Event date and venue:
21 October – Visit Main Temple, McLeod Ganj, Dharamsala
22-24 October – INEB Conference, Deer Park Institute, Bir
25 October – AC/EC meeting – Deer Park Institute, Bir

21 October 2019
Main Temple, McLeod Ganj, Dharamsala
Location: https://goo.gl/maps/683MKzAZePgBtUB37

Travel - How to get to McLeod Ganj from New Delhi

By plane
From New Delhi, book a ticket through either the Air India/Alliance Air (www.airindia.in) or Spicejet (www.spicejet.com) that flies to Kangra airport (DHM), which is about 20 km from McLeod Ganj. Then take a taxi from the Kangra airport to McLeod Ganj which costs approximately Rs900 one way and it takes around 45 minutes.

By bus
There are several bus companies running from New Delhi to McLeod Ganj. It’s recommended to use the government bus called, HRTC (Himachal Road Transport Corporation). You can book a ticket online directly via its website https://hrtchp.com (Indian phone number required) or a reliable agent’s website www.redbus.in at similar costs - around Rs850 (non-AC bus) to Rs1,390 (AC volvo bus). The trip on a HRTC bus takes about 12 hours from ISBT (Inter State Bus Terminal) at Kashmere Gate in New Delhi to McLeod Ganj bus station (2 min walk to the main square). Most buses travel at night with two stops for food and toilets.

By train
There is no train station in Dharamsala or McLeod Ganj. You can take train from New Delhi to the Pathankot Cantonment railway station (Pathankot Cantt), then take a taxi to McLeod Ganj (Rs3,000, 2.5 hours). The train fare varies depending on the class. For more information about booking a train ticket and schedule, please check https://www.seat61.com/India.htm. It’s advised that you book a train ticket 2-3 months ahead of your travel date.

By taxi
It takes about 10-11 hours from New Delhi to McLeod Ganj by car. The cost for a private taxi is roughly Rs8,000 – 10,000 one way.

**Lodging**
There are many types of accommodation in McLeod Ganj and in the surrounding towns (Dharamsala, Dharamkot, and Bhangsu Nag). This guide focuses only places within walking distance (1km away or less) to the H.H. Dalai Lama’s Main Temple.

**Budget**
**Tibet world** – A local charity promoting Tibetan Buddhism and culture. In the same building, there is a main hall on the top floor where their events are often held, together with an open library, a delicious crepe café, and 13 basic twin/double rooms with private bathroom (Rs800 no view, Rs900 street/mountain view).
Location – Jogiwar Rd https://goo.gl/maps/pyddMN7jSbsLg9k7
Reservations – website [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) or [www.tibetworld.org](http://www.tibetworld.org), FB: tibetworld, Email: info@tibetworld.org, Reception: +919816999928

**Green Hotel** – A popular choice amongst foreign tourists, with a restaurant serving international, Indian and Tibetan food, located near the McLeod Ganj main square. They have 30 twin/double rooms with private bathroom range from Rs1,200/1,500/1,800/2,200/2,500 (+tax 12%).
Location – Bhagsunag Rd https://goo.gl/maps/imaUN7uzrQoxpGnf7
Reservations – website [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) or [www.greenhotel.in](http://www.greenhotel.in), Phone: +911892221479

**Kunga Guesthouse** – Located not far from the main square, same owner as the popular Nick’s Italian Kitchen (vegetarian restaurant), having simple clean double rooms with shared/private bathroom ranges from Rs400-2,000. Some rooms have good view of the valley and H.H. Dalai Lama’s temple.
Location – Bhagsunag Rd https://goo.gl/maps/NTuU42jJaQ5gNm7s5
Reservations – Email: dechendolkar2@gmail.com, Phone: Mr. Tenzin (Manager) +919857421180

**Hotel Tibet** – A budget hotel with an attached bakery, located near shopping area and the main square. Double room with private bathroom ranges from Rs1,000/1,500/2,000 (+12%tax).
Location – Bhagsunag Rd https://goo.gl/maps/kvhihPA3jhBwmYcz9
Reservations – Email: hoteltibetdasa@gmail.com, Reception: +919736161426

