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PONG DAM

Dear Reader,
This month, delight in the rich and nuanced taste of Kangra tea nurtured amidst the stunning vistas of the Himalayan foothills near Kangra. Also discover the thrill at Pong Dam's Regional Water Sports Center, where the rush of adrenaline meets the serenity of nature.
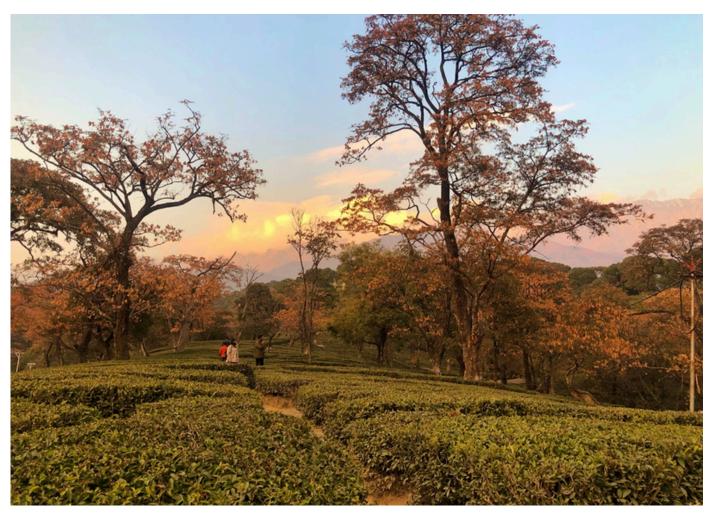
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KANGRA TEA

Discover the burgeoning trend of tea tourism flourishing in the picturesque region of Kangra and its surroundings. Numerous estates and factories nestled in Palampur and Dharamsala now invite tea enthusiasts to delve deep into the world of tea by visiting factories and by staying at comfortable homestay accommodation facilities. Experience firsthand the fascinating processes behind tea production with guided tours offered by the esteemed Dharmsala Tea Company, originating from its base at Mann Tea Estate.

The Palampur Cooperative Tea Factory allow visitors engage in factory tours coupled with the charm of homestay experiences. Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of Kangra tea and create unforgettable memories amidst its breathtaking landscapes.

REGIONAL WATER SPORTS CENTRE, PONG DAM

The Regional Water Sports Centre at Pong Dam was established in 1980, leasing 77 canals of land from the Bhakra Beas Management Board. The facility includes a 100-bed hostel, a guest house, an administrative block, and a boat shed. Throughout the year, the Centre offers a diverse range of water sports courses. Supervised by a Senior Water Sports Instructor, it operates under the Directorate of Mountaineering & Allied Sports in Manali, boasting modern amenities and equipment.

Courses are offered from basic to advanced levels in disciplines of swimming, kayaking, canoeing, rowing, sailing, and water skiing. Additionally, the Centre provides training in water safety and rescue operations.