

MOTORBIKE ADVENTURE



HIMALAYAS



# 12 Day Himalayan Motorbike Adventure

This expedition is designed for those who desire to **experience the ultimate adventure**: conquering epic **mountain passes**, experiencing breathtaking, **diverse landscapes** (lush valleys to cold deserts), testing your limits on **challenging terrain**, building **camaraderie**, facing challenges of **resilience** and profound **personal growth** – all while exploring **unique cultures**.



# Northern Indian Himalayas

There is nothing quite like the **landscapes** of the northern Indian Himalayas, which can be described as exotic, magnificent, breathtaking and simply spectacular. **Riding conditions** are treacherous, tough, and challenging, but solid fun for the brave. It is an exhilarating and thrilling **adventure**, leaving you inspired and stirred - a moving and unforgettable **experience**!





The route varies in **altitude** between 2500m (8200ft) and 5600m (18380ft). Uncertain **weather** patterns in the Himalayan summer have startling effects. Local drivers are ruthless and the **roads** are in bad shape. Accommodations are basic, but food is deliciously local. There is a freshness to the air, though some would say it is cold. **Locals** are amiable and helpful amid military tensions.

# Route (once on the bike)

## DAY 1 – Manali to Sarchu

The adventure starts in the early morning of the holiday town of Manali. We ride about 100km of the 800km Manali-Leh Highway. Do not be fooled, 'highway' doesn't mean highway as you know it. It only means it is the only drivable route north to the Chinese- and Pakistan borders. The route takes us past Keylong and Jispa to Zing Zing Bar where we get something to fill the tummies. We then attempt Baralacha La – a pass of around 5000m (16400ft) – before we enter the plains of Sarchu where we tent-lodge in freezing temperatures.





## **DAY 2 – Lachulung La**

The most gruelling ride of the tour – 280kms, up to 15 hours in the saddle. We cross the 5328m (17480ft) Lachulung La to the halfway-house Pang for lunch. We ride through spectacular terrain to another to Upshi.

The last stretch is a no-photo zone, all the way past Hemis and Karu to Leh.

## **DAY 3 – City of Leh**

These roads take their toll on bodies and bikes, so we rest in the ancient city of Leh.

### **DAY 4 / 5 – Pangong Tso**

We ride from Leh to Pangong Lake and back. We encounter Chang La of 5360m (17585ft) twice. On our way back, we visit the monastery on the hill at Chemrey.

### **DAY 6 / 7 – Nubra Valley**

The ride takes us through the spectacular Nubra Valley, all the way to Hunder, close to the border of Pakistan. We tackle Khardung La, which is known as 'The Highest Motorable Pass In The World' at 5602m (18379ft).

### **DAY 8 – Lamayuru /Leh**

We spend the day in Leh OR we take a ride to the village of Lamayuru.

### **DAY 9 – Leh to Sarchu**

We tackle the treacherous road back to Sarchu.

### **DAY 10 – Sarchu to manali**

We ride from Sarchu to Manali





# Key Information

## **TERRAIN**

Combination of off-road & easy cruising

## **TOTAL DISTANCE**

1600 kilometers

## **DAILY RIDES**

160 kilometers

## **RIDING GEAR**

Bring your own helmet or rent a used one from rental company

Bring your own protective riding gear (jacket & pants & gloves)

Wear proper shoes with good grip

Pack for all weather conditions – rain, snow, cold, heat

– jacket, sweater, rain gear, fleece, thermal underwear, buff, balaclava, sunglasses etc.

\* Note: All gear can be bought at very reasonable prices in Manali

# Motorbikes

We ride on Royal Enfield motorbikes – very easy to ride and very much suited for the terrain. They handle brilliantly because of their low centre of gravity, they have plenty of loading space (racks fitted) and they are light on fuel (around 30km/l). They are not fast, but one doesn't need speed on these kind of roads. The models to choose from are either the Classic 350cc or the Bullet 500cc, Himalayan (411cc Adventure), Himalayan Scram (411cc Scrambler) and KTM Duke 200 – depending on availability. A refundable cash deposit of INR12,000.00 (R2,800.00) per motorcycle payable.





## Requirements & General Notes

You need to have a valid **International motorbike licence** - bigger than 150cc.

International **Travel Insurance** & International **Medical Cover** is your own responsibility and a **must have!**

**Logistics** taken care of: Air Tickets\*, Motorbike Rental, On-tour\* accommodation (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast), regional permits and road taxes.

**Rental Deposit, fuel** and other **daily expenses** like drinks, snacks and excursions are for your own account.

**The route is set**, pre-determined by altitudes, distances and road conditions – minor deviations possible.

It's your trip! Within the guidelines, you determine the **pace, mood** and **essence** of your adventure.

Although the **spirit** of this undertaking is one of **fairness** and **reasonability**, there are always **terms and conditions\*** applicable to every agreement, so please read them.

\* We, the organisers and guides of this adventure, take full responsibility to organise all **air tickets, motorbike rental, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & Lunch** and required **permits & road taxes** for the organised section of the adventure. We can under no circumstances be held responsible for any unforeseen happenings or events. This includes natural disasters (weather etc.), security measures, accidents, political unrests, road closures, irresponsible behaviour, especially **irresponsible riding!** Any extra costs incurred by any of the events mentioned, is for your own account. The rule is: **'You break it, you fix it!'** Costs can vary due to price- and currency fluctuations, and unforeseen events. 'On tour' means the moment you get on your bike to start Day1 until and including the night of the last day of riding. Because of limited airline service in the region and fluctuating prices, air tickets will be organised by us and could influence the overall cost. We endeavour to be transparent about cost fluctuations and changes.



# COSTS

**ZAR 38,500**

## **Costs include:**

Return Air Tickets [From JHB/CPT to DELHI & back]

Motorbike Rental

All meals from Day1 to Day10

Transport between airport and accommodation

Regional Taxes & Permits

## **Expenditures not included:**

Snacks, drinks, fuel, rental deposit, travel- and medical insurance\*

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