

Himalaya - Over the highest passes of the world (M-ID: 2653)

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from €2,499.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

17 days

08/16/2024 - 09/01/2024 17 days

This motorcycle trip takes us over high passes, to Buddhist monasteries and lonely azure lakes through the Himalayan regions of Zanskar and Ladakh.

We will travel on the highest roads in the world through the Himalayas, including the famous Manali-Leh Highway through a fascinating mountain landscape with snow-capped peaks. We will visit Buddhist monasteries and visit small traditional villages. The road conditions are constantly changing from new, wide and well-maintained roads, to rocky and sandy jeep tracks.

The round trip will take us first from Manali in the Kullu valley through the remote region of Zanskar on mostly unimproved roads, This route exists only since 2021. Before this region was accessible only on foot.

From Zanskar we go to Leh in the Ladakh region. We drive through the Nubra Valley and to the Pengong Lake. Then we return to Manali via the famous Manali Leh Highway.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Start of the journey from Germany and arrival in Delhi, onward journey to Chandigarh.

Upon arrival in Delhi, you will immediately transfer to our mini bus and be driven to the city of Chandigarh, four hours away. Chandigarh is a planned Indian city at the foot of the Himalayas. We will end the day with a dinner together. Overnight at hotel (-/-/A)

Day 2: Drive Chandigarh-Manali
After a restful night, we continue our journey by bus high into the Himalayas. Arriving in Manali, we check into our hotel, relax in the fresh mountain air and have some time to explore Manali on foot. 8 hours (F/-/-)

Day 3: Short test ride with the motorcycles
Today, each participant will be assigned a motorcycle. We

will explore Manali's surroundings together on a test ride. (Overnight stay at hotel) (F/-)

Day 4: Manali to Jispa (3250m), 135 km
We officially start our tour to Leh. We ride along the Beas River through numerous villages up to the Rothang Pass (3980m) (or alternatively through the rothang tunnel) Then we descend to Gramphu and on to the checkpoint at Koksar. Riding along the Chandra River, we pass through small villages, potato and pea plantations and past 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) (F/M/A)

Day 5: Jispa to Purne (3950 m), 90 km
We start after a good breakfast. After crossing Darcha after 9 km, we leave the Manali Leh- Highway and turn towards Zanskar. At first we go slightly uphill for 18 km on well maintained road. We pass small mountain villages and reach zanskar Sumdo, a confluence of streams. Now it goes for another 18 km up to Shingula Pass at over 5300 m! The last km is on gravel road. On a narrow unmade curvy road we descend to the north side of the pass. Here we have our lunch. We cross a river and stop after a few kilometers to admire the mighty rock Conbo Rangjon, which rises steeply in front of us. The next 30 km are relatively flat until we reach the village of Purne, which consists of only three houses. On the way we pass the first villages and yaks of Zanskar. We spend the night in a simple homestay. Optionally we can also sleep in a tent. (Overnight stay in homestay or tent) (F/M/A)

Day 6: Optional hike to Phuktal Monastery (4300 m) and ride to Padum
In the morning, a short hike to the spectacular 2500 year

old Phuktal Monastery is planned. The 5 km long path leads us to the monastery, which was built into a rock. Even today the monastery can only be reached on foot. In the afternoon we continue our trip by motorcycle: Through the narrow valley along the Kurgiak River we ride on sandy jeep tracks towards Padum, the administrative center of Zaskar. The last kilometers we ride on a brand new asphalt road. We reach the wide valley of Padum. (Overnight stay in hotel) (B/M/A)

Day 7: Padum sightseeing (3559 m), 50 km
We visit Karsha Monastery and also Sani Lake and the waterfall in Sheela village are worth a visit. If you like, you can also ride a little further towards Kargil- until recently, it was the only connecting road to Padum. Overnight stay in hotel (F/M/A)

Day 8: Ride to Lamayuru (3500 m), 200 km
Today we have a very long stretch of road ahead of us on a recently opened jeep track. After the first kilometers on a paved road, especially the next 80 km are quite demanding. It goes through the Zaskar gorge and over the two high passes Singge La (5009 m) and Sri Sri La (4832 m). Again and again we pass smaller villages. Towards the end of today's route it becomes noticeably greener. Arriving on the highway between Leh and Kargil, we ride for about 7 km towards Kargil to Lamayuru. Here we will spend the night. Overnight at hotel (F/M/-)

Day 9: Ride to Leh (3500 m), 140 km
After so much "off-road", it is really fun to ride on good asphalt. We rush through the high mountain desert. After visiting Lamayuru Monastery, we also make a detour to Alchi Monastery. Overnight at hotel (F/-/-)

Day 10: Leh Sightseeing Day (Thiksey, Spituk and Hemis Monastery, Shanti Stupa, Leh Palace), 80 km
Today we will be issued permits to proceed to Pangong Lake and Nubra Valley, which are close to the border with Tibet. 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 (F/-/-)

Day 11: From Leh over the Khardungla Pass (5340 m) and on to the Nubra Valley (3048 m), 125 km
Today we will cross what was once the highest pass in the world: the Kardung La Pass. Here it can snow in summer and you can enjoy a tea in the highest cafe in the world. The view from here is breathtaking! Then we ride to the fascinating Nubra Valley. In Deskit 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 in luxury camp) F/M/A

Day 12: Nubra to Pangong (4300 m) through Shyok valley, 227 km
This famous lake is more than 200 km long and 5 km wide on average. 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) F/M/A

