

TOUR DE SPITI

10 DAYS RIDING ON THE WORLDS MOST TREACHEROUS ROADS

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DURATION: 11 NIGHTS 10 DAYS.

REGION: NORTH INDIA - LAHUL AND SPITI VALLEY

BEST TIME: MAY TO OCTOBER.

GRADE: TOUGH

TOUR CATEGORY: BUDGET TOURS. PREMIUM TOURS ON REQUEST

DATES : 25 JUNE - 4 JULY , 31 JULY - 9 AUGUST , 27 AUGUST - 5 SEPTEMBER

ROUTE SUMMARY: MANALI - BANJAR - SARAHAN - SANGLA - KALPA - NAKO - KAZA - CHANDERTAAL - MANALI

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Excellent Support Staff, knowledgeable and well equipped to assist with any challenges.
- Brand new Bikes.
- Ride through the most Treacherous road in the world.
- Ride on Indo-Tibetan frontier's most remote roads of Indian Himalayas.
- Visit ancient Buddhist monasteries
- Discover Himalaya's impressive & enchanting culture
- Visit the naturally preserved ancient Mummy in Giu village.
- Visit over 1000 year old Tabo monastery.
- Visit Chander Taal.
- Visit to the last Indian village bordering China, Chitkul.
- GoPro footage of almost entire trip.

PASSES :

- Jalori Pass (11,000Ft)
- Kunzum La (15,060 Ft)
- Rohtang La (13,050 Ft)

LAKES :

- CHANDER TAAL

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Experience Beauty Of Spiti Valley With Us On This 10 Days Epic Journey On Royal Enfield's.

We welcome you to the home of yaks high hills. Spiti is a unique land of magic and mystique. Its spell bounding beauty and extreme riding conditions are a dream for all serious riders. Bad roads, water crossings, high altitude riding and gorgeous landscapes provide an ideal setting to immerse in the joys of riding. Spiti circuit also happens to be dream destination for all off road riding lovers as many places from the valley often feature amongst some of the most difficult roads in the world.

Just like its native inhabitants, Spiti lends itself to being just as mystifying. Barren - isolated and sitting high on top of the world, it is amazing how humans have survived this astonishing region over thousands of years. A focal point for the ancient silk route used for trade across the Himalayas for centuries, Spiti is an epicentre for cultural and economic exchange between people of Himalayas. Having only recently acquitted itself with flourishing tourism industry, Spiti is one of the more hospitable places in India. Being a remote border area, the valley is accessible only for about 8-9 months a year and the scant population mainly survives through limited agriculture and tourist options. The people of Spiti are generally very hospitable and honest. The landscape, dotted with mountains and High altitude deserts provides a unique spiritual experience while riding.

Being a Subdivision of Lahaul and Spiti district, Spiti is also called “Little Tibet” as it has the same terrain, climate and traditions followed in Tibet. Spiti also means “Middle Country” as it is connected with Ladakh & Tibet on eastern side & Kinnaur and Kullu on western side through high passes.

So if anyone is looking for an adventure filled, adrenaline pumping, high altitude ride through some of the most treacherous roads in the world,

TOUR DE SPITI is the ride to be on.

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DETAILED ITINERARY :

DAY 1: MANALI

(Manali- Solang - Naggar- Manali 70 KMS)

The first day of the tour is to meet the staff and create a rapport, with not just the team, who would be briefing you about the things to do and avoid on the tour, but also getting familiar with the bikes that we would be riding on this journey. For this purpose, after a meet and greet session, we set out for testing the bikes with a short ride across the manali town, visiting places of interest such as the solang Valley, Hadimba Temple and the Naggar castle, the erstwhile residence of the kings of the valley. We travel approximately 70-80 kms and retire to our hotel for a comfortable sleep post dinner.

