

Trans-Himalayan Motorcycle Tour (M-ID: 2506)

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from €3,099.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

18 days

The Ultimate Himalaya Tour on the Royal Enfield: This 17-day tour combines two of our most popular motorcycle tours: At first we go through the Buddhist high mountain valleys Kinnaur and Spiti.

Here we experience a lot of culture in the form of traditional mountain villages and visits to Buddhist monasteries. Later, the settlement becomes more and more sparse, until we reach the famous Manali Leh Highway - one of the highest mountains passes in the world. Here there is nothing but a glorious and rugged mountain world, whose landscape changes again and again. Of course, the classic highlights are also on the program. We ride to the mountain lakes Chandratat, Tsomoriri, and Pengong, cross the Nubra valley, and ride over the high passes Chang La and Kardung la, both over 5300 m high!

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival Delhi flight to Chandigarh and further transfer to Shimla (3 hours).

After the international flight we continue by domestic flight to Chandigarh and then by taxi to the so-called "hill station" Shimla. Shimla, the capital of the hill state of Himachal Pradesh and former summer residence of the British, is idyllically situated at 1800 meters amidst forests and apple orchards. After our arrival we will explore the city with its famous pedestrian zone and Jacku Temple.

If you wish, you can also travel by train to Chandigarh (4 hours) and further by cab to Shimla (3 hours).

Alternatively, you can travel to Delhi a day or night earlier, in which case we will be happy to arrange a hotel room at an additional cost. (Overnight stay in hotel) -/-

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Day 2: Rest day to acclimatize and test ride the

motorcycles.

After breakfast, we will pick up the motorcycles and take a small test tour of Shimla's immediate surroundings. The day will end with a dinner with the whole team. (Overnight stay at the hotel) B/-/D

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Day 3: Shimla-Sarahan 161 km

The first day of our motorcycle tour takes us through fruit and vegetable fields, always along a mountain ridge until after 60 km, we reach the popular winter sports resort of Narkanda at an altitude of 2700 meters. From here we descend to the Sutlaj valley at 100 meters altitude, here it will be quite warm. The rest of the route follows the river upstream to Jeori, where we turn off our main route and take a steep road for 17 km up to the tranquil village of Sarahan. Sarahan is dominated by the Shrikhand Mahadev peak (5777 m). It was the ancient capital of Rampur Bushehr, one of the largest kingdoms in the mountains of Shimla. We can visit here the Bhimkali temple with its 6 silver gates. This is a mixture of Hindu and Buddhist elements and is world-famous. In addition, Sarahan offers magnificent views and a pleasant climate (overnight stay at the guesthouse) B/L/-

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Day 4: Sarahan-Chitkul 106 km

Today we ride into one of the most beautiful Himalayan valleys - The Sangla Valley. Sangla in Tibetan means "Pass of Light" and we are indeed very close to the Tibetan

border. The Baspa River flows through the valley. Up to the valley entrance, we have a relatively comfortable ride ahead of us. First, we go downhill from Sarahan back to the main road, and from there we are on one of the most impressive stretches of road, partly slightly uphill, partly slightly downhill. Here the road was carved out of the rock far above the Satluj River! Today is spent exploring the beautiful Sangla Valley to the last village of the valley: Chitkul at 3450m.

(Overnight stay in the guesthouse) B/L/-

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Day 5: Chitkul-Kalpa 71 km

First, we head back out of the Sangla Valley for almost 45 km, where we rejoin our main route through the Satluj Valley. For about 10 km the road is relatively flat passing hydroelectric projects and small villages until we reach the road up to Rekong Peo and Kalpa. A 17 km long climb with about 900 meters of altitude awaits us. Rekong Peo is the capital of Kinnour. Here we receive our official permit to continue into the Spiti Valley near the Chinese border.

It is a 10 km climb up to the beautiful idyllic Kalpa. Kalpa is a good place to buy shawls and the typical Kinnaur caps.

(Overnight stay in the guesthouse) B/L/-

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Day 6: Kalpa-Nako 109 km

First, we head towards Puh. Puh is a beautiful village of 5000 inhabitants with apple, apricot, and almond trees. It is the first village that belongs to the "Higher" Kinnaur region and during today's tour, we notice a strong change in the landscape. While it has been relatively green until Rekong Peo, the area now becomes much drier, with steep rocky slopes and high snow-capped mountains in the background. The road is just widening but still runs steeply along the precipice of the Sutlaj. The route goes uphill relatively moderately.

Then we leave the Sutlaj River and follow the Spiti River. Nako, located at an altitude of 3662 m in the Hingrang valley, is the largest village in the area. Here yaks, horses, and donkeys graze peacefully side by side. It will be a long 20 km climb up to Nako. Here there is not only a lake but also an old monastery and a traditional village to explore.