**Midrange – Luxury**
**Hotel Grand Hills** – Standard clean hotel located on a shopping street only a few steps away from the H.H. Dalai Lama’s Temple. Double room with a quiet balcony (superb view of the valley, no buildings blocked) costs Rs2,500 (extra bed Rs200/person). This hotel has elevator.
Location – Dalai Lama Temple Rd https://goo.gl/maps/AvGPX1mYhhSSH5568
Reservations – website [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) (a lot cheaper than Rs2,500), Email: hotelgrandhill@gmail.com, Phone: Mr. Ravi +919816272591, +91816491737

Other hotels with the same owner:
**Hotel King Castle** – New standard clean hotel overlooking a nice valley, double rooms with private bathroom Rs3,500 [https://goo.gl/maps/varRN59xAy11tUN27](https://goo.gl/maps/varRN59xAy11tUN27)
**The Nest** – The newest hotel, double rooms with private bathroom Rs3,000 [https://goo.gl/maps/NDgTwmJp7iLrn2szS](https://goo.gl/maps/NDgTwmJp7iLrn2szS)
Both can be booked at [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

**8 Auspicious Him View Hotel** –
located on a relatively quiet steep road with a bakery/restaurant on the first floor. Unique 17 rooms are beautifully decorated in Tibetan style ranging from Rs1,600 (single occupancy) to Rs3,800 (double 1st class), including breakfast.

Location – Jogiwara Rd https://goo.gl/maps/X2S2wsfymTFwRG4w8
Reservations – website www.8aushimview.com, Email: Ms. Sonam (Manager) sonammaja@8aushimview.com, Cellphone: +919418236603

Zambala House – A Tibetan style hotel with a restaurant down stair, located in a quiet end of the road with pedestrian shortcut (5 min) to H.H. Dalai Lama’s Temple. Rooms are beautifully decorated, clean, comfortable, and with balcony of the valley and temple view; 30 double rooms with private bathroom range from Rs3,000/4,000/5,000 (+18%tax). This hotel has elevator.
Location – end of Nimachel Tourism Road https://goo.gl/maps/W9sYNGetHeXowWRx6
Reservation – website www.booking.com, Email: zambalahouse@yahoo.com, Phone: +91189221121

Chonor House – Operated under Norbulingka Institute offering 3 types of rooms at high-end rate Rs5,841/7,400/8,567 (tax included, meals not included). It’s located in a small alley and quiet quarter of town yet only a few steps to the H.H. Dalai Lama’s Temple. There is a restaurant overlooking a beautiful view of the valley and the Temple. You have to be fit to walk up and down the hill and stairs to get to the front desk and to the rooms, no wheelchair access.
Location – Temple Rd https://g.page/chonor-house?share
Reservations – website www.norbulingka.org/chonor-house.html, Email: chonorhs@norbulingka.org, Mobile: +918352816561 Ms. Lhakpa (front office manager)

22-24 October 2019
Deer Park Institute, Bir - Main Venue for INEB Conference - http://deerpark.in
Location: https://goo.gl/maps/BT8WduXQsbYCNogz5
Travel:

**How to get to Deer Park in Bir from New Delhi**

Complete information page about how to get to Deer Park can be found at the Institute’s website [http://deerpark.in/how-to-get-here/](http://deerpark.in/how-to-get-here/)

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**From McLeod Ganj / Dharamsala to Bir**

The ride takes about 2-2.5 hours. INEB can coordinate renting a tempo/bus/taxi on cost-sharing basis. Advanced booking is needed.
- Tempo: 12 seats, non-AC Rs5,000, AC Rs 6,500
- Bus: 35 seats, non-AC Rs15,000, AC Rs 20,000
- Taxi: small (4 seats) Rs1,500; Innova (7 seats) Rs2,500

More options can be found at Deer Park Institute’s website [http://deerpark.in/how-to-get-here/](http://deerpark.in/how-to-get-here/)

**Lodging**

Deer Park can accommodate maximum 100 participants in shared rooms (2-7 people), no private rooms. Other options are to book an accommodation nearby and cover your own costs. Note that October is the high season in Bir (international paragliding season), many places are already fully booked, so book your lodging as soon as possible, at least 2-3 months in advance.

