

JOURNEYS *with Nikki*



# HIMACHAL HIDEAWAYS

12 DAYS, 11 NIGHTS

GET \$400 OFF YOUR INTERNATIONAL TICKETS WHEN YOU BOOK THROUGH US!

*Activity Level - moderate - difficult*  
Journey starts and ends at Shimla



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# EXPLORE *cultures* OF THE WORLD with JWN

## DISCOVER YOURSELF!

- We are Experiential travelers. We want to experience authentic cultures of the world on our own terms.
- We stay in hotels that afford us comfort (Boutique hotels, Heritage hotels, 3 or 4 star hotels), we travel with ease through carefully designed historical, cultural and nature tours that allow the perfect mix of exploration, experience and downtime. The **JWN** traveler does better than Time Travel!
- Every JWN journey offers you very local experiences. Attend a wedding! Ride a bullock cart! Learn how to cook local Indian food! Dine with a local family! Learn a local dance. Or song! Be draped in local dresses! Learn local handicrafts and take home unique souvenirs!

Dear Traveler,

Picture this: a 12-day adventure through the stunning landscapes and cultural gems of Himachal Pradesh. It's the ultimate escape for us nature lovers and adventure seekers!

We'll kick things off in Shimla, soaking in the colonial charm and mountain vistas. From there, we'll journey to the mystical Prashar Lake, surrounded by majestic peaks and tranquility like you've never experienced before. Then, we'll explore the ancient village of Malana, where time seems to stand still amidst its unique culture and traditions.

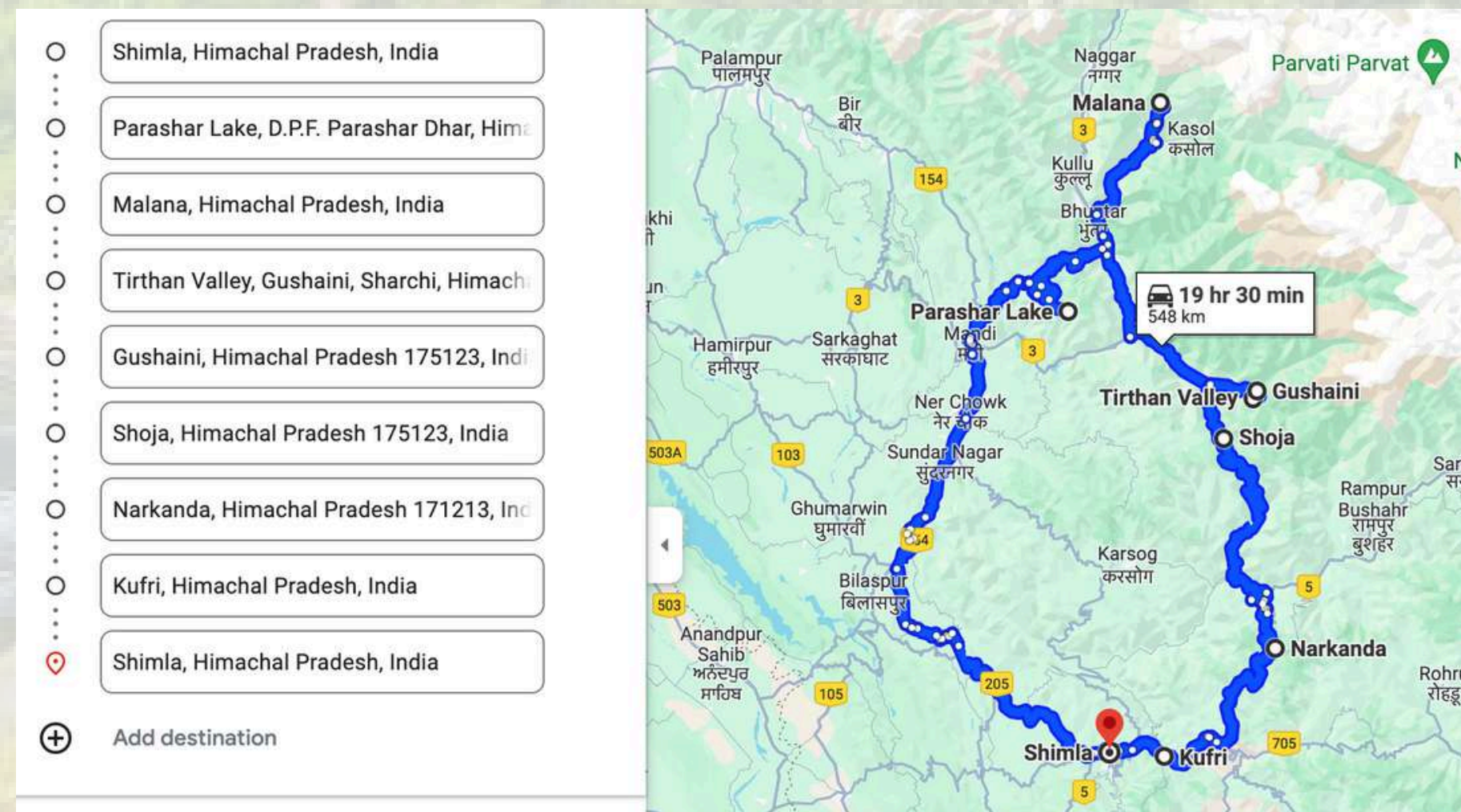
But wait, it gets even better! We'll dive into the lush valleys of Tirthan and Gushaini, where the Great Himalayan National Park beckons with its untouched wilderness. Imagine hiking through pristine forests and encountering breathtaking scenery at every turn.

