique charm with the onset of fall foliage. The weather remains pleasant, with temperatures ranging from 10 degrees to 25 degrees. The forest surroundings are adorned with hues of red and gold, creating a magical atmosphere.

How to Reach Dal Lake Mcleodganj

- Nearest airport: Gaggal airport is only 10 km from Dharamshala.
- The Nearest Railway station: Pathankot Cantt. (Chakki) (88 Km) is the nearest railway station. You can rent a car and experience lovely sightseeing on your way to the lake.
- Other transportation: Dal Lake is only 8 km from Dharamshala, you can rent a car or a bus to the spot or can travel straight from Delhi on an overnight Volvo bus direct to Dharamshala.

Tips for visiting the Dal Lake

- It is recommended to carry warm clothes, woollen mufflers, and caps as it can get windy and cold.
- Wear proper footwear so that you can explore the area without hurting your feet.
- It is best to visit during the daytime to better enjoy the view.