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## The High Himalaya: An Expedition

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The High Himalaya: An Expedition offers travellers the chance to explore the northern most region of India on a classic motorcycle. What makes the Himalaya tour so special is that the roads are only accessible in the summer months due to heavy snowfall. Riding over the world's highest motor-able road, Khardung La (18,380ft), lucky encounters with nomadic herdsman and rare, two-humped camels are only some of the Himalayan Motorcycle tour highlights, not to mention the stunning high altitude views all round. With twisting mountain roads, remote wildernesses and a horizon glistening with snow, a breathtaking, unmissable adventure awaits.

The Himalaya Motorcycle tours defines 'extreme'. Linking both the remote and stunning Spiti valley with the Ladakh route this is the ultimate Himalyan Expedition. Visit high latitude lakes and deserts nestled amongst the towering, snow-dusted peaks of the mighty Himalayas. This is the trip of a lifetime.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour on the Royal Enfield Bullet 500; the best suited bike for Himalaya motorcycle tours
- Ride across some of the most spectacular and highest motorbiking terrain in the world
- Ride the famous Khardung La and Chang La
- Visit some of the worlds oldest monasteries and be immersed in the Indo-Tibetan culture
- Only 10 bikes per tour for an extremely personalised and hassle free riding experience
- You don't pay for anything once you arrive (except items personal in nature, e.g alcohol). Your fuel, meals, accommodation, transfers are all included in the cost of the tour

**ITINERARY** (12 days of riding / 2 rest days / some travel days / 6-8 hours average riding time per day)

### Day 1: Arrival in New Delhi

Land in Delhi and pick up from airport by an Extreme Bike Tour Director and taken to a luxury hotel. We have a luxury car and driver on standby should anyone wish to visit any tourist attractions in the capital. Contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis which successfully combines the ancient with the modern.

### Day 2: New Delhi to Narkanda

We head to Narkanda 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 Narkanda.

### Day 3: 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.

### Day 4: Sangla to Kalpa

A short riding day with a chance to take in the epic views.

### **Day 5: Kalpa to Tabo**

We continue 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 'Kinner Kailash'.

### **Day 6 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 ride towards Kaza via Lingti valley. Explore the Lahlung and Dhankar monasteries.

### **Day 7: 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 worlds 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.

### **Day 8: Kaza to Sissu**

A long day today following the valley amazing scenery all the way. The road towards Gramphu offers some of the most thrilling riding! This stretch of the journey has several large and small water crossings challenging enough to test your grit and determination.

### **Day 9 Sissu to Sarchu**

We head over a pass today the mighty Baralacha la. The roads over the pass are pretty good and the view is incredible. From here it is an easy ride to Sarchu.

### **Day 10 Sarchu to Leh**

A long ride today over Lachalang Pass (16,617ft) and then over the Moray Plains, a beautiful desert surrounded by the towering Himalayan peaks. This is a great place to open up your Bullet a little before we head over the second highest pass that we ride over Tanglang la (17,480ft) and then down into the first village in Ladakh, Rumste (13,779ft). The first decent roads for a while take us through thrilling landscape and past Buddhist Monasteries. Then we follow the Indus River into Leh and our hotel and base for the next week. At 3,500m the air is thick in Leh and rest will be needed.

### **Day 11: Leh**

A well-earned Rest day in Leh.

### **Day 12 Leh to Nubra**

Today we ride over the highest motor able road in the world Khardung La (18,380 ft). The road is very good over the pass and the views are incredible.

### **Day 13 Nubra to Pangong**

From the Nubra valley we head over the Wari La pass. We hope to see some two humped camels along the way towards the Chinese border to Pong Gong Lake. Half the lake is in India and the other half is in China.

### **Day 14 Pangong to Leh**

The final ride of the tour takes us back to Leh crossing Chang La which at 17,355 ft it is another one of the world's highest motorable passes.

### **Day 15: Leh to Delhi**

Leh to Delhi flight

### **Day 16: Onward travel**



Extreme Bike Tours can change the tour itinerary without notification if required to deal with any issues that may arise in the countries we operate in, very often due to adverse weather conditions. The itinerary will not change much but if we can make it better we always will.