

August 7th to 22nd 2012

HIMALAYA ROOF OF THE WORLD TOUR

16 Day Tour

Outback Adventure Treks heads to India. This 16 Day tour takes us to the Highest Road in the World...



TOUR INFORMATION KIT

Join Outback Adventure Treks for a ride of a lifetime from the interesting and diverse city of New Delhi to the tranquil and breathtaking Himalaya's. This info kit should contain everything you need to know to get started.

Outback Adventure Treks has now officially gone Global. So join us for our first GOAT (Global Outback Adventure Treks) tour. It is the first in a series of 6 tours over the next 6 years. We will visit every extreme corner on earth. This trip takes us to the highest road on earth.

Over the next 6 years we will visit India, Norway, The Dead Sea, Argentina, Fiji and Alaska. We will ride the most Northerly, Southerly, Easterly, Westerly and the Highest and Lowest motorable roads on earth.

As always we will keep our tours to small groups of a maximum of 12 bikes. This first tour has already sold.

We will be riding Royal Enfield 500cc bikes and staying in a variety of hotels from 4 star in the bigger cities to a tent city in Pang at 15,000 ft. Meals will all be in restaurants, cafes and roadside stalls.

The riding will be a combination of dirt and tarmac, mud and dust. We will ride about 160 - 250 km per day.



Khardung La is situated 39 km by road from Leh. The first 24 km, as far as the South Pullu check point, are paved. From there to the North Pullu check point about 15 km beyond the pass the roadway is primarily loose rock, dirt, and occasional rivulets of snow.

WHAT, WHEN, HOW AND WHERE...



Itinerary:

DAY	DETAILS	DIST.
1	Sightseeing Tour of New Delhi then Evening Express train to Kalka. Evening meal on train. Transfer to hotel in Kalka.	
2	Pickup Bikes and ride to Shimla	120km
3	Shimla - Kalpa	232km
4	Kalpa - Tabo	155km
5	Tabo - Chandra Tal	130km
6	Chandra Tal - Jispa	160km
7	Jispa - Tso Kar Via Baralacha La 4883m, Gata Loops, Latcalung La 5064m	195km
8	Tso Kar - Leh Via Taglang La 5330m - Matha	150km
9	Leh - Khardung La - Leh Via Khardung La 5358m - Continue to Nubra Valley and Sandunes	200km
10	Leh Free day in Leh	
11	Leh - Tso Moriri via Upshi, Mahe, Namshang La 4800m	160km
12	Tso Moriri - Tso Kar via Namshang La 4800m, Sumdo, Polokongka La 4940m	100km
13	Tso Kar - Sarchu	154km
14	Sarchu - Manali via Rhotang La 3975	240km
15	Manali - Shoja via Naggar	110km
16	Shoja - New Delhi Ride to Kalka then evening train to New Delhi. Evening meal on train then transfer to hotel from station. Arrive Delhi @ 22:00hrs	275km

What, Where, When and How...

WHEN: August 7th to 22nd 2012

WHERE: India

PRICE: \$3750

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Motorcycle hire
- Hotel and Tent Accommodation
- Support Vehicle
- All meals • Fuel and Oil
- Mechanic • Satellite Phone
- Senior First Aider
- Team Jacket
- Permit and Visa Assistance
- Trip DVD

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Insurance
- Permits and Visas
- Airfare

Essentials

This tour is in a developing country and remote areas, where certain factors like weather, road conditions, political expediencies, govern its conduct. This may lead to delays, disruption and even re-routing of the tour. Usually the unexpected on the tour becomes the highlight. Every morning the ride marshal gathers the relevant information about the conditions ahead and makes the decision to continue on the usual route or by-pass.

Safety Gear

- Crash Helmet
- Riding Jacket, with built-in armor and removable inner lining
- Riding Trousers, with built in armor.
- Knee And Elbow Armor
- Protective Gloves, warm for the Himalaya's.
- Ankle High Leather Or Riding Boots
- Rain Gear.
- Balaclava.
- Sunglasses Or Goggles.
- Bandana.
- Sunblock.
- Hydration Pack

Personal Kit

- Personal Medication Kit
- Head Light
- Thermal Inner Wear, (For Himalaya's)

Documentation Check List

- Passport
- Indian Tourist Visa
- Travel And Health Insurance (Covering Riding A 350cc or 500cc Motorcycle).
- Driving License.
- International Driving License. From The Country Of Your Origin)

Insurance

It is mandatory on our India tours for you to have travel insurance. It should cover medical expenses, emergency repatriation, cancellation, curtailment, baggage loss and any unforeseen travel expenses. The insurance should also cover riding a motorcycle of 500 cc capacity. Motorcycles provided to the participants are insured for theft, accidental damage and third party losses. In case of any accident, initial AU\$500 of the damage will be deducted from your refundable security deposit. Minor damages like punctures, cable breaks, clutch blow ups are not charged.

INDIA.. WHAT DO I NEED?



THE ROAD TO THE ROOF OF THE WORLD



I've never ridden overseas.



Riding a motorcycle in India

Riding in India is all together a different experience. To we ride on the left side of the road, unlike many European and American countries. Secondly there are IDIOTS (Ignorant Drivers Intent of Trouble) everywhere.

Riders may be apprehensive at the beginning but your confidence and comfort level will improve as the tour goes on. Indian roads are not a very good place for a novice rider to learn or for a lapsed rider to become current. So experience on the saddle counts.

A complete information and briefing session, with a practice ride is conducted before the start of the tour. We cruise at 40-60 kph on the roads, so that the riders are comfortable at the controls. However, you ride for yourself. No matter how cautiously we conduct and operate the tour, ultimately you have to control and ride your motorcycle. It's your Endeavour but we are right behind to provide safety. To be on the tour you need be 21 years old with valid local and international driving licenses. It is mandatory on the tour to ride with full protective gear including crash helmets. Without the helmets you won't be covered by your insurer.

We usually ride in convoy with the guide in the front and the backup van as sweep.

Altitude Sickness

Altitude sickness may occur in travelers ascending altitudes greater than 2500m. This specifically includes the mountain areas of northern India. Those with a history of heart disease, lung disease, or sickle cell disease are advised to avoid high altitudes

High altitude sickness is the condition, in which one is affected with when you rapidly accent to high altitudes. It is irrespective of your age, sex, physical condition. It may vary from relatively benign acute mountain sickness to potentially dangerous high altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE) and high altitude cerebral edema (HACE). The symptoms include headache, dizziness, light headedness, insomnia, loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, and fatigue or weakness when at altitude.

Remedy is to stay at the altitude. If the condition does not improve descend to a lower altitude. If you have never been to a high altitude, caution is advised.