And that's just the beginning! We'll continue our adventure in Shoja, Narkanda, and Kufri, each offering its own blend of natural beauty and exhilarating experiences.

I can't even begin to describe how excited I am about this trip! It's going to be an unforgettable journey filled with unforgettable memories, and I couldn't think of anyone better to share it with than you. What do you say? Are you in for the adventure of a lifetime?

Cheers,  
Nikki

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YOUR NEXT JOURNEY

with Nikki

# HIMACHAL HIDEAWAYS

SHIMLA, PARASHAR LAKE, MALANA, TIRTHAN VALLEY, GUSHAINI, SHOJA, NARKANDA, KUFRI

12 D / 11N | 12 GUESTS

EASY - MODERATE

#NORTH INDIA | HISTORY | CULTURE | PHOTOGRAPHY | MOUNTAINS | BREATHTAKING VIEWS

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 - 6 (ON A SCALE OF 10)



## HIMACHAL HIDEAWAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Majestic high mountains
- Shimla's colonial charm and vistas
- Pristine serenity of Prashar Lake
- Ancient culture of mystical Malana
- Untouched wilderness in Tirthan Valley
- Tranquil beauty of Gushaini village
- Scenic hikes in Shoja's forests
- Panoramic views from Narkanda
- Exhilarating attractions in vibrant Kufri

*“Of all the books in the world, the best stories are found between the pages of a passport.”*

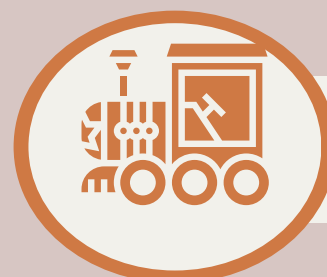
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## HIMACHAL HIDEAWAY LOOK FORWARD TO...

- Heritage walks
- Breathtaking scenery
- Sacred and religious sites
- Historic sites
- Tranquility of some of the most beautiful spots in northern India
- Unique culture and traditions of one of the oldest democracies in the world
- Gorgeous handicrafts
- Authentic Himalyan cuisine



TOY TRAIN RIDE



SHORT TREK TO LAKE



CULTURE OF AN OLD  
DEMOCRACY IN  
THE WORLD



WILDLIFE SPOTTING



ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES



RIVER RAFTING



LOCAL CUISINE  
EXPERIENCE



BREATHTAKING  
SCENERY



UNIQUE SOUVENIRS

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## HIMACHAL HIDEAWAY ITINERARY

*"Take only memories, leave only footprints." - Chief Seattle*

### • Day 1-2: Shimla

- Arrive in Shimla and check into your hotel.
- Explore the area
- Enjoy a ride on the Shimla-Kalka toy train.
- Overnight stay in Shimla.

### • Day 3-4: Prashar Lake

- Drive from Shimla to Prashar Lake (Approx. 3-4 hours).
- Trek to Prashar Lake and enjoy the serene surroundings.
- Explore the nearby temples and soak in the panoramic views.
- Overnight camping or stay near Prashar Lake.

### • Day 5: Malana

- Drive from Prashar Lake to Malana (Approx. 3-4 hours).
- Trek to Malana Village and immerse yourself in its unique culture and traditions.
- Enjoy the picturesque surroundings and interact with locals.
- Overnight stay in Malana.

### • Day 6-7: Tirthan Valley (Gushaini)

- Drive from Malana to Tirthan Valley (Gushaini) (Approx. 5-6 hours).
- Explore the Great Himalayan National Park, go for nature walks, and visit nearby villages.
- Overnight stay in Gushaini.



DAY 1,2 - SHIMLA



DAY 3,4 -  
PRASHAR LAKE



DAY 5 - MALANA



DAY 6,7 -  
TIRTHAN VALLEY



DAY 8,9 - SHOJA



DAY 10 - NARKANDA



DAY 11 - KUFRI



DAY 12 - SHIMLA



## HIMACHAL HIDEAWAY ITINERARY (CONTD)

- **Day 8-9: Shoja**

- Drive from Tirthan Valley (Gushaini) to Shoja (Approx. 2-3 hours).
- Check into your accommodation and relax.
- Explore Jalori Pass, Serolsar Lake, Raghupur Fort, and enjoy nature walks.
- Overnight stay in Shoja.

