



## **ROYAL ENFIELD MOTORCYCLE TOUR (HIMALAYA-LADAKH)**

### **TRIP INFORMATION**

- Trip Duration: 15 Days
- Trip Grade: Moderate
- Max. Group Size: 10
- Highest Point: 5630 m

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Best Time: July - September
- Riding 2000 kms in 11 days
- Crossing one of world's 7 high passes (above 4000mtr)
- Crossing the world's highest motorable passes.
- Making video documentaries and taking photography
- Camping/camp fire
- Visiting old monasteries
- The whole trip is 2000 kms long
- Riding 6 to 7 hours a day
- 9 nights stay in hotel & 5 nights stay in camp

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 1: Arrival in Delhi**

Guests will be received at the airport/stations and will be transferred to the hotel where they will be staying overnight.

#### **Day 2: Journey from Delhi to Manali**

Travelling Distance: 570 km

Travelling Time: 16 hours by mini bus or 14 hours by jeep

Altitude: 2000 m / 6,561 ft.

You will be checking out of your hotel in Delhi at around 5 in the morning. You will be having breakfast on the way. In the afternoon we will stop for lunch. By evening you will have reached Manali, where you will be transferred to the hotel.

### **Day 3: Tour 1 – Manali**

Each individual will be provided with a motorbike, after the breakfast. You will be exploring Manali and the surrounded vicinities with a local guide. The places you will be visiting will include Naggar Castle, Roerich Art Gallery, Hindu Temples and the hot springs in Vashisht.

### **Day 4: Tour 2 – Manali to Jispa**

Travelling Distance: 135 km

Altitude: 3250 m / 10,662 ft.

You will be driving along the left bank of Beas River through several villages, until you reach the Rohtang Pass (4050 m / 13,287 ft.). You will then drive down towards Gramphu, and then the passport check point at Koskar. Afterwards, you will carry on to reach Keylong; the tribal district headquarters. A further ride of 35 km will lead you to our campsite at Jispa or Darcha.

### **Day 5: Tour 3 – Jispa to Sarchu**

Travelling Distance: 84 km

Altitude: 4253 m / 13,953 ft.

The journey from Jispa to Sarchu is accompanied by zigzag uphill roads. You will be passing through glaciers that lead to the scenic Baralacha La (4800 m / 15,748 ft.) a high mountain pass in Zaskar range, before descending to the Sarchu plateau. You'll be staying in Sarchu campsite for a night.

### **Day 6: Tour 4 – Sarchu to Tsokar**

Travelling Distance: 133 km

Travelling Time: 7 hours

Altitude: 4267 m / 13,999 ft.

Leaving the magnificent Sarchu plateau you will be heading up a curvy drive until you reach Namik La (4950 m / 16,240 ft.). Here you can experience the spectacular views of rugged rocks and their unique geological formation. Before descending to the steep cliffs of Gangla Jal to Pang you will have to travel through Lachu Lang La (5090 m / 16,699 ft.). You will then proceed

towards the vast plateau of Kyang Chu-Thang (plateau of wild donkey) to Tsokar, via dusty trails. The Tsokar Lake is the place where extracted salt from the shores is still sold all over Ladakh. It is home to Yellow Headed Wagtail, Pled Wagtail, Desert Wheatears, Raven, and Horned Lark. Due to the salt deposits around it, the lake is also known as the White Lake.

### **Day 7: Tour 5 – Tsokar to Tsomoriri (Karzok)**

Travelling Distance: 90 km

Altitude: 4568 m / 14,986 ft.

The rough terrain will lead you to the top of the Polokongkha (4920 m / 16,141 ft.) before descending into the Puga Valley, which is known for geothermal energy. You will reach Sumdo Village before driving uphill again to reach Namstang La (4800 m / 15,748 ft.) and then proceed towards Karzok. The Gompa and the nomads inhabiting it are the most outstanding features of this area. You will be camping overnight here.

### **Day 8: Tour 6 – Karzok to Leh**

Travelling Distance: 220 km

Altitude: 3506 m / 11,502 ft.

You will leave early to head back in order to reach Sumdo then Mahe, where the main road leads to Leh. You will be driving along the Indus River. On the way you will have the opportunity to visit Hemis, Thiksey and Shey Monasteries followed by an overnight stay in hotel.

### **Day 9: Tour 7 – Leh to Stok and Phyang Monastery**

You will be taking a relaxing stroll in the village and will be visiting the Stok Palace and its museum. We will be driving through Phyang while making our way to Leh for the lunch, accompanied by an overnight stay in Hotel.

### **Day 10: Tour 8 – Leh to Khardung La**

Altitude: 5540 m / 18,175 ft.

Today's tour will begin with an uphill drive until we reach Khardung La. Being the highest point

you will need to be cautious of altitude sickness. However the oxygen cylinders will be inside the accompanying vehicle throughout the journey. Once you have reached to the top of the highest motor able pass in the world, you can enjoy the magnificent views of the Himalayan range. You will then head back to Leh, where you will have lunch and then can relax for the rest of the day. An overnight stay will be in the hotel.

### **Day 11: Tour 9 – Leh to Pang**

Travelling Distance: 174 km

Altitude: 4630 m / 15,190 ft. (Over Tanglang La 5630 m / 18,471 ft.)

You will drive through several villages in the world's second highest motor able pass before reaching Pang followed by an overnight stay in camp.

### **Day 12: Tour 10 – Pang to Jispa**

You will be following the same track back to Jispa.

