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15 Days Spiti Motorbike Open Tour 2011 BWBNB-DAMLN2011

Departure: 9th July – 23rd July, 2011

Duration: 15 Days

Region: Delhi-Agra-Dharamsala-Sangla-Spiti-Manali-Chandigarh

Season: August

Altitude:

Min Elevation: Chindi (2108m)

Max Elevation: Kunzum Pass (4551 m)

Kinnaur-Spiti is the 2nd most favourite route in India for the bikers. It is tough and challenging, beautiful and breathtaking, a spectacle which goes beyond your imagination. The itinerary is designed in such a way that you get ample time to get used to your bike, traffic behaviour, roads and altitude. The entire tribal belt of Kinnaur and Spiti is bestowed with incredible landscaping which cannot be described or put into words. You have to be there to appreciate its amazing beauty.

The Itinerary

DAY 1. DELHI. Arrive Delhi. Transfer hotel Hans or equivalent. The temperature in Delhi will be in 40s, you will be taking rest in your five star accommodation. In the evening, you will be visiting India Gate, President Palace and Parliament House. Enjoy shopping in Connaught Place. Overnight hotel.

Day 2. DELHI-AGRA-DELHI (200Km). After early breakfast, you will be taken in luxury bus or taxis to Agra, 4-5 hrs journey. Visit famous Taj Mahal, enjoy lunch and drive back to Delhi in the evening. Overnight hotel.

Day 3. DELHI-DHARAMSALA-PALAMPUR. After breakfast take a flight from Delhi to Dharamsala. You will be taken to McLeodganj from the airport to visit His Holiness Dalai Lama's palace. Explore the place for a while and enjoy lunch there. Drive to Palampur (45km app.). Here you will be staying at Taragarh Palace, a heritage property. You will be given your mo-bikes in the evening. Ride around to get familiar with them. You can also enjoy horse riding in the next morning if you are interested. Overnight Taragarh Palace.

Day 4. PALAMPUR-MANDI. After breakfast, start your first ride to Mandi. It is 3-4 hrs ride. It is national highway and road conditions are excellent. Baijnath & Jogindernagar are some of the big towns come on the way. Reach Mandi in the afternoon. Check into hotel Valley View or equivalent. Overnight hotel.

Day 5. MANDI-CHINDI (2108m) (84km). After breakfast, start your ride to Chindi, 5-6 hrs ride. Chindi is a small town, lush green and dense forest. Overnight hotel.

Day 6. CHINDI- SANGLA (2680m) (185km). It is 7-8 hrs ride. From Chindi the road goes down to Rampur (75km), enjoy lunch in this big city. The temperature will be high here as the altitude of this place is only 924m. Here, along side the road one of the biggest river in North India Satluj flows. The landscaping is breathtaking. Himalayan Range starts from here. A diversion comes from a place called Karcham. From the left, you approach Kalpa and from right you go towards Sangla Valley which is 18km. River Baspa flows in this valley, giving it a awesome beauty. Overnight Camping.

Day 7. SANGLA-KALPA (2960m) (51km 3hrs ride). Today, if time permits, we will go to Chitkul (3460m) from Sangla (26km). In the afternoon, we start for Kalpa. Here we will be stopping at Recong Peo (2290m) for inner line permit. It is a big city and from here the road goes up (13km) towards Kalpa which is a very beautiful place, full of green and thick forests and high snow covered mountains. Overnight hotel.

Day 8. KALPA-TABO (3050m) (165km 7-8 hrs ride). River Satluj continuously flows along the road and you cross deep gorges and dry high mountains. Road is good but narrow at most of the places. In fact, it can be called one-way route and by chance there is a big vehicle like a bus or a truck breakdown, then the traffic on both the sides remains at standstill. So you have to prepare



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yourself for any such incident, especially on this route. Since it is very close to the border with Tibet, you will see many army establishments. You will be reaching Tabo in the evening. Overnight guesthouse.

Day 9. TABO-KAZA (3600m) (85km 3-4 hrs ride). Visit Tabo monastery after breakfast. You will be visiting pin valley on the way. Reach Kaza in the evening. The temperature will be low here. Overnight hotel The Spiti or equivalent.

Day 10. KAZA. Rest day in Kaza. Today you will be exploring the incredible landscaping of this amazing place, visiting Kibber Village (4205m) (19km) and Kie Monastery (12km). Evening free for personal activities. Overnight hotel.

Day 11. KAZA-MANALI. (200km 8-9 hrs ride). Cross Kunzum Pass (4551m), River Chandra starts from the bottom of this pass. You will see endless water falls on the way. Enjoy packed lunch with hot tea at Chhatru. A small place comes which is called Grumphu (17km), here the road joins with Leh highway. You would be turning left towards Rohtang Pass (51km from Manali). Your bike tour ends here. Overnight Johnson Lodge.

Day 12. MANALI (2050m). Manali is full of nature, rich in culture and very picturesque. It bustles with tourists coming from all over the world. It is famous for beautiful treks, hiking and climbing. One of the best mountaineering institutes is located here. River Beas flows in this city, adding incredible beauty to this place. You will be going for a half-day local sight seeing covering Hadimba Temple, an ancient Hindu temple and Old Manali. Evening free for personal activities. Enjoy trout fish in the famous Johnson's Bar for the dinner in the evening. Overnight hotel.

Day 13. MANALI-PINJORE (CHANDIGARH). (285km 7-8 hrs). We will start with early breakfast. It is a national highway and most of the road is in good condition. We will stop for lunch at lake city Bilaspur (170km), Overnight at famous Pinjore garden, a palace built by Fidayi Khan in 17th century AD, popularly known as Yadavindra Garden, 22km away from Chandigarh. It bears links to ancient Aryan Times. Ruins of Bhima Devi Temple and ancient baths can be seen here. Rang Mahal, Shish Mahal and Jal Mahal- are palaces built in the garden. It looks magnificent especially at night. Please note that stay at this place will be subjected to the availability.

Day 14. CHANDIGARH-DELHI. Take morning Shatabadi and reach Delhi around 11am, transfer hotel. Evening free for personal activities. Overnight hotel.

Day 15. DEPARTURE. Transfer to airport for departure. (Please note that if you would like to travel in the jeep, you are welcome to do that)

Please note that customized tour can be arranged for a group of six persons and above PRICING (All Currency in USD):

Premium Package:

\$ 2470 per person for a group of 10 -15 persons

\$ 2270 p.p for a pillion rider and jeep safari.

\$ 1350 for single supplement

Economy Package:

(Accommodation will be in economy class hotels or guesthouses on CP, twin sharing basis. Rest remains the same)

\$ 2125 per person

\$ 1900 pillion rider

\$ 950 single supplement

The above price includes:

Accommodation in 3 & 5 star hotels, guest houses on MAP on twin sharing basis. (accommodation in Delhi on CP basis).

Camping with full meals.

350cc or 500cc Royal Enfield motor bikes.

English speaking tour leader.

Mechanic with helpers.



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Two back up vehicles, one for the baggage (at transfer points).
All local transportations and airport plus railway station transfers.
Delhi-Dharamsala airfare.
Chandigarh-Delhi train fare.
Air conditioned transportation Delhi- Agra-Delhi.
First Aid.

The above price does not include:

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Any fuel expenses for the bike.
Any wear and tear of the bike, that would be paid extra.
Any monument fees.
Any inner-line permit fees.
Any extra meals.
Any tips.
Mineral Water.
Any expenses personal in nature.
Any other expense in case of emergency.
Any extra stay due to unforeseen circumstances.
Any travel or personal insurance.
Anything else not mentioned above.