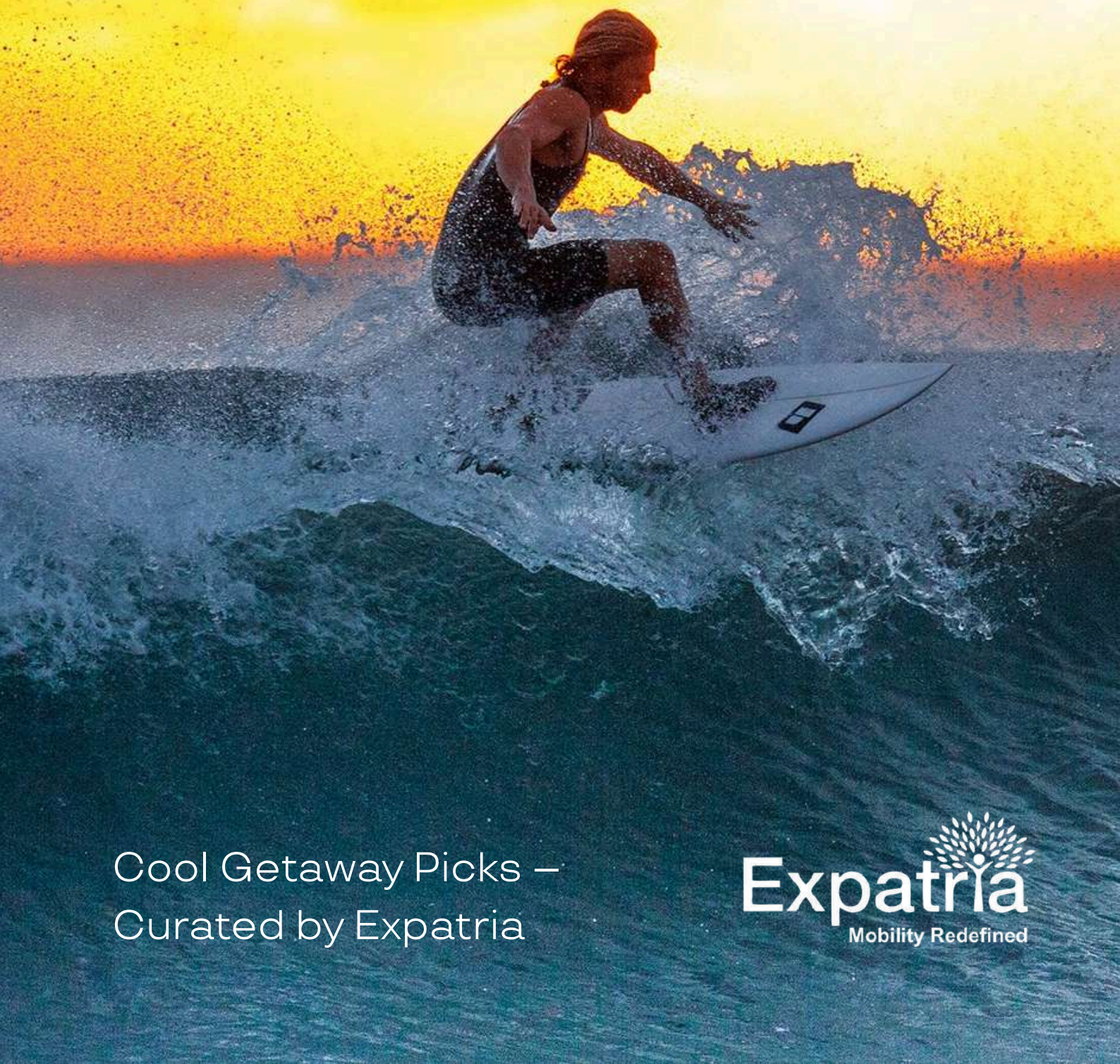


# Popular Indian Summer Destination Guide



Cool Getaway Picks –  
Curated by Expatria





As the Indian summer sets in from April to June, escaping the heat becomes a travel priority. Whether you're longing for the misty hills of the North or the lush greenery of the South, Expatria is here to guide you through India's most beloved summer destinations – perfect for a scenic break or a refreshing long weekend!