**Walking distance**

**Zhim Zhim Guest House & Restaurant** – Managed under the Choukling Monastery with 18 rooms ranging from Rs600 (single occupancy) to spacious clean double rooms with private bathroom (some with kitchen) from Rs1,300/1,500/1,800. Only 5 minute uphill walk to Deer Park.

Location - [https://goo.gl/maps/UtcFNsBHUGrctTL78](https://goo.gl/maps/UtcFNsBHUGrctTL78)

Reservations – Contact Mr. Jigme +919816341771, Email: zhimzhimguesthouse@gmail.com

**P.J. Guest House** – A family run guesthouse located at the entrance to Deer Park (3 minute walk), Tibetan restaurant attached, only 5 clean budget rooms with private bathroom on the 2nd floor at Rs950. Not listed online.

Location - [https://goo.gl/maps/pBHBPxKi83g1qHbr9](https://goo.gl/maps/pBHBPxKi83g1qHbr9)

Reservations – Contact Mr. Sengey sengwang2014@gmail.com, Phone: +918580582650

**Namlang Resort & Village** – A mudhouse village built by French owner aiming to create jobs for Tibetans. There are 13 mud cottages - 4 persons per cottage costs Rs1,500 while 3 person cottages cost Rs1,200. Ten double rooms in a building range from Rs800-1,000. Extra mattress costs Rs250. A restaurant is on site. It can take about 15-20 min walk to Deer Park.

Location - [https://goo.gl/maps/kjYa6mQAckw3cqrJ7](https://goo.gl/maps/kjYa6mQAckw3cqrJ7)

Reservations – Email: namlangvillageresort@gmail.com, Phone: +91985611443
OYO 36907 Shivalik Guest House – Standard rooms off main road with spacious garden. Only 4 corner rooms (triple) left during the conference period at Rs1,500 each. About 2km (20 min walk) from Deer Park. The owner is a good friend of Deer Park staff.
Location - https://goo.gl/maps/QEdqDxPgLjGvCoXw7
Reservations – website www.oyorooms.com, Email: info@shivalikguesthouse.in, Mobile: +919816250132

OYO Gliders Inn – Next to long distance private bus station on the main street, rooms on high floors range from Rs1,300-2,000.
Location – https://goo.gl/maps/sWEnKChig1GvPVwU9
Reservations - Contact Mr. Raja (whatsapp) +919899247575 or book online https://www.oyorooms.com

Need taxi (Rs100-150 one way)

Aditya Homestay – A family run clean and cozy homestay located on a quiet road about 2km away from Deer Park. Surrounded by lots of greenery and away from market mess. The owner Ms. Rajkumari is a very kind host living with her 12-year-old son. There are only 3 double rooms with private bathroom on the 2nd floor of her house, each costs Rs1,000.
Location - https://goo.gl/maps/Zn71DrQWpJSRobKC9
Reservation – Contact Ms. Rajkumari (whatsapp) +918988218884 or book online at a slightly higher cost at www.makemytrip.com

Hotel Flyers Paradise – Very new hotel on a hill 4km away from Deer Park, good view of Bir, luxury rooms with breakfast – Family (4 people) Rs6,000; Deluxe (2 people) Rs4,000; Deluxe with lounge (2 people) Rs5,500; Cottage (4 people) Rs6,000 (extra bed Rs1,500); Tent (2 people) Rs3,000.
Location – Gunehar Rd https://goo.gl/maps/7Y2Sjr7tWZ8psNzQ8
Reservations – website www.booking.com, www.makemytrip.com (a lot cheaper than published rates), www.hotelflyersparadise.com, contact Mr. Rajan Sharma ranjansharmajnr@gmail.com +919418089316