- **Day 10: Narkanda**

- Drive from Shoja to Narkanda (Approx. 5-6 hours).
- Visit Hatu Peak, Hatu Mata Temple, and enjoy apple orchards and scenic beauty.
- Overnight stay in Narkanda.

- **Day 11: Kufri**

- Drive from Narkanda to Kufri (Approx. 2 hours).
- Explore Kufri's attractions including Himalayan Nature Park and Mahasu Peak.
- Return to Shimla in the evening.
- Overnight stay in Shimla.

- **Day 12: Departure from Shimla**

- Explore any remaining attractions in Shimla.
- Depart from Shimla for your journey home.



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## MEET YOUR JWN HOST

Nikki

- **Nikki (Nikhat) Powell** is an Indian by birth, and has lived most of her life in India.
- She has lived in the US with her American husband, Melvin, for the past 10 years and is **also familiar with the American culture**. She is able to instinctively understand what is important to you as a traveler, and take care of it, so you can just enjoy yourself.
- Using the canvas of Storytelling, Nikki has taught cinema in both India and the US, established a film school, headed departments and edited films. **She is an established storyteller** and an **award winning filmmaker**.
- She is a **warm and hospitable human being**, an **excellent organizer** who is also an **outstanding communicator**. She's got your back!
- Nikki **will travel with you** for the entire duration of your stay in India and be your cultural guide and host.
- She speaks **fluent English**, as good as any native. She also speaks **fluent Hindi**, the national language of India and a spattering of other local languages.





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Why do you call your tour a ‘journey’?**
  - We believe the journey IS our destination. It is not about seeing a particular monument or sight, but the whole experience of getting there that is important. At JWN, we love seeing our guests grow as they travel with us, learning about a new culture, new traditions, a new language, making new friends, and most of all, learning more about themselves and challenging themselves.
- **I’ve heard that India can be very challenging to a foreigner. How will I be able to navigate this?**
  - When you travel with JWN, we have you covered. Nikki herself will travel with you from Day 1 through Day last and help you learn the ropes. She will take care of the logistics, guide you with cultural nuances and help make your journey smooth. Having lived in India several decades, she is familiar with all things Indian, and brings a unique perspective of both cultures to your journey.
- **Is it safe for a foreign woman to travel to India?**
  - By staying informed, taking precautions, and respecting local customs, women can have a safe and enjoyable experience when visiting India. JWN helps show you the ropes for all this.
- **Is India friendly to foreigners?**
  - Indian people are known for their warm hospitality and friendliness towards tourists.
- **Why should I choose JWN for my tour?**
  - Having lived for long periods in both countries, JWN hosts are fluent with customs and cultures of both countries, forming the perfect bridge for your experience. JWN has an extensive Indian network that can provide most every kind of option. It also covers ALL meals (except the last dinner), ALL domestic transportation and offers unique local experiences that would normally be inaccessible to foreign tourists.



ALL INCLUSIVE COST USD 5533



## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE 'ALL-INCLUSIVE COST'?

- Local Airport transfer to hotel
- **All accomodation, as per itinerary**
- Twin occupancy, 3 - 4 star hotels and camps
- **All meals (except last day lunch and dinner)**
- Entry ticket costs to monuments
- Local transportation, as per itinerary
- Professional, local guides
- All experiences
- Lunch with a local family
- \*as per availability
- FREE TIME to explore built into every journey

## NOT INCLUDED IN COSTS

- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Last day dinner
- Optional excursions and tours, activities not listed above
- Gratuities and tips for personal services
- Drinks
- International Round trip ticket

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## *What you should know to* **PLAN YOUR TRIP**



### CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations prior to 30 days from Day 1 of the Journey

- Get 80 % refund (minus non-refundable deposit)