# Northern Escapes:

## Mountain Magic



# 1. Leh, Ladakh

**Why go:** Majestic monasteries, moon-like landscapes, and the mystical Magnetic Hill.

**Best time:** May–September

**Getting there:** Flights to Leh or road trips from Manali/Srinagar.



## 2. Kashmir



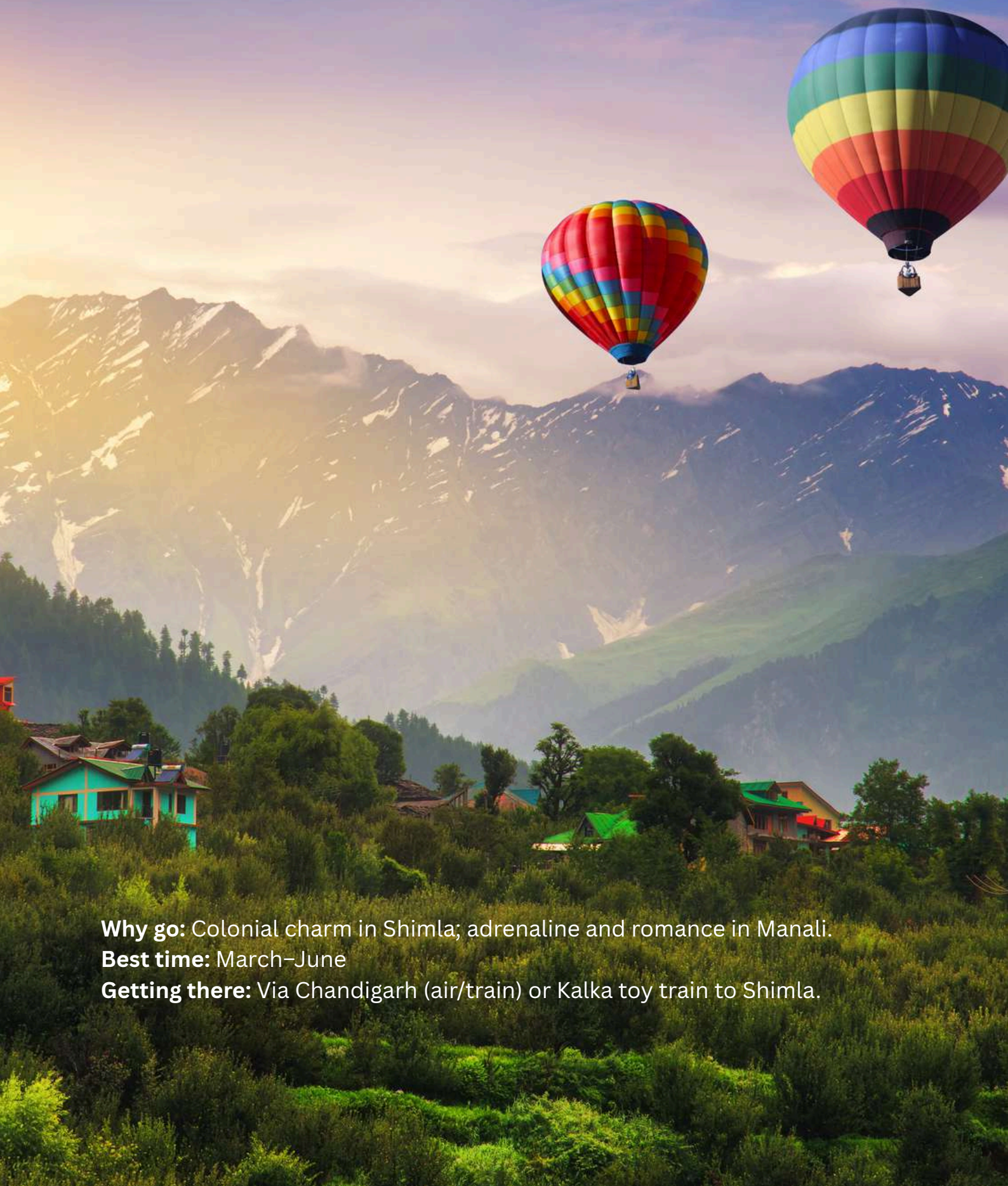
**Why go:** Shikara rides on Dal Lake, Himalayan meadows in Gulmarg & Pahalgam.