DAY 2: MANALI – KASOL (PARVATI VALLEY)

(Manali - Kullu - Kasol – Manikaran – Kasol 90 KMS)

Today we ride from Manali to Kasol via Kullu. After an early breakfast we set off on the left bank of river Beas to a small hamlet called kasol, nestled in the heart of Parvati valley. Kasol is famous for its nomadic restaurants that are quite unlike anything u will find at other places in India. We will also visit the holy Manikaran shrine which is famous for hot water springs. A short excursion to Tosh is also an option for enthusiastic trekkers.

Day 3: KASOL - SARAHAN

(Kasol - Bhuntar- Aut -Banjar - Jalori Paas - Rampur- Sarahan 210 KMS)

The ride from Kasol to Sarahan would bring us to our first mountain pass of the tour, Jalori Pass. Nestled in the lower ranges of Himalayas, jalori pass (10800ft) is one of the lesser travelled passes but an important connection between the kullu and Sainj valleys. The winding roads of the pass are the first major riding challenge as the road is not metalled, but carved out of mountains. Further on from Jalori we cross the town of Rampur and enter the Kinnaur valley, one of the places often counted amongst the most dangerous roads in the world. We halt overnight at Sarahan, which is a small village famous for Bhimakali temple, dedicated to Goddess Bhimadevi.

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Day 4: SARAHAN – SANGLA

(Sarahan - Tapri - Karchham- Sangla 85 KMS)

After Breakfast at Sarahan we begin the 85 km ride to Sangla in the Baspa valley. This is the last valley in India and shares its border with Tibet. The Baspa River flows in the Sangla Valley which is rich in apple orchards, apricot, Wall-nut, Cedar trees, and glacial streams with trout. The road offers pleasant views with a valley of flowers running parallel to a stream for a good part of the road. The most significant achievement of this region worth being lauded is that this area boasts of growing the world's best quality potatoes. Though only 85kms, the journey consumes time as the roads near the border are not metalled.

DAY 5: SANGLA TO KALPA

(Sangla - Chitkul - Karchham - Reckong Peo – Kalpa 71 KMS)

Day 5 of our tour has a ride from Chitkul to Kalpa planned. We would be taking the same road that brought us to Chitkul till Karchham from where we take a right on to the NH22 and climb beyond Reckong peo, the district headquarters for Kinnaur. Reckongpeo is also the place where we get the inner line permits for the Spiti Valley. Our overnight stay is in Kalpa village which has a history of ancient temples and majestic view of Kinner Kailash Peak.

DAY 6 : KALPA TO NAKO

(Kalpa- Moorang -Puh- Nako 120 KMS)

We begin our travel the next day with a descent from Kalpa village. The road conditions get better as we head to our next stop, which is Nako village. The Village has an 11th century Monastery and a small lake. Nako overlooks the Reo Purgyal which has an elevation of 6,816 metres (22,362 ft) and is the highest mountain in Himachal Pradesh. The village is now near the Nako Lake formed by the slopes of the mountains of Reo Purgyal, compared to the opposite bank across the Nako river where it was located earlier and then shifted because of tectonic upliftment of the site.

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DAY 7 : NAKO TO KAZA

(Nako - Tabo – Kaza 112 KMS)

The road from Nako to Kaza is one of the better roads we will come across in Spiti Valley. A journey of 112kms is broken by a halt to visit Tabo Monastery, a monastery claimed to be one of the holiest in the world by HH the dalai Lama. The monastery celebrated its millenium anniversary in 1996 and is a must visit. After spending some time at the monastery we would head to the town of Kaza, which is the headquarter of the Spiti valley.

DAY 8 : KAZA

(Kaza - Key - Kibber – Kaza 70 KMS)

We have kept this day reserved to enjoy the splendour of Kaza. We would visit the Key Gompa and Kibber gompa along with a visit to the the major tourist attractions in and around Kaza, Tangyud Monastery. Kibber village at an elevation of 4205 Mtrs. above sea level, ,Gette Village at an altitude of 4270 Mtrs. above sea level and Langza village famous for presents of marine fossils are also places that we can explore. Also as Kaza has cyber cafes, its a good place to reconnect with friends and families and share the stories.

