

- Situated in northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, in the Himalayan Range.
- Known for its green forest, jungle trails, waterfalls, the deepest gorges of the Himalayas and the finest charas (cannabis).
- It's a hub of hermits and pilgrimage.
- Manali is a tourist destination: adventure sports, religious shrines and gompas (Tibetan Buddhist temples).
- Manikaran: hot springs.
- Malana: locals are a caste above everyone and you can't touch them.

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## *Vocabulary*

**Abode:** *the place where somebody lives.*

**Caste:** *any of the four divisions of Hindu society.*

**Chara:** *dry leaves of cannabis together.*

**Gompa:** *Buddhist temple.*

**Hermit:** *person who, usually for religious reasons, lives a very simple life alone and does not meet or talk to other people.*

**Hub:** *the central and most important part of a particular place or activity.*

**Livestock rearing:** *the process of breeding animals as they grow to obtain meat and milk.*

**Pilgrimage:** *journey to a holy place for religious reasons.*

**Refugee:** *a person who has been forced to leave their country or home.*

**Sage:** *a very wise person.*

**Shrine:** *a place where people come to worship because it is connected with a holy person or event.*

**Worship:** *to show respect for a good saying prayers.*