**Best time:** March–August

**Getting there:** Flights to Srinagar or train to Jammu + road trip.



# 3. Shimla & Manali



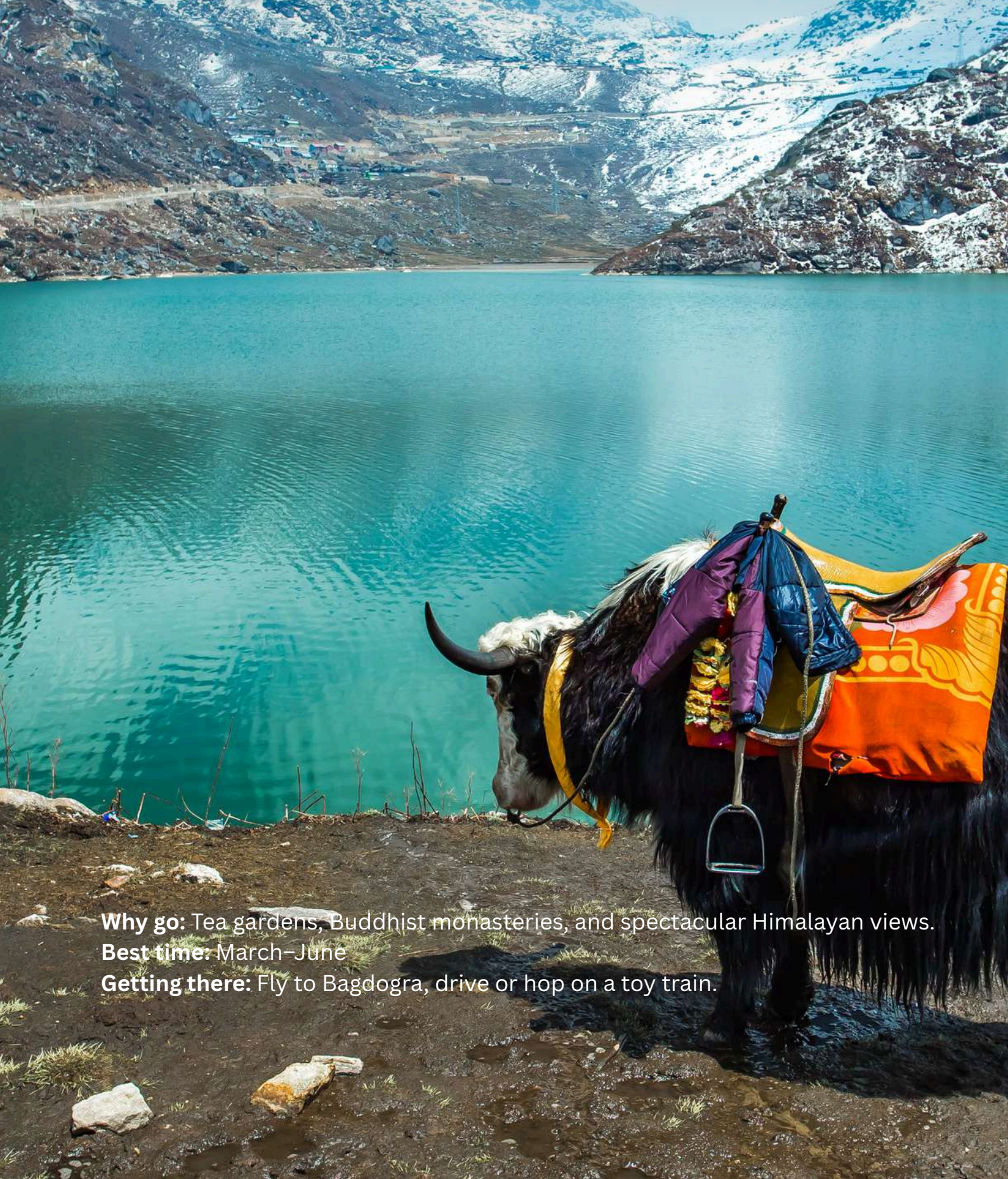
**Why go:** Colonial charm in Shimla; adrenaline and romance in Manali.

