

Travel always promises an epic component!
Leaving home, the monotony of the couch, or the daily routine always involves an encounter with difference and exoticism. This is only possible when we step outside our comfort zone and aim for the impossible.

In India, people say, "**sab kuch milega**", which literally translates to "**everything is possible**". With that in mind, as we embrace the East, we set out for the impossible, on a motorcycle, **to the highest road in the world: Khardung La at 5,602 meters**, traveling along the most epic roads of the Himalayas.

On a motorcycle to
the highest road in the
world...

Introduction

Carefully planned by an experienced team, this journey will transform into the adventure of a lifetime!



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 Arrival in Delhi
 (International Flight)

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 Delhi - Chandigarh
 (Train)

July 20th
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 Chandigarh - Shoja
 230 Km

July 21st
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 200 Km

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Stage 4
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 120 Km

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Stage 6
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 50 Km

July 25th
Stage 7
 Kaza - Chandra Taal
 100 Km

July 26th
Stage 8
 Vale Spiti - Jispa
 140 Km

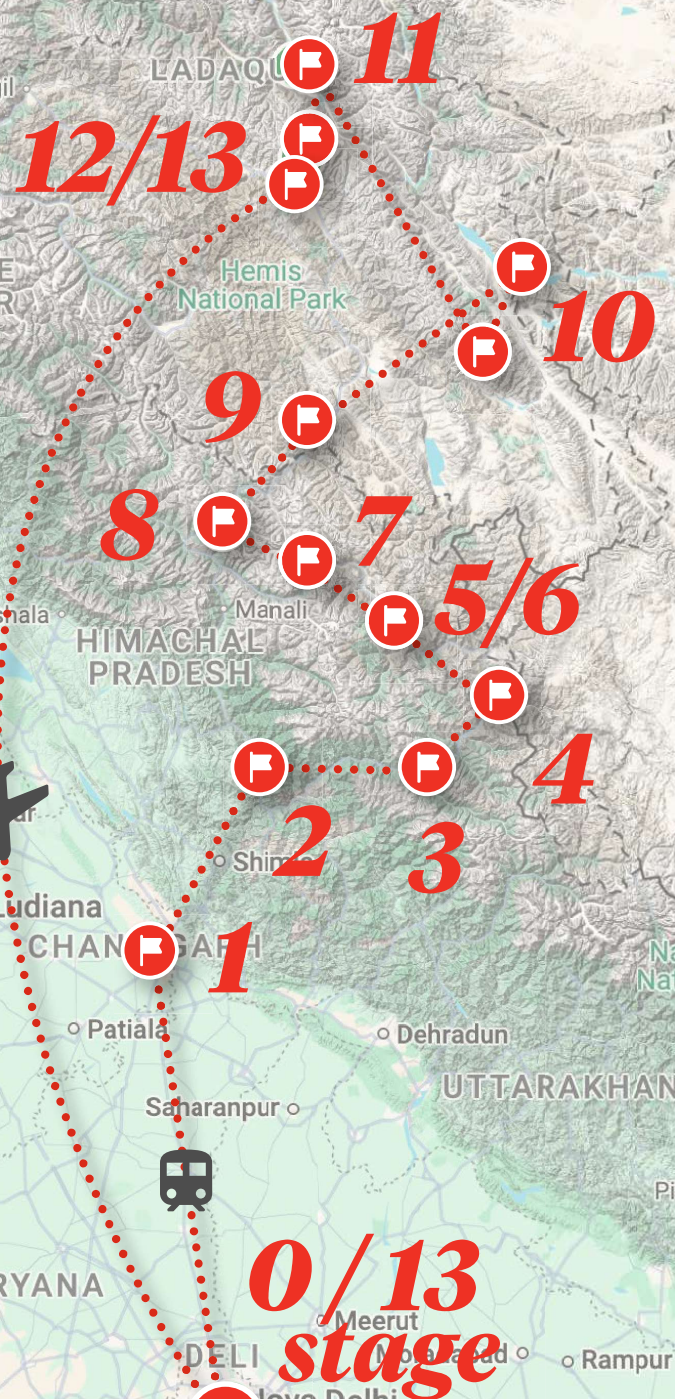
July 27th
Stage 9
 Jispa - Tso Kar
 220 Km

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Stage 11
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 190 Km

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 120 Km

July 31st
Stage 13
 Leh - Delhi
 (Internal Flight)



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Stage 0 July 18th

Arrival in Delhi (International Flight)

This day is dedicated to the international flight. New Delhi is our gateway.

New Delhi has been the capital of the Mughal Empire, the British Raj