DAY 9: KAZA TO CHANDER TAAL

(Kaza - Kunzam Pass - Baatal - Chandra Taal 65 KMS)

Day 9 is an adventurous day that would take us through our second high altitude pass, Kunzum pass situated at an altitude of 15060 ft and On to the Chander Taal or the moon lake, situated at a height of 14100 ft, where we would camp near the lake. The ride from Kaza to Chandertal is rough as the road is mostly broken and the terrain tough. The diatance of 65 kms would take about 4-5 hrs.

DAY 10: CHANDERTAAL TO MANALI

(Chandrataal – Batal – Rohtang Pass - 150 KMS)

Staring after breakfast we take the road from Baatal to gramphu from where we ascend the Rohtang and ride beyond the pass into the lush green Kullu valley. Today's is the last day of our tour and by evening we Reach Manali and have a Farewell dinner and talk about our adventures.

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THE TOUR INCLUDES:

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- New 2015- 2016 Royal Enfield 500cc Motorbike.
- All Fuel Throughout the Route
- Complete Support Team (Includes Tour Leader, Mechanic, Helpers and backup Riders)
- Suv / Mini Bus as a backup vehicle. Incase the pillion gets tired, they can travel in the Backup vehicle as well.
- All Accommodation and Meals based on MAP Plans.
- Snacks throughout the Riding days.
- Inner Line Permits and All other entrance Fee.
- Tour Photos and Video Dvd's sent to you after about 2 months along with BRM Tour De Spiti T-shirts.

THE TOUR EXCLUDES:

- Refundable Deposit of 350 \$ /bike.
- All Lunches.
- Any Personal Expenses.
- Tips and Donations.
- All that not included in " Tour Includes " Section.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Driver should have a valid license and should be at least 21 years old.
2. The Rider must always wear a helmet.
3. Tour Members must listen to tour leader and follow his instructions.
4. Riders are responsible for their insurance & BRM will not be responsible for any accidental expenses of Rider.
5. Riders have to pay extra for changes in the Itinerary due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.
6. BRM reserves the right to take photographs and film records on all their tours, and to use any such photographs and film records on their website as well as for promotional, sales, brochures, or any other commercial purposes. Participants whose images appears in these photographs and film records give BRM permission to use these images on their website and for promotional, sales, brochures, or any other commercial purposes.
7. No refunds given if a person/s leave a tour en-route.
8. At our discretion, any rider seen taking unnecessary risks en-route will have their journey terminated, thereafter traveling in one of the support-vehicles for remainder of the tour. No reimbursement given. Safety is our primary concern.
9. BRM is not responsible for any act of god, strikes, theft or other conditions beyond our control.
10. We will not be held responsible or liable for any delays or any changes in the schedule in response to unplanned events.
11. BRM reserve the right to modify any part of a tour in the interests of improvement or to adapt to other situations as they arise.
12. The Rider shall use the bike entirely at his/her own risk and agrees that we will not accept any responsibility or be held accountable for any loss, injury or death as a result of, or leading from the hire of any of the bikes by any person.
13. If you need to cancel your booking 3 Months before your departure date, 60% of your deposit will be refunded. If cancellation is received less than 3 months before the departure date, there will be no refund.
14. A security deposit of 15,000 Rs or 350 US\$ is required prior to motorcycle assignment and this deposit can be paid in Rupees or US \$ prior to tour start. If no damages are incurred during the tour then no deductions will be there. Repairs of small accidental

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damage from bikes falling over & light spills are normally covered in with the tour cost, but BRM reserves the right to appraise all damages & repair costs and bill accordingly.

15. To book the tour 30 % of the total amount is required. The rest of the amount is to be paid at the time when you arrive in Manali.

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