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15 Days Lahul-Spiti Motorbike Tour - 2011 BWBNB-KSMT2011

Departure: 10th September to 24th September, 2011

Duration: 15 Days

Region: Delhi-Agra-Dharamsala-Manali-Kaza-Sangla-Shimla-Chandigarh

Season: September

Altitude:

Min Elevation: Shimla (2050m).

Max Elevation: Kunzum Pass (4551 m).

This itinerary has been designed keeping in view the timings of the expedition. Kunzum Pass (4551 m) in Lahaul-Spiti area can get snowfall any day after mid September. We cross this pass in the beginning of the tour. You will get ample time to get acclimatized for this unforgettable adventure of your life. Kinnaur-Spiti is one of the most popular routes in India for the bikers. It is tough and challenging, beautiful and breathtaking, a journey which you will always remember.

The Itinerary

DAY 1. DELHI. Arrive Delhi. Transfer to hotel Metropolitan or equivalent. The temperature in Delhi will be in mid 30s, 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. 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 McLeod Ganj 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-MANALI (2050m). After breakfast, start your journey towards Manali (180km). Today you will ride 7-8 hrs. It is a national highway so the road is good and wide at most of the places. A big dam comes 17km enroute to Manali which is called Pundoh Dam. The road goes along river Beas after the dam. Then a 3 km long tunnel comes which every traveller admires. Bhuntar airport and Kullu come on the way. Kullu is a district town, thickly populated and 40km away from Manali. Reach Manali in the afternoon. Check into Span Resorts, 15km before Manali, a spectacular five star resort on the bank of river Beas. Overnight hotel.

Day 5. MANALI. Today you will be riding towards Manali via Nagar. Visit Roarich art gallery and Nagar Castle. Check into Banon Resorts in the afternoon. Evening free for personal activities. Overnight hotel.

Day 6. MANALI-CHHATRU (81km). After breakfast, starts ride to Lahaul valley. Cross Rohtang Pass (3950m) 51km, further ride down to Grumphu (13km). This is the highway which goes to Leh. You will turn right from Grumphu, river Chandra flows along the route here. Reach Chhatru (17km), a small village. The temperature will be low here in the evening. Overnight camping at this place for acclimatization.

Day 7. CHHATRU-KAZA (119km). Start your ride after early breakfast. Stop for tea at Batal (29km), cross Kunzum Pass (4551m), 12km. Stop at Loser (18km) at the check point. Enjoy packed lunch with hot tea. Reach Kaza (3600m) 52km, in the early evening. Overnight guesthouse.

Day 8. 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 guesthouse.

Day 9. KAZA-NAKO (3662m). (121km app) 7-8 hrs ride. Today's ride will be very picturesque, nature at its best. We will be going to Dhankar monastery. Reach Tabo in the afternoon, visit local



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monastery. It is a small village with a beautiful scenery around and this place is out of the world. Overnight camping.

Day 10. NAKO-SANGLA (2680m). (170km) 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 standstill. So you have to prepare 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 Sangla in the afternoon. The major towns come on the route are Pooh and Reckong Peo and Kalpa, 13km above Reckong Peo. Overnight Camping.

Day 11. SANGLA-CHINDI (182km). It is a 7-8 hrs ride, crossing Rampur. Reach there in the evening, transfer hotel. Chindi is nestled in thick green forest. Overnight hotel.

Day 12. CHINDI-SHIMLA (2205m) (106km). After breakfast, start your ride to Shimla, 5-6 hrs ride, crossing Tattapani and Naldhera. Reach Shimla in the afternoon. Shimla is the capital of the state of Himachal Pradesh. It was summer capital of British India. You can find many old buildings, built in British era. Visit the famous Mall and the Ridge in the evening. You will see beautiful old Church here. Overnight Asia the dawn or equivalent.

Day 13. SHIMLA-CHANDIGARH. After breakfast, take toy train from Shimla to Kalka, 5-6 hrs. This train ride is very popular in this area that was built by the British India, it goes through nearly 100 small and big tunnels. Reach Kalka, a small city in the afternoon. Transfer to hotel Shiwalikview or equivalent in Chandigarh (23km). Overnight hotel.

Day 14. CHANDIGARH-DELHI. Take morning Shatabadi to Delhi. Transfer hotel Metropolitan or equivalent. Evening free. Overnight hotel.

Day 15. DESTINATION. Fly back to your destination.

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

The price for above tour is:

\$2470 p.p for a group of 10-15 persons.

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

\$1350 for 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.

Mechanic with helpers.

Two back up vehicles, one for the baggage (at transfer points).

All local transportations and airport plus railway station transfers. Shimla-Chandigarh-Delhi train fare.

Delhi-Dharamsala airfare.

Air conditioned transportation Delhi- Agra-Delhi

First Aid.

The above price does not include:

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.



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Any travel or personal insurance.
Anything else not mentioned above.