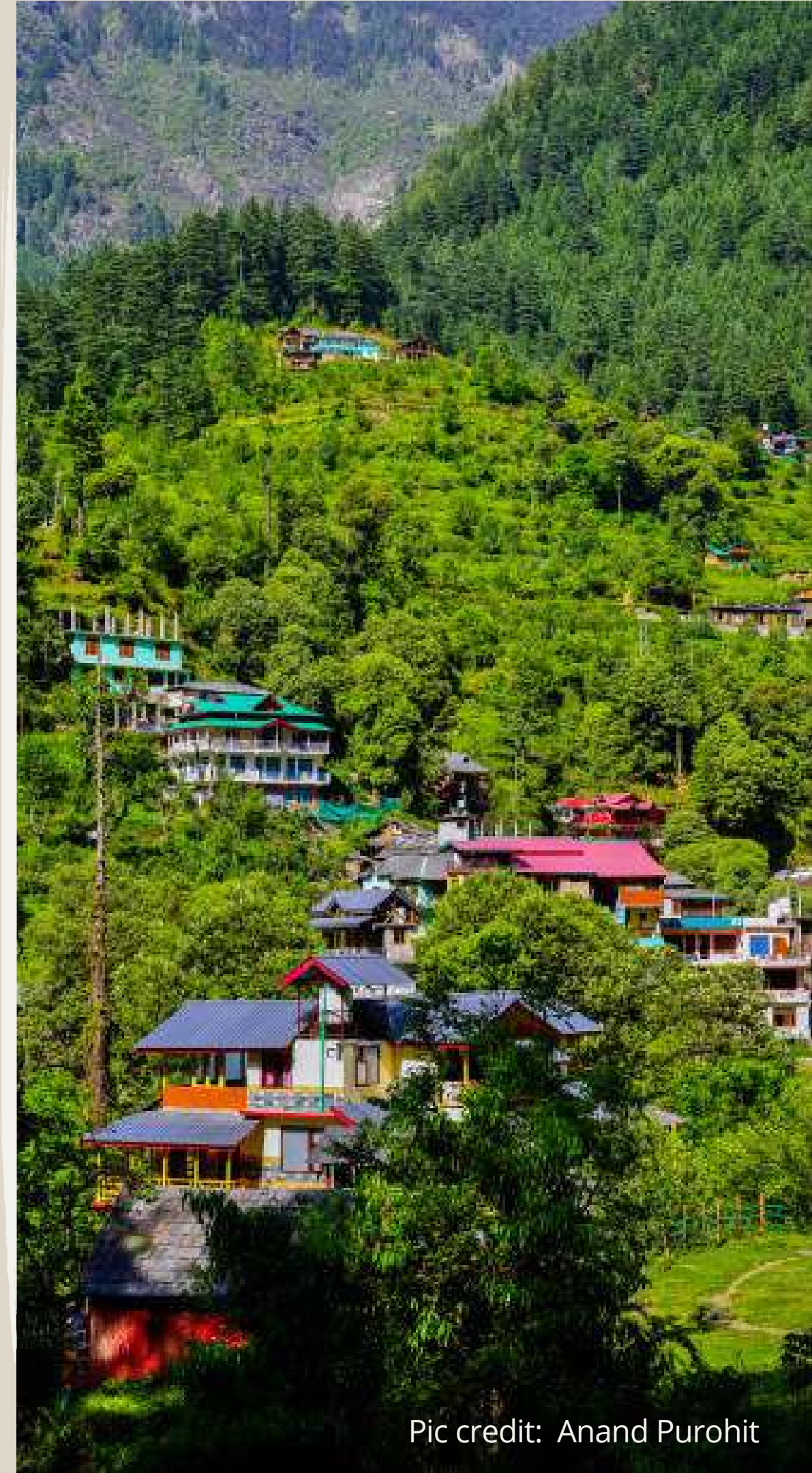
Cancellation between 30 days and 15 days from Day 1 of the Journey

- Get 50 % cash refund
- 90% cash voucher for same trip till one year
- 80% cash voucher for any other journey till one year

Cancellation less than 15 days from Day 1 of the journey/ In case of no show

- No refund

**THIS JOURNEY REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 5 GUESTS**



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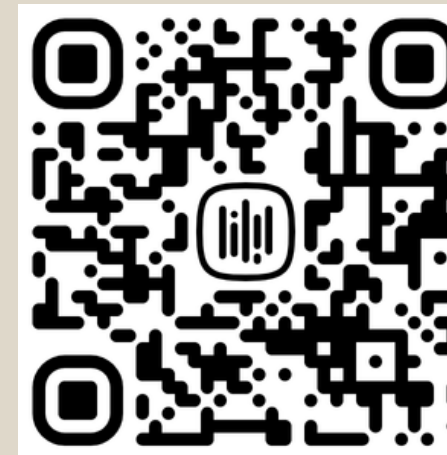


### SCHEDULE A CALL WITH NIKKI

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Schedule a call at <https://journeyswithnikki.youcanbook.me> or scan the QR code.

Let's get to know each other and see if we're a good fit for each other! 😊



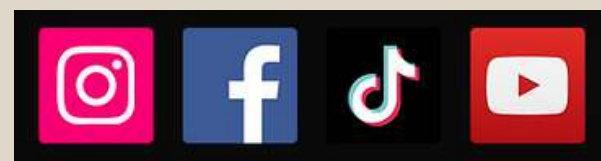
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### RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THE TOUR

Choose your payment option and reserve your spot on the journey with a non-refundable deposit of USD 500.

JWN will take a maximum of 12 people on any tour!



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