**Best time:** March–June

**Getting there:** Via Chandigarh (air/train) or Kalka toy train to Shimla.



# 4. Gangtok & Darjeeling



**Why go:** Tea gardens, Buddhist monasteries, and spectacular Himalayan views.

**Best time:** March–June

**Getting there:** Fly to Bagdogra, drive or hop on a toy train.

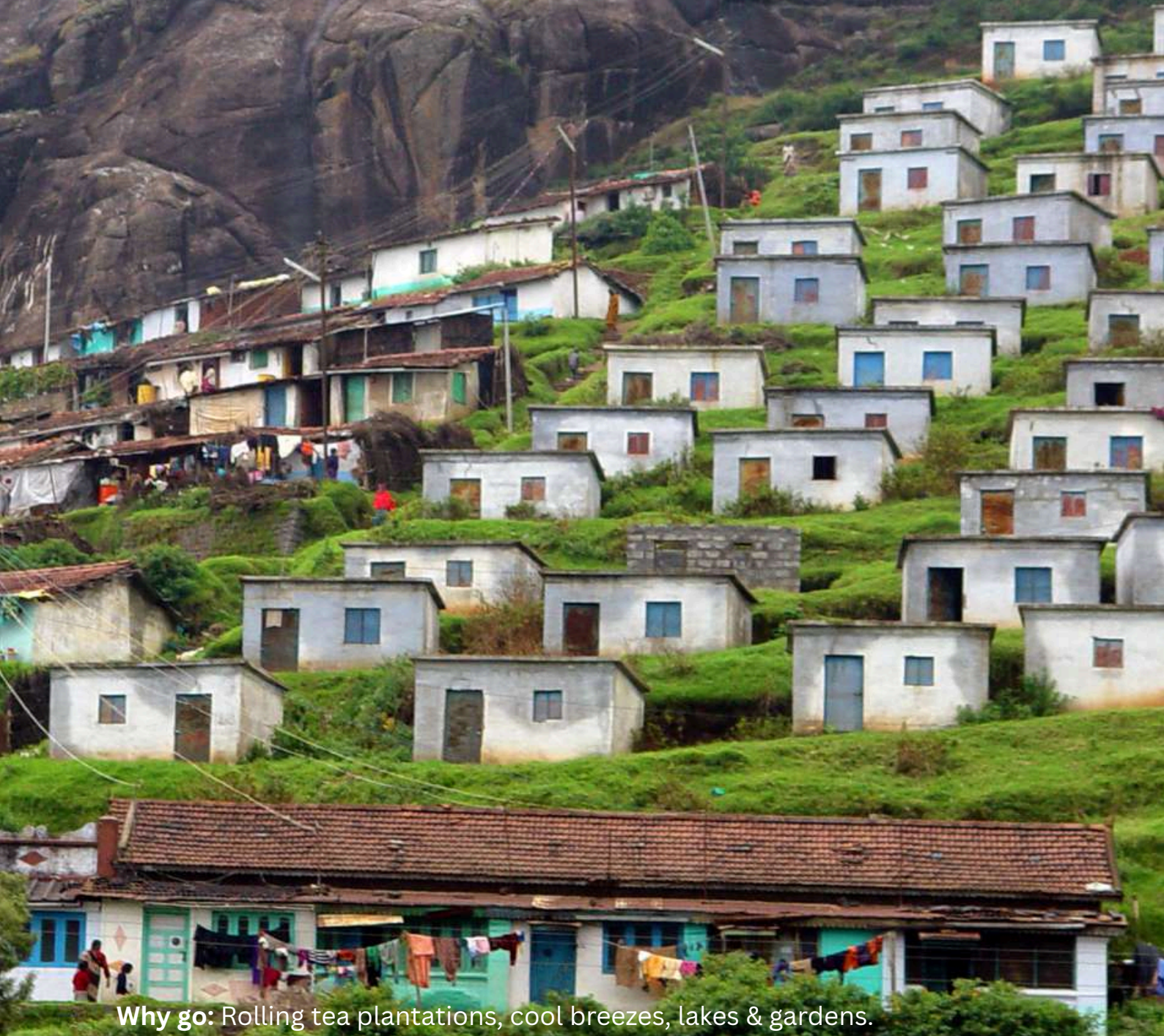


# South & West India:

## The Green Getaways



# 5. Ooty & Munnar



**Why go:** Rolling tea plantations, cool breezes, lakes & gardens.

**Best time:** March–June

**Getting there:** Via Coimbatore (Ooty) or Cochin (Munnar).



# 6. Coorg & Chikmagalur

A large elephant with its trunk raised, being touched by a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) in a natural setting. The elephant's trunk is curled upwards. The family consists of a man in a dark shirt and cap, a woman in a grey shirt and blue pants, and two children, one in a pink shirt and blue pants, and another in a patterned shirt and blue pants. They are all smiling and touching the elephant's face. The background shows a dirt path, green grass, and trees.

**Why go:** Coffee estates, waterfalls, and forest treks.

**Best time:** March–May

**Getting there:** Closest airports are Mangalore or Mysore.



# 7. Mahabaleshwar & Lonavala,

**Why go:** Strawberry farms, forts, misty ghats, and monsoon magic.

**Best time:** March–June

**Getting there:** From Mumbai or Pune by road/train.



# Offbeat & Enchanting:

## 8. Auli, Uttarakhand

For summer skiing and majestic Himalayan peaks



## 9. Kalimpong, West Bengal

For peace, riverside rafting & heritage walks



## 10. Yercaud, Tamil Nadu

For forest trails and calm lakes





