

KAUNTEI INDIA TOURS

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ZANSKAR & UMLING LA

Motorbike Expedition

Chandigarh to Leh via Shinku La, Zaskar and the world's highest roads

15

DAYS

5,798m

HIGHEST PASS

~1,900km

TOTAL RIDING

ROUTE

Delhi · Manali · Keylong · Padum · Kargil · Leh · Hanle · Umling La

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THE ROUTE

Three Himalayan regions, one unbroken ribbon of road



Fifteen days of high-altitude riding through Lahaul, Zanskar and Ladakh

1 DAY 1 Arrive Delhi Arrive in Delhi, meet the team, settle in. Evening expedition briefing covering route, riding conditions, motorcycles and safety with your fellow riders. ARRIVAL · BRIEFING	2 DAY 2 Train to Chandigarh, Ride to Anandpur Sahib ~90 km Morning train to Chandigarh for bike handover and a familiarisation ride. First miles through Punjab's farmland to the sacred Sikh town of Anandpur Sahib, founded 1665. FIRST RIDE	3 DAY 3 Anandpur Sahib to Mandi ~190 km The real riding begins — twisty roads, river valleys and forested climbs as Punjab gives way to Himachal Pradesh. Arrive in the historic trading town of Mandi on the Beas River. INTO THE HILLS
4 DAY 4 Mandi to Manali ~110 km A scenic ride along the Beas River through the Kullu Valley — snow peaks, apple orchards and cedar forest — to the Himalayan resort town of Manali. KULLU VALLEY	5 DAY 5 Acclimatisation in Manali A deliberate rest day before the high-altitude stages. Visit Hadimba Temple, the hot springs of Vashisht, or wander Old Manali while the crew runs final bike checks. REST DAY	6 DAY 6 Manali to Keylong ~115 km · 3,080 m Through the Atal Tunnel, one of the world's longest high-altitude road tunnels, into the rugged terrain of Lahaul. Follow the Bhaga River to Keylong — your first taste of the high Himalayas. LAHAUL VALLEY
7 DAY 7 Keylong to Padum ~290 km One of the great riding days. Climb to Shinku La through glaciers and snowfields, descend past the sacred monolith of Gonbo Rangjon, and enter the hidden valley of Zanskar. SHINKU LA 5,091 M	8 DAY 8 Explore Zanskar Valley A day among Zanskar's monasteries and villages — Karsha, the valley's largest monastery, and Sani, among the oldest religious sites in Ladakh — in one of the Himalaya's most isolated kingdoms. MONASTERIES	9 DAY 9 Padum to Kargil ~235 km Follow the Zanskar River over Pensi La, past the Drang Drung Glacier and through the vast Rangdum Valley, with the twin 7,000m peaks of Nun and Kun on the skyline. GLACIERS & PEAKS
10 DAY 10 Kargil to Leh ~220 km The historic Srinagar-Leh Highway: the Mulbekh Buddha, two high passes, Lamayuru Monastery above the surreal Moonland terrain, then Magnetic Hill and the Indus-Zanskar confluence into Leh. MOONLAND	11 DAY 11 Rest Day in Leh A well-earned rest day in Ladakh's capital. Explore Leh Palace, Shanti Stupa and the bazaars, and prepare for the final push toward Hanle and Umling La. ACCLIMATISATION	12 DAY 12 Leh to Hanle ~260 km · 4,250 m Deep into the Changthang wilderness — Chumathang hot springs, Nyoma, and vast open plains roamed by yaks and wild asses — to Hanle, home to India's Dark Sky Reserve. CHANGTHANG PLAINS
13 DAY 13 Hanle to Umling La & Back ~180 km · 5,798 m The ultimate objective. Ride to Umling La at 5,798 m, among the highest motorable roads on the planet, for photographs and celebration at the summit sign before returning to Hanle. THE SUMMIT	14 DAY 14 Hanle to Leh ~260 km The last full riding day, fully acclimatised, retracing the route through Nyoma and Chumathang back to the Indus Valley. Farewell celebrations in Leh. FINAL RIDE	15 DAY 15 Departure from Leh Transfer to Leh Airport for onward flights, carrying memories of Shinku La, Zanskar, Hanle and Umling La home with you. JOURNEY'S END

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EXPEDITIONS · CRAFTED JOURNEYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Shinku La Pass (5,091 m)
- ✓ Zaskar Valley
- ✓ Drang Drung Glacier
- ✓ Lamayuru Monastery
- ✓ Hanle Dark Sky Reserve
- ✓ 2,100+ km of Himalayan riding
- ✓ Gonbo Rangjon Monolith
- ✓ Karsha & Sani Monasteries
- ✓ Nun & Kun Peaks
- ✓ Changthang Plains
- ✓ Umling La (5,798 m)
- ✓ Three regions — Lahaul, Zaskar & Ladakh

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*For enquiries and departure dates,
we would love to hear from you.*

*Umling La sits higher than Everest Base Camp — riders cross 5,798 metres on two wheels,
on a road built and maintained by India's Border Roads Organisation.*