Day 13: Pangong Lake to Leh, 223 km
In the afternoon we return over the Chang la Pass (5360 m) - one of the highest passable passes in the world - to join the Manali-Leh Highway. We ride back to Leh. (Overnight at

homestay) F/M/-

Day 14: Leh to Sarchu, with side trip to Tsokar Lake, 265 km
After breakfast we will ride on the famous Manali-Leh Highway to Sarchu. On the way, after crossing Tanglang La (5318 m), we will make a detour to Tsokar salt lake (4800 m), where we will also have lunch. Sarchu, located exactly in the middle between Leh and Manali, is a high mountain plain at 4200 meters. (Overnight in camp) F/M/A

Day 15: Sarchu to Manali, 170 km
The last day on our motorcycles: we go back over the Baralacha La and this time through the Rothang Tunnel to Manali. Finally we see forests and meadows again. The green is a relief for us and our eyes. In the evening we celebrate the successful tour with the whole team at a joint dinner. (Overnight stay at the hotel) (F/M/A)

Day 16: Manali to Delhi
After a relaxing day in Manali we will take the night bus back to Delhi in the afternoon (14 hours, overnight in the bus) (B/-/-)

Day 17: Arrival Delhi and flight to Germany
Early in the morning we arrive in Delhi. Until your flight you will have a hotel room at your disposal. Until then use the last hours in India for some more sightseeing with a guide and shopping. (F/-/-)

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| Countries | India |
| Category | Motorcycle Tour |
| Terrain | Onroad |
| Vehicle | motorcycle rent incl. |
| Tourguide / Coach | yes (guided) |
| Accommodation | Camping Hotel / B&B or similar 3 star hotel |
| Flight to / from | no, not incl. on request |
| 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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| two or three participants - per rider | €3,599.00 |
| two or three participants - per pillion passenger | €3,349.00 |
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| Reduced prices with a higher number of participants: | |
| from 4 participants - per rider | €2,899.00 |
| from 4 participants - per pillion passenger | €2,650.00 |
| from 6 participants - per rider | €2,599.00 |
| from 6 participants - per pillion passenger | €2,349.00 |
| from 8 participants - per rider | €2,499.00 |
| from 8 participants - per pillion passenger | €2,249.00 |
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| Himalayan Bike (surcharge): | €50.00 |
| Single room supplement: | €350.00 |

Included

1 x Hotel Delhi

1 x Hotel Chandigarh
3 x Hotel Manali
1 x Jispa Camp
1 x Purne homestay or tent
2 x Padum Hotel
1 x Lamayuru Hotel
3 x Leh
1 x Nubra Valley Camp
1 x Pangong Lake Camp
1 x Lato homestay
1 x Sarchu Camp
Mini Bus private Delhi-Chandigarh- Manali
Bus Manali Delhi
Delhi Airport Transfers
Meals as written out: (B: breakfast, L: lunch, A: dinner)
Royal Enfield Classic 500 cc motorcycle (For Himalayan Bike 500 cc 50€ surcharge)
Petrol for 13 days
English-speaking / German-speaking tour guide (for group tours or on request)
Experienced mechanic
Accompanying vehicle with spare parts, gasoline, luggage, etc.
Permits for Pangong and Nubra Valley

Not included

International flight (we will be happy to assist you with your flight booking)
Visa (about 25 Euro)
Entrance fees
Spare parts
Drinks/unmentioned meals (approx. 3-5 € per meal)
Everything that is not listed under features

More details

Number of participants: minimum 2 person

Requirements: The roads are sometimes very well developed, but often just jeep tracks with scree and sand. Often the streets have potholes, every now and then smaller stream have to be crossed. Very good motorcycling skills are a prerequisite for this tour. From time to time, very long distances with up to 8-10 journey hours are covered, depending on the road situation. The tour takes place at a high altitude. This can be accompanied by symptoms of altitude sickness.

The region:

We are located in the middle of the Himalayas in the Federal District of Himachal Pradesh and in Ladakh. While the green Kullu valley, from where our tour starts, is relatively densely populated by predominantly Hindus, it is getting drier, higher, and lonelier in the direction of Lahaul and Ladakh. The people in the high mountain desert are predominantly Buddhist and there are countless ancient monasteries that invite you to visit. While in the southern area of Himachal it can rain heavily, especially during the monsoon season, rainfall in Lahaul and Ladakh is extremely rare. The temperatures range from 15 to 25 degrees Celsius during the day, at night it can get quite cold, even below freezing point.

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 counter emergencies, you can never rule out dangers in the mountains. Time and again there can be weather changes, landslides (especially during the monsoon season), or accidents and you should always be aware of this. Due to climatic conditions or organizational reasons, we reserve the right to change the tours in the suburb as it is safest for all involved.

Accommodation:

During the tour, we spend the night in simple, clean, typical 3-star accommodations and tent accommodations in deluxe camps with attached bathrooms, beds, and electricity. Meals are adapted to the local cuisine and are mostly vegetarian.

Best travel time from the end of June to the end of August is also always possible as a private trip

Altitude and altitude sickness: During the tour, we are constantly in the mountains at an altitude between 2000 and 6000 meters. In addition, it makes sense to take an emergency medicine against altitude sickness with you. The best way to do this is to seek advice from the pharmacy or the travel doctor. For certain tours, we will also have oxygen with us. Even if we work with trained guides and take all measures on our tours to counteract emergencies, dangers in the mountains can never be ruled out. Again and again, there can be 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 change the tours on-site in a way that is safest for everyone involved.