(Overnight at an inn) B/L/-

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Day 7: Nako-Tabo-Dankhar-Kaza 127 km

On the right side of the Spiti River is the ancient village of Tabo, flanked by high mountains on both sides. Here there is one of the most famous Buddhist monasteries: more than a thousand years old, Tabo Gumpa has exquisite frescoes and stucco statues. We visit the monastery Then we continue on our way. For a short distance, we take the "main road" towards Kaza, then take a turnoff up to the village of Dhankar. Dhankar is the ancient capital of the Spiti king. The incredibly beautiful monastery is located between high cliffs. From here the road descends and then flattens out to the district capital of Kaza.

In Kaza, there is not much more than a bus station and a

market where people from the surrounding villages do their shopping. We will take the opportunity to spend the night in a nice country-style hotel.

(Overnight stay in the inn) B/L/-

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Day 8: Visit the villages and monasteries around Kaza 70 km

Today is quite flexible, but we recommend a tour to the high villages of Langza, Komik, and Hikkim at up to 4500 meters. Here there is a Golden Buddha, the highest post office in the world, and the highest village connected to a road.

Afterward, you can make an excursion to Ki Monastery and the interesting village of Kibber. If you like, you can cross the highest bridge in Asia. This connects the villages of Kibber and Chicham across a deep gorge.

(Overnight stay in the guesthouse) B/L/-

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Day 9: Kaza-Losar-Chandra Valley 93 km

Today we leave the Spiti Valley and cross our first real mountain pass: the 4550-meter-high Kunzum Pass with a beautiful temple.

Today we get to see mountains over 6000 meters high with white glaciers. In addition, we will now increasingly more on Jeepstien and unpaved roads on the road. We will stay in a luxury camp near the beautiful Chandrat Lake.

(Overnight stay in luxury camp) B/L/D

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Day 10: Chandrat-Jispa 135 km

We start our tour now officially to Leh. Before we reach the Manali Leh Highway, however, it goes today for about 60 km on the probably worst developed section: Loose scree, soft sand, and a lot of streams. This section is not for novice riders! Then it goes down to Gramphu and further to the checkpoint in Koksar and we are finally on the well-developed part of the Manali-Leh Highway. Riding along the Chandra River we pass small villages, potato and pea plantations, and spectacular mountains and their glaciers. We reach the district capital of Keylong. Here there is the last permanent market. Then we continue for 35 km to Jispa.

(Overnight in luxury camp) B/L/D

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Day 11: Jispa - Tsokar Lake (4267 m) 220 km

We start after a good breakfast and cross the 4800 meters high Baralacha pass. Then we descend to Sarchu- the midpoint from Manali to Leh. We leave the Sarchu plain and take the 21 narrow curves up to the Nakeela Pass (4780 m). A little later we cross our first 5000-meter pass, the 5090-meter-high Lachung La. The road down to Pang is bad and causes a lot of trouble on the stony ground. The landscape, however, is spectacular and is in constant change. It goes for 40 km on a flat and new road through the Morray Plains. Then we turn to the beautiful Tsokar

Lake.
(Overnight in luxury camp) B/L/D

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Day 12: Tsoker to Leh (3500 m) 131 km
Today we will cross the second-highest pass in the world, the Tanglang Pass (5328 m). We pass the first tranquil villages of Ladakh and finally reach Leh. We check into our hotel and spend the evening with a little first exploration of Leh.
(Overnight at hotel) B/L/-

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Day 13: Leh Sightseeing Day (Thiksey, Spituk, and Hemis Monastery, Shanti Stupa, Leh Palace)
Today we will be issued permits for the trips to Pengong Lake and Nubra Valley, which we will visit in the next few days. So we use the day to explore Leh and its surroundings. Here there are many ancient Buddhist monasteries, a palace, and the famous Shanti Stupa, from where we will have a wonderful view of Leh.
(Overnight at hotel) B/-/-

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Day 14: Leh to Khardungla Pass (5640 m) and further to Nubra Valley (3048 m) 125 km

Today we will go to the highest pass in the world that can be ridden, at least that's what they say. Here it can snow in summer and you can enjoy tea in the highest cafe in the world. The view from here is breathtaking! Then we ride to the fascinating Nubra Valley. In Diskit we visit the monastery. We continue to Hundur. We can take a walk around the beautiful village as well as visit the sand dunes and take a ride on the camels.
(Overnight stay in luxury camp) B/L/D

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Day 15: Nubra Valley Round Trip, 160 km

Today we explore the Nubra Valley and ride to the end of the valley to Turtuk.
(Overnight in luxury camp) B/L/D

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Day 16: Nubra to Pangong (4300 m) via Shyok River 180 km

This famous lake is more than 200 km long and on average 5 km wide. Most of the lake is already in Tibet. So we can dare to have a look at Tibet. This lake has been the location of many different Bollywood movies. We will spend the night in a camp.
(Overnight stay in the camp) B/L/D

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Day 17: Pangong Lake back to Leh 223 km

In the afternoon we return to Leh and use the evening for some shopping.
(Overnight at hotel) B/L/-

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Day 18: Departure

Today is the day of departure. The flight to Delhi leaves early in the morning.

