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Spiti Valley: The Mighty Himalayas

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The Spiti Valley is located high in the Himalayan mountains, north east India. The name 'Spiti' means 'The Middle Land' and so named as it lies between Tibet and India.

As one of India's most remote locations, the Spiti Valley landscape is very rugged with challenging terrain. The sheer scale of untouched beauty in this area makes this adventure completely worthwhile, not to mention the interesting characters and fascinating cultures we experience along the way.

ITINERARY (Approx. 6- 8 hours riding per day)

Arrival in New Delhi

Contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis which successfully combines the ancient with the modern.

New Delhi to Shimla

We head to Shimla via express train and stop en route at Kalka, which sits at the footsteps of the Himalayas and offers some breathtaking views. We stay overnight in Shimla.

Shimla to Narkanda

Here we kick-off our motorcycle journey further into the Himalayas, towards Rampur. We wind up the mountain to a beautiful 'forest lodge' amidst lush greenery at an altitude of about 2850m.

Narkanda to Sangla

We continue our journey, riding along the fierce Sutlej river flowing in the gorges below. Once we reach Karchham, a road continues towards Spiti and another turns towards the Baspa Valley and on to the beautiful village of Sangla. This is another stretch of narrow winding road with hair-raising gorges and cliffs high above the Baspa river gushing below. Comfortable camping in a beautiful setting by the river.

Sangla

After enjoying a quite morning in the lap of Sangla valley we saddle-up once again, for a short ride to Chitkul, another quaint village in the Baspa Valley. Chitkul is the last village on this road towards border with Tibet (China) and offers great views of snow clad peaks of the Kinnaur region. After spending a little time here we return to Sangla in time for lunch. The evening is at your disposal to take a walk along the Baspa river or just enjoy the view and the setting from the camp. Overnight in Sangla.

Sangla to Kalpa to Tabo

We continue on the road towards Recong Peo, nestled 7km above which is the village of Kalpa. We'll spend the day in the village walking around the apple orchards and taking in the stunning views of the 'Kinner Kailash'.

Tabo to Kaza

We start the day with a visit to Ajanta of the Himalayas (as the Tabo Chos-Khor Monastery is popularly known). We will then be driven towards Kaza via Lingti valley. Explore the Lahlung and Dhankar monasteries, followed by a mountain biking session from Kye Monastery.

Kaza

Today we head into the remote high altitude villages of Spiti and visit the Langza, famous for its fossils. Then visit the Hikkim, known for the world's highest post office and Komic, the highest motor-able village in Asia. We then have lunch by the river and stroll around the market exploring local handicrafts, shops and mingling. We will stay in Kaza for the night.

Kaza to Chandra Tal

We will head towards the Spiti Valley and further into higher Himalayas where we'll arrive at the second High Altitude Lake on your tour. After crossing a high pass and a couple of streams (glacier melts) we'll reach a pasture land 4 km short of the beautiful and desolate lake of Chandra Taal. Vehicles are not allowed beyond this point and camping is no longer permitted near the lake shore. Here, the accommodation will be at a 'basic' camp-site in 'alpine' tents (sleep two each).

Chandartal to Manali

After breakfast, we head down into the Lahaul Valley, along the Chandra, a river originating from a glacier near Baralacha La. The road (or the lack of it!) from Chandra Taal all the way to Gramphu offers the most thrilling riding experience of the tour! This stretch of the journey has several large and small water crossings challenging enough to test your grit and determination. The scenery starts to turn a lot greener as we head down the Rohtang pass to the town of Manali.

Manali to Delhi

We board the vehicle for our drive towards Delhi where we will stay for the night.

Depart Delhi

Departure to the airport or onward travel.

HIGHLIGHTS

On this rugged tour we will be visiting some of the hardest to reach destinations on earth - all on a motorcycle. Just some of the highlights include:

- **Kunzum Pass**
- **Rohtang Pass**
- **Lahaul Valley**
- **Spiti Valley**
- **Kinnaur Valley**
- **Asia's highest village - Komic**
- **See some of the oldest Monasteries in India; Key, Dhankar, Tabo, Nako Sakeya**
- **Visit the last inhabited village called Chitkul, near the Indo-China border**
- **River crossings**
- **Visit to Chandertal the highest lake**
- **Camping around a bonfire**

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