Lakeside Mornings. Pine Forests. Mountain Roads. Time To

5 Days / 4 Nights

Route: Delhi -> Hapur -> Moradabad -> Rampur -> Rudrapur -> Haldwani -> Kathgodam -> Nainital

WHY NAINITAL WORKS FOR PETS

Nainital is more than just its famous lake.

For a pet holiday, the real attraction is the combination of pine forests, mountain roads, viewpoints, lakeside walks and relaxed hill-station living.

The central lakefront can get busy, particularly during peak periods, so the best way to experience Nainital with a pet is to move beyond the busiest stretches and explore the quieter side of the hills.

Start the morning with a forest walk.

Take a scenic drive around the lake.

Stop at a viewpoint.

Return to the hotel for a long afternoon rest.

And then, when the crowds thin out, head back towards the lake for an evening stroll.

Nainital works best when you let the mountains — and your pet — set the pace.

PET-FRIENDLY EXPERIENCES

Naini Lake & Lakeside Walks

The heart of Nainital.

Enjoy the lake from the surrounding promenades and quieter stretches, keeping your pet safely leashed.

Best for: Early-morning walks, photographs and relaxed lakeside time.

Pangot

A quieter mountain village approximately outside central Nainital, surrounded by forests and birdlife.

Best for: Nature walks, birdwatching and getting away from the town crowds.

Birdwatching

The forests around Nainital and Pangot are particularly rewarding for birdwatching.

Take a quiet morning walk with your pet and simply enjoy the sounds of the forest.

Snow View Point

A classic Nainital viewpoint overlooking the surrounding Himalayan landscape.

Access conditions and pet rules should be checked before visiting.

Land's End

A scenic viewpoint with expansive views towards the surrounding valleys and mountains.

Best for: Short walks, photographs and open mountain views.

Eco Cave Gardens

A popular attraction showcasing interconnected natural caves.

This can be included as a sightseeing stop, but pet access should be confirmed before visiting.

Tiffin Top

A beautiful forested viewpoint above Nainital.

The surrounding trails and mountain landscape make this particularly attractive for active dogs, subject to current access conditions.

Hanuman Garhi

A peaceful hilltop temple and viewpoint, particularly beautiful around sunrise and sunset.

Pets should remain outside restricted temple areas.

Bhowali & Mountain Drives

Take a scenic drive through Bhowali and the surrounding hills.

Stop at suitable viewpoints and roadside cafés where pets are permitted.

Resort Nature Trails

For a pet holiday, choose a property where the surroundings themselves become part of the experience.

A garden, forest edge or private outdoor area can often be more enjoyable for your pet than another sightseeing attraction.

GETTING THERE WITH YOUR PET

Distance: Approx. 300–320 km from Delhi

Drive Time: Approximately 7–9 hours

Recommended Route:

Delhi Hapur Moradabad Rampur Rudrapur Haldwani Kathgodam Nainital

The journey is primarily highway driving until Haldwani/Kathgodam.

The final section becomes increasingly winding as you climb through Bhowali towards Nainital.

Plan a proper break around Moradabad or Haldwani before beginning the mountainous section.

If your pet is sensitive to winding roads, keep the final climb slow and comfortable, with regular breaks where practical.

The road from Kathgodam to Nainital is part of the experience — forests replace traffic, the air gets cooler and the mountains begin to open up.

PET NOTES

- Nainital's central areas can become very crowded, particularly around Mall Road and the lake during weekends and holidays.
- Early mornings and later evenings are generally better for relaxed walks.
- Keep pets leashed around roads, viewpoints, markets and the lakefront.
- The lake has steep edges and busy roads around parts of its perimeter, so supervise pets closely.
- Hill trails can be uneven, slippery and steep in places.
- Carry sufficient drinking water during longer walks.
- Avoid allowing pets to drink from natural water bodies.
- Nainital can become quite cold during winter mornings and evenings; carry a warm layer.
- Forest areas mean ticks and other insects can be present — check your pet after walks.
- Keep pets away from monkeys and other wildlife.
- If using taxis for local sightseeing, confirm in advance that the vehicle will accept pets.
- Give your pet a proper afternoon rest rather than trying to cover every attraction in one day.

SUGGESTED PET-PACED ITINERARY

DAY 1 | DELHI NAINITAL

Drive from Delhi towards Nainital via Hapur, Moradabad, Rampur, Rudrapur, Haldwani and Kathgodam.

Take a comfortable break before beginning the final mountain climb.

Arrive at your property, check in and allow your pet to settle in.

Evening

Take a gentle walk around the property and, if convenient, head towards a quieter section of the Naini Lake area.

Avoid making the first evening too ambitious.

Enjoy dinner and settle in for the night.

The first evening is for arriving, breathing in the mountain air and letting everyone unwind.

DAY 2 | NAINI LAKE • VIEWPOINTS • OLD NAINITAL

Start early with a relaxed breakfast.

Morning

Take a walk around Naini Lake before the town becomes busy.

Continue towards Snow View Point or another suitable viewpoint, subject to current access conditions.

Late Morning

Explore the quieter heritage areas around Nainital.

You can include Land's End for mountain views and photographs.

Afternoon

Return to the property for lunch and a proper rest.

Let your pet enjoy some quiet time after the morning's activities.

Evening

Head back towards the lakefront or Mall Road for a relaxed evening walk when the atmosphere is more comfortable.