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| Countries | India |
| Category | Motorcycle Tour |
| Terrain | Combo On-/Offroad |
| Vehicle | motorcycle rent incl. |
| Tourguide / Coach | yes (guided) |
| Accommodation | Hotel / B&B or similar |
| | 2 star hotel |
| | 3 star hotel |
| Flight to / from | no, not incl. |
| Ferry | no, not incl. |
| Support vehicle (luggage/service) | yes |
| Level of difficulty | medium |
| | difficult |
| Customer payment protection | yes |
| * PRICING | Minimal without optional extras, see pricing |

Pricing

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| per rider with two or three participants | €3,899.00 |
| per pillion passenger with two or three participants | €3,199.00 |
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| Reduced prices with a higher number of participants: | |
| per rider with 4 - 5 participants | €3,399.00 |
| per pillion passenger with 4 - 5 participants | €2,949.00 |
| per rider with 6 - 7 participants | €3,099.00 |
| per pillion passenger with 6 - 7 participants | €2,799.00 |
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| Optional: | |
| per person one day/night earlier (surcharge) | €70.00 |
| Upgrade to Royal Enfield Himalayan Bike (surcharge) | €200.00 |

Included

German speaking tour guide for groups of 8 or more or on request
all accommodations as advertised
Meals as advertised (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Flight Delhi-Shimla (sometimes flights are cancelled. Then we will take a transfer by bus and/or train)

Flight Leh-Delhi

Airport transfer

Royal Enfield Classic 500 cc motorcycle (upgrade possible)

Petrol for all riding days

English speaking local tour guide

Experienced mechanic

Escort vehicle with spare parts, petrol, luggage etc.

Permits for Spiti, Pangong and Nubra Valley

Not included

Everything that is not listed under features

International flight

Visa

Entrance fees

Spare parts

Drinks/ meals not mentioned

More details

Number of participants: from 2 persons

Requirements: Very good riding skills on a motorcycle are required. Partly it goes over boulders, through streams and soft sand.

Always possible as a private tour

Arrival and departure: The trip starts in Delhi with arrival at Indira Gandhi Airport. It is also possible to arrive one day/night earlier. For an extra charge of 70 €/person we organize an overnight stay in a double room near the airport with transfers. Departure from evening/night on the last day of the trip from Delhi Indira Gandhi Airport.

About the region: We are in the middle of the Himalayas in the state of Himachal Pradesh and in Ladakh. While the green Kullu valley, from where our tour starts, is relatively densely populated by mainly Hindus, towards Lahaul and Ladakh it becomes drier, higher and lonelier. The people in the high mountain desert are predominantly Buddhist and there are countless ancient monasteries that invite you to visit. While it can rain heavily in the southern part of Himachal, especially during the monsoon season, precipitation is very rare in Lahaul and Ladakh. Temperatures range from 15 to 25 degrees Celsius during the day, and at night it can get quite cold, even below freezing.

Dangers: During the tour we are constantly in the mountains at an altitude between 2000 and 6000 meters. Even if we work with trained guides and take all measures on our tours to counteract emergencies, you can never exclude dangers in the mountains. There is always the possibility of weather changes, landslides (especially during the monsoon season) or accidents and you should always be aware of this. We reserve the right, due to climatic conditions or for organizational reasons, to modify the tours on site in the way that is safest for all involved.

Altitude and altitude sickness: Altitude sickness is a very important issue that should not be underestimated, especially during our tours in the Indian Himalayas. At altitudes of 3500 m and above, our body has to slowly get used to the air pressure getting lower, which also means that less oxygen reaches our lungs. The first signs of altitude sickness are headaches accompanied by dizziness, nausea, insomnia and loss of appetite. It becomes problematic when water accumulates in the lungs and brain, leading to edema. Then the only thing that helps is an immediate descent to lower altitudes. To prepare for the high altitudes on our tours, we will either spend a few nights at high altitudes before the tours or slowly ascend during the tours to acclimatize. If we notice that there are problems with our guests (each person is differently able to acclimatize, regardless of age, gender and fitness level), it may happen that either the whole tour group or the participant descends/returns with a team. Additionally, it makes sense to take an emergency medication against altitude sickness. For this, it is best to consult the pharmacy or the travel doctor. For certain tours we will have additional oxygen with us.

Accommodation: During the tour we will stay in simple, clean, typical accommodation in the 2 to 3 star range. Meals are adapted to the local cuisine and mostly vegetarian. Many accommodations will be in luxury camps. These are camps with tents that have beds, an attached bathroom and electricity.