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# Expatria Pro Tips:

## **1. Pick Hill Stations Over Cities**

Urban India can get overwhelmingly hot. Stick to higher altitudes—temperatures drop, and your soul will thank you.

## **2. Stay Hydrated, Always**

Carry a reusable water bottle and opt for coconut water, fresh lime, or buttermilk (chaas) to stay cool and local.

## **3. Travel Light, Layer Smart**

Mountain destinations can go from warm days to chilly evenings. Pack light, breathable clothes but don't forget a hoodie or shawl.

## **4. Book Transport in Advance**

Flights, toy trains, and even taxis in hill stations get booked quickly in peak season (April–June). Reserve early for better rates and comfort.

## **5. Download These Must-Have Apps**

- Google Translate: For local dialects.
- Zomato or Swiggy: To discover local food gems.
- IRCTC or RedBus: For train/bus bookings.
- Weather apps: To avoid sudden downpours in hill towns like Gangtok or Darjeeling.

## **6. Explore Beyond the Guidebooks**

Ask locals for hidden cafes, sunrise points, or short hikes—these often become the highlight of your trip.

## **7. Take it Slow**

The charm of Indian hill stations lies in doing less. Enjoy that extra cup of chai with a view. Watch the clouds roll in.

## **8. Travel Smart, Stay Safe**

Keep digital and paper copies of your ID and visa. Use registered taxis and avoid isolated spots after sunset.

## **9. Respect Local Culture & Ecology**

Especially in Himalayan and tribal regions—dress modestly, avoid littering, and be kind to nature.

## **10. Let Expatria Handle the Logistics**

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