Today is Nainital in small doses — lake, mountain, walk, rest and repeat.

DAY 3 | PANGOT • FOREST • BIRDWATCHING

Make Day 3 your nature day.

Morning

Drive towards Pangot and the surrounding forest landscape.

Enjoy a quiet nature walk and spend some time birdwatching.

The slower surroundings make this an excellent opportunity for your pet to explore without the bustle of central Nainital.

Afternoon

Enjoy a relaxed lunch or picnic-style break where permitted.

Return towards Nainital at an easy pace.

Evening

Spend the rest of the evening at your property.

Enjoy the garden, outdoor seating or a bonfire if available.

Today is less about Nainital the hill station and more about Nainital the forest.

DAY 4 | SLOW MORNING DELHI

Wake up without rushing.

Enjoy breakfast and take your pet for one final walk around the property.

Check out and begin the descent towards Kathgodam and Haldwani.

Take a comfortable break before continuing towards Delhi.

One last mountain walk before the highway takes you home.

DAY 5 | OPTIONAL EXTRA DAY

For a 4N/5D holiday, keep the additional day flexible.

OPTION 1 | TIFFIN TOP

Take a leisurely outing towards Tiffin Top, subject to current access and trail conditions.

OPTION 2 | HANUMAN GARHI

Enjoy a peaceful visit around Hanuman Garhi and the surrounding viewpoints, keeping your pet outside restricted areas.

OPTION 3 | BHOWALI DRIVE

Take a scenic drive towards Bhowali and explore the surrounding countryside.

OPTION 4 | COMPLETE RESORT DAY

Stay back.

Slow breakfast.

Garden walk.

Afternoon nap.

Mountain views.

Sunset together.

The extra day is where Nainital starts feeling less like a trip and more like a holiday.

STAY OPTIONS

LUXURY OPTIONS

AYAR JUNGLE RESORT

A nature-focused retreat surrounded by forests and greenery, offering a more immersive escape from central Nainital.

Forested setting with generous outdoor surroundings.

Particularly suited to travellers looking for nature, quiet and privacy.

Good environment for relaxed walks and spending time outdoors with your pet.

Works especially well when the resort itself is meant to be part of the holiday.

Best for: Pet parents who want a peaceful forest retreat rather than a conventional hotel stay.

THE IMPERIAL GREEN

A comfortable green retreat offering a quieter base for exploring Nainital and the surrounding hills.

Surrounded by greenery and mountain landscapes.

Relaxed atmosphere away from the busiest parts of town.

Suitable for families travelling with pets, subject to current property policy.

Good balance between sightseeing access and time spent at the property.

Best for: Families looking for a comfortable, easy-going mountain stay with their pet.

DLS HOTELS EMERALD

A contemporary mountain stay offering comfortable accommodation with easy access to Nainital's attractions.

Modern hotel environment.

Convenient base for exploring the lake, viewpoints and surrounding areas.

Suitable for travellers who prefer hotel-style comfort.

A practical option for families travelling with pets.

Best for: Pet parents who want comfort and convenience while keeping the itinerary flexible.

PREMIUM STAYS

ABBOTSFORD ESTATE (PRASADA BHAWAN)

A heritage estate that brings an old-world character to the Nainital experience.

Historic estate setting.

Distinctive heritage architecture and atmosphere.

Quieter and more intimate than staying in the busiest parts of Nainital.

Particularly appealing for travellers who enjoy heritage stays with character.

The surrounding environment allows the stay itself to become part of the holiday.

Best for: Pet parents who want a heritage mountain experience rather than a standard hotel.

BUDGET STAYS

LASERENE – THE COTTAGE

A cosy cottage-style retreat designed for a more private and relaxed mountain stay.

Cottage-style accommodation.

Quiet surroundings and a more intimate atmosphere.

Well suited to travellers who prefer a slower, residential-style holiday.

Good choice for families wanting more relaxed time at the property with their pet.

Best for: Couples and small families looking for a cosy, private mountain escape.

SWISS COTTAGE NAINITAL

A charming cottage-style option offering a quieter alternative to the busy central lakefront.

Cottage-style mountain accommodation.

Relaxed setting surrounded by the natural character of the hills.

Suitable for travellers looking for a simple and comfortable base.

Particularly appealing for a pet-paced itinerary where there is plenty of time for walks and exploration.

Best for: Pet parents looking for a cosy, uncomplicated Nainital stay with a quieter atmosphere.

PAPERBOAT PET TIP

Nainital is best discovered before the town wakes up.

Take your dog beside the lake when the morning is still quiet.

Drive into the forests.

Stop where the mountains open up.

Let the afternoon disappear at the resort.

And when the town gets busy, simply step away from it.

Because the perfect Nainital holiday isn't about being in the middle of everything — it's about finding the quiet corners where you and your pet can simply enjoy being there.

Terms & Conditions

All kind of personal expenses such as tips, laundry, telephone bills, beverages are not included unless specified.

It also does not include any meals unless and otherwise specifically mentioned.

Domestic or International Airfare are not included unless and otherwise specifically mentioned.

Guide, porter or any other similar assistance are on special request only.

Optional, suggested or unspecified activities are on request only.

Camera fee (still or movie) are to be paid at actual.

Additional sightseeing charges or extra usage of vehicle has to be paid directly to driver or call us for support.

Any additional charges arising due to natural calamities, political disturbances, VIP movement, etc. are beyond our control.