### **Day 13: Tour 11 – Jispa to Manali**

Travelling Distance: 138 km

You will be following the same track back to Manali.

End of the tour.

### **Day 14: Journey from Manali – Delhi**

Explore Manali

Travelling Distance: 570 km

Travelling Time: 16 hours

Free stay in Manali. You will be able to spend the rest of the day in the town until 3pm and then you can depart for Delhi in the most comfortable buses.

### **Day 15: Flight Departure to Delhi**

You can explore Delhi in your free time before departing for your respective destination via flight.

## Important Notes:

- Motorbiking in the Himalayas is a lifetime experience for a great adventure. To make the best of your expedition, please co-operate in between and remain patient.
- Whilst you are riding, it is mandatory to coordinate with each other. Starting early will help you avoid the traffic and you will have good light for photographs.
- Please take insurance which will cover any damage of the motorbike in case of an accident, personal medical evacuation or any loss of baggage etc.
- There will be a common medical kit including oxygen cylinders. Apart from that you will need to carry your own medicines as per your health requirement.
- Heart patients are not allowed to participate since it is risky.
- In case of road blocks there can be a change in itinerary, so we will need you to understand the situation. Our team at present will find a solution which will be the best for any sort of medical evacuation, loss of baggage or other emergency.

## Our Riverside Camps at Manali and Tirthan Valley

Catkin Outdoors has two riverside camping sites located in Kalath (5km from Manali, Himachal Pradesh) and Tirthan Valley (3km from Great Himalayan National Park). It is the biggest camp in Manali and guarantees the most scenic views, good quality amenities, friendly service and luxurious tents to enable a sound sleep. Reaching on-site, you will be filled with a sense of calmness. You can hear the gushing sound of the Beas River, the whirling of wildlife and can feel the refreshing mountain breeze passing through the campsite.

You will see the expansive grassland where 15 of our tents are placed surrounded by forest the either side. In each tent you will find a sleeping mattress, sleeping bag and pillow to ensure a comfortable sleep, as well as an en suite toilet and shower facility (hot water available from our on-site solar geyser), so you don't have to worry about a thing. Not only our tent service has its own seating area, out front in the veranda, you can also make use of our hall for dining, socializing and even for business meetings. Enjoy a game of volleyball at our court area or take a seat in our fire pit while enjoying the company of your friends and family under a starlit sky and the sound of a crackling bonfire.

Our camps have a friendly and welcoming atmosphere suitable for everyone - school/college summer adventure programmers, corporate groups, families and even special occasion group parties. We offer various outdoor adventure activities and packages which includes stream walking, river crossing, rock climbing, rappelling, day(s) hiking, cycling, fishing, Canyoning and Paragliding. We aim to meet the needs of others and to simply create a fun-filled experience that will be remembered at the best camp in Manali.

## HAMPTA PASS TREK

The Hampta Pass Trek is one of the most exciting treks in Manali, Himachal Pradesh. It is a moderate trek with the availability of different durations to suit a person's time. The reason this trek is full of nature's beauty is the picturesque landscape.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY – MODERATE.

**MAX ALTITUDE:** 14100 FT

**BASE CAMP:** MANALI

**DURATION:** 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS.

**BEST SEASON :** MID JUNE – MID OCTOBE

### Here's a short itinerary of Hampta Pass Trek:

Day 1: Drive from Manali (6,000 ft) to Jobra then trek to Chika (10,100 ft).

Day 2: Chika (10,100 ft) to Balu ka Gera (11,900 ft).

Day 3: Balu ka Gera (11,900 ft) to Siagoru (12,900 ft) via Hampta Pass (14,100 ft).

Day 4: Siagoru (12,900 ft) to Chatru (11,000 ft).

Day 5: Drive from Chandra tal/Chatru to Manali via the Rohtang Pass.

### Detailed Trek Itinerary

#### Day 1: Drive from Manali to Jobra than trek to Chika

Our meeting point will be Manali bus stand. We will be starting our journey from Manali to Jobra. After reaching we will have a brief discussion before starting our trek to Chika, our campsite for the night. The trek is a two hour easy ascent from 9700ft to 10,400ft through a thick forest. While trekking we can see the Rani river on one side and hills on the other. The trek passes through some of the most beautiful landscapes.

## **Day 2: Chika to Balu ka Gera**

The second day trek is a moderate climb. The best part about this trek is the spectacular view of the Dhauladhar range in the background and Indrasan Peak in front. We will be crossing two rivers, one at the start, just near Chikka campsite and other at Jwara Nala. After crossing Jwara Nala, we will have our packed lunch.

## **Day 3: Balu ka Gera to Siagoru via Hampta Pass**

This is the most breathtaking part of the trek as we will cross the Hampta Pass and then descend to our campsite in Siagoru. From Hampta Pass you will be able to see the Indrasan Peak and its gigantic glacier. The trek will take approximately 8hrs to reach Siagoru. The trek in this region is moderate.

## **Day 4: Siagoru to Chatru, a four hour drive to Chandra Tal:**

We will have an easy descent through the Hampta Valley. The glorious mountains of the Pir Panjal and Spiti Range dominate the entire landscape during the Hampta Pass Trek till the camp site at Chatru. Chatru joins the path from Rohtang Pass, Hamta Pass & Lahaul and Spiti. From Chatru if road and weather condition permit, we will head to Chandra Tal and camp at suitable place according to the condition.

## **Day 5: Drive from Chandra tal/Chatru to Manali via the Rohtang Pass**

In the morning after breakfast we will leave for Manali via the Rohtang Pass hence ending our Hampta Pass Trek.