

Spiti Bike Trip

Delhi - Manali - Tirthan/Jibhi - Sangla - Kalpa - Tabo - Kaza - Chandrataal - Manali - Delhi

Group PackagesGroup Tour

Tour Basics •

Duration: 09 Days 08 Nights

Route: Delhi - Manali - Tirthan/Jibhi - Sangla - Kalpa - Tabo - Kaza - Chandrataal - Manali - Delhi

About This Trip •

The Spiti Bike Trip is an exhilarating ride through the heart of the Himalayas, guiding you across some of India's most isolated and awe-inspiring landscapes. Starting from Delhi, the route passes through Manali, Tirthan Valley, Sangla, and Kalpa before entering the stark, high-altitude desert of Spiti. Riders experience a dramatic shift in landscapes from green valleys to rugged mountains and barren moonscapes. The journey includes visits to ancient monasteries like Tabo and Key, high-altitude villages such as Komic and Hikkim, and the stunning crescent-shaped Chandratal Lake nestled amidst towering Himalayan peaks. With challenging passes like Kunzum La and ever-changing road conditions, this trip demands both skill and stamina. As you ride through the region, you'll be immersed in the rich local culture, surrounded by ever-changing landscapes, and treated to some of the most breathtaking views the Himalayas have to offer. The Spiti Bike Trip isn't just a ride; it's a soul-stirring experience that blends adventure, culture, and nature into one epic journey through the heart of the Trans-Himalayas. Perfect for those who crave raw, unfiltered exploration.

The Route in Brief

Starting from Delhi, the journey winds through the lush valleys of Manali, the alpine serenity of Tirthan Valley, the cultural richness of Kinnaur, and finally into the stark beauty of Spiti Valley.

Here's a glimpse of the route:

- Delhi ? Manali – Enter the Himalayan gateway
- Manali ? Tirthan Valley – A peaceful forest retreat

- Tirthan ? Sangla ? Kalpa – Ride through apple country
- Kalpa ? Tabo ? Kaza – Enter the surreal desert of Spiti
- Kaza Sightseeing – Explore high-altitude villages like Komic, Hikkim & Key Monastery
- Kaza ? Chandratal Lake – Camp by a moon-shaped alpine lake
- Chandratal ? Manali ? Delhi – Complete the loop through breathtaking terrain

Highlights of the Trip

- Kunzum Pass (4,551 m) – A thrilling off-road ascent
- Key Monastery – Perched like a fortress in the clouds
- Hikkim & Komic – Among the world's highest motorable villages
- Chandratal Lake – A crystal-clear lake surrounded by Himalayan giants
- Dhankar & Tabo Monasteries – Thousand-year-old spiritual landmarks
- Pin Valley – A hidden gem of wildlife and surreal beauty
- Chitkul Village – The last inhabited village before the Indo-Tibet border

Things to Keep in Mind

- Altitude sickness is real. Acclimatisation is key
- Road conditions vary from smooth tarmac to rocky trails
- The weather can change in an instant, so it's best always to be prepared.
- Bike maintenance and protective gear are critical for safety
- Mobile network is patchy beyond Kalpa; embrace the digital detox

Itinerary •

Day 1: Delhi to Manali | Dist: 530 km | Time: 13 to 14 hr | Altitude: 239 m to 2050 m

- Tonight marks the beginning of your adventure as you board a comfortable Volvo bus from Delhi.
- Settle in for an overnight journey through the plains, gradually making your way towards the scenic hill town of Shimla, nestled in the Himalayas.

Meals: Nil

Night: Overnight Journey by AC semi-sleeper Volvo Bus

Highlights: Himalayan highway ride, Beas River views

Day 2: Manali to Tirthan Valley | Dist: 100 km | Time: 03 to 04 hr | Altitude: 2050 m to 1600 m

- Begin your ride towards the serene Tirthan Valley.
- Enjoy a peaceful ride through pine forests and riverside roads.
- Reach Jibhi or Gushaini by afternoon.

Meals: Dinner

Night: Stay at the hotel in Manali

Highlights: Waterfalls, Great Himalayan National Park buffer zone

Day 3: Tirthan to Sangla | Dist: 210 km | Time: 08 to 09 hr | Altitude: 1600 m to 2600 m

- A thrilling ride via Jalori Pass (if open), Shoja, and Rampur.
- Enter the Baspa Valley and reach Sangla by evening.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the hotel in Sangla

Highlights: Jalori Pass, Satluj River, apple orchards

Day 4: Sangla to Kalpa | Dist: 60 km | Time: 04 to 05 hr | Altitude: 2600 m to 2960 m

- Short and scenic ride along the Baspa and Sutlej Rivers.
- Explore Chitkul (the last village near the Indo-Tibet border) before heading to Kalpa.
- After arriving in Kalpa, check into your hotel and then visit the Kalpa Monastery and Suicide Point.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the hotel in Kalpa

Highlights: Chitkul, Kinner Kailash views, Kalpa Monastery and Suicide Point

Day 5: Kalpa to Tabo | Dist: 190 km | Time: 08 to 09 hr | Altitude: 2960 m to 3280 m

- Ride through the changing landscapes of Kinnaur to Spiti.
- En route, we will halt for 30-40 minutes at Khab Sangam.
- Stop at Nako Lake for lunch, and we will visit Nako Lake, Gue Monastery en route.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the homestay in Tabo (owned by us)

Highlights: Nako Village, Nako Lake, Khab Sangam, Gue Mummy, Spiti River

Day 6: Tabo to Kaza | Dist: 50 km | Time: 04 to 05 hr | Altitude: 3280 m to 3800 m

- After breakfast, Visit Tabo Monastery and Tabo Caves.
- Ride towards Dhankar and Pin Valley before reaching Kaza.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the homestay in Kaza

Highlights: Tabo Monastery, Dhankar Monastery, Pin Valley

Day 7: Kaza Sightseeing | Morning 09:00 am | Full day sightseeing

- After having a delicious breakfast, you will explore nearby attractions by bike.
- Visit Key Monastery, Hikkim (the world's highest post office), Komic (the highest motorable village), Langza, Asia's highest suspension bridge and Kibber village.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the homestay in Kaza

Highlights: Fossil village, monasteries, high-altitude villages

Day 8: Kaza to Chandrataal Lake | Dist: 111 km | Time: 06 to 07 hr | Altitude: 3800 m to 4250 m

- Cross Kunzum Pass and ride on rugged terrain to reach the crescent-shaped Chandratat Lake.
- Enjoy a peaceful evening at the lake.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay in the camps at Chandrataal lake

Highlights: Kunzum Pass, Chandrataal lake and Chandratat camping

Day 9: Chandratat to Manali | Dist: 111 km | Time: 06 to 07 hr | Altitude: 4250 m to 2050 m

- Ride through Batal, Chhatru, and Gramphu.
- Tackle water crossings and narrow roads of Spiti.
- En route, we will visit the Atal tunnel and Solang valley.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay at the hotel in Manali

Highlights: Off-roading challenge, Atal tunnel, and Solang valley

Day 10: Manali to Delhi | Dist: 530 km | Time: 13 to 14 hr | Altitude: 239 m to 2050 m

- After breakfast, check out of the hotel.
- In the evening, you depart for Delhi by an AC semi-sleeper Volvo bus.
- Conclude the trip with memories of a lifetime.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Overnight Journey by AC semi-sleeper Volvo Bus

Inclusions •

Stay will be on a double or triple sharing basis as per the hotel/homestay plan.

Daily breakfast and dinner are included, as outlined in the itinerary.

All tours, sightseeing stops, and excursions will follow the planned schedule.

Costs for the driver, tolls, and parking are covered.

All necessary travel permits are included in the package.

Himalayan 450cc with Fuel.

Helmet for both rider and pillion.

First Aid kit and an Oxygen cylinder.

Inner Line Permit and Manali Green Tribunal Permit

Each motorcycle can carry only one rucksack or duffel bag, with a maximum capacity of 60 litres.

Fuel for the complete trip as per the itinerary (Except for Own Bike Variant).

Extra fuel for backup (Except for Own Bike Variant).

Participation certificate.

Bonfire wherever possible.

Backup Vehicle.

Exclusions •

Lunch is not included in the package.

5% GST will be applicable.

Oxygen cylinders are not part of the package.

Entry fees for monasteries in Spiti are not covered.

No refunds will be provided if the trip is cut short voluntarily.

Personal expenses such as laundry, phone usage, tips, etc., are excluded.

Additional costs due to unforeseen events, such as landslides or road closures, are not included.

Anything not mentioned under "Inclusions" is considered an exclusion.

Room heaters will be chargeable separately.

Travel insurance is not provided.

Breakfast on the first day is not part of the package.

FAQs •

Q: What is a Spiti Bike Trip, and why is it popular?

A: A Spiti Bike Trip is an adventurous motorcycle journey through the remote Spiti Valley in the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. It offers breathtaking landscapes, ancient monasteries, and thrilling high-altitude riding.

Q: What's the best time for the Spiti Bike Trip?

A: The best time for the Spiti Valley Bike Trip is from June to mid-October when roads are open, the weather is clear, and passes like Kunzum La and Rohtang are accessible.

Q: Is the Spiti Valley Bike Tour suitable for beginners?

A: The Spiti Valley Bike Tour features off-road sections, river crossings, and high passes, making it best suited for riders with some mountain biking experience.

Q: How long is the Spiti Valley Bike Trip Itinerary?

A: A standard Spiti Valley Bike Trip itinerary spans 9-10 days, depending on the route taken (Delhi to Spiti Bike Ride, Manali to Spiti Valley Bike Trip, etc.).

Q: What are the key highlights of a Spiti Motorcycle Tour?

A: Highlights include Key Monastery, Chandratal Lake, Komic, Hikkim, Tabo, and Kunzum Pass, along with unforgettable off-road biking through Himalayan terrain.

Q: Which route is better: Delhi to Spiti Bike Ride or Manali to Spiti Valley Bike Trip?

A: The Delhi to Spiti Bike Ride is longer and ideal for those seeking a full-circle ride. The Manali to Spiti Valley Bike Trip is shorter and more scenic but includes tougher off-road sections.

Q: Is a permit required for a Spiti Valley Road Trip?

A: No inner-line permit is required for Indian nationals. Foreign visitors need a Protected Area Permit to enter certain villages near the border.

Q: What is the altitude covered in the Spiti Bike Expedition?

A: The Spiti Bike Expedition covers altitudes ranging from 2,000 m in Manali to over 4,500 m at Kunzum Pass and Komic.

Q: Can I rent a bike for the Spiti Valley Bike Tour?

A: Yes, you can rent bikes in Manali or Delhi. Ensure they are well-serviced and come with spares, as mechanics are limited along the way.

Q: Is it safe to do a Bike Trip to Spiti solo?

A: While it's possible, solo riders should be experienced. It's always safer to ride in a group or with a guided Spiti Motorcycle Tour company.

Q: What kind of bikes are best for a Spiti Valley Road Trip?

A: Royal Enfield Classic/Himalayan, KTM Adventure, and other high-ground-clearance bikes are ideal for handling challenging roads and river crossings.

Q: How much does a Spiti Valley Bike Trip cost?

A: The cost varies from ₹25,000 to ₹50,000+, depending on the duration, bike type (own vs. rental), accommodations, and the inclusion of a support vehicle/mechanic.

Q: What should I pack for a Spiti Bike Expedition?

A: Carry essentials like riding gear, thermal wear, rain covers, spares, documents, medications, and tools. The weather can change rapidly.

Q: Are fuel stations readily available during the Spiti Valley Bike Trip?

A: Fuel is available in major towns like Manali, Kaza, and Reckong Peo. Carry spare fuel, especially between Kaza and Manali, where stations are rare.

Q: What challenges should I expect on the Spiti Motorcycle Tour?

A: Expect rocky roads, water crossings, altitude sickness, limited mobile networks, and long riding hours. Preparation is key.

Q: Is Chandratal Lake accessible on the Spiti Valley Bike Trip Itinerary?

A: Yes, most Spiti Valley Bike Trip itineraries include Chandratal Lake as a key destination. It's accessible from Kaza via the Kunzum Pass (open from June to October).

Q: How do I prevent altitude sickness during the Spiti Valley Bike Tour?

A: Ascend gradually, stay hydrated, avoid alcohol, and consider taking Diamox (after consulting your doctor).

Q: Do I need travel insurance for a Spiti Valley Bike Trip?

A: Yes, travel and medical insurance are highly recommended for high-altitude trips like this, especially for covering evacuation or accidents.

Q: Can pillion riders join the Bike Trip to Spiti?

A: Yes, pillion riders are welcome, but they should be fit and prepared for long rides and rough terrain.

Q: How can I book a Spiti Valley Bike Trip with a reliable travel company?

A: You can book a guided Spiti Bike Tour with experienced operators, such as The Wander Yak, which offers comprehensive packages including bikes, accommodations, backup support, and experienced ride captains.

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