Kullu Town with a population of approximately 12,000 is situated at an altitude of 1200 metres and is the headquarters of the district by the same name. This town spreads on the western bank of Beas river and is dominated by grassy grounds (mashads) & orchards. Local festivals and other fairs are celebrated in one of the famous Bhuppa Mashads. There are a number of sightseeing places for tourists and a couple of treks for adventurers around it.

This place is inhabited by hardworking people, who are very friendly, decent, hardworking and relatively prosperous. The local men can easily be identified in a crowd by the distinctive Kullu cap which they wear over their heads most of the time, whereas the women wear lots of silver jewelry and long garments of home spun woolens.

The scenic snow capped mountains standing in the bold relief against the sky line add enchanting scenery to the town. Some of the hills are carpeted in green forest & fields cut into giant steps. The apple and pear orchards laden with fruits further enhance the scenic beauty of the town. Kullu is connected with major towns in north India by bus service and also by air service with Delhi-Chandigarh and Shimla.

The most important event of this place, the Basant festival starts on the 12th day of January, known as "Vijay Dashami" and continues for seven days. Approximately 300 gods are brought from the temples of surrounding areas down to Kullu to pay homage to Raghasharhi in Kullu. The Raghunath Chariot is brought down decked with garlands surrounded by the other important gods. Priests and the descendants of Kullu's rajah enter into the chariot and the car is pulled to Dillu Phadi from Dalhousie locality. The procession with the car and horses takes place on the evening of the first day of the festival. Dance & music add to the festive feeling of the people and celebrations continue far into the night.

Folk Dance Kullu

LEGEND
- National Highways
- Other Roads
- Pack-tracks, Foot paths
- River, Stream, Spring
- Buildings - Important, offices, hospitals
- Temple, Mosque
- Municipality boundary - Names of local village
- Rest house, Bank
- Post & Telegraph Office, Police Station
- Hotel - Hospital, Veterinary Hospital
- Built-up area, Wooded area
- Information Centre, Parks
- Bus Stand - Educational Institutions

Average height above mean sea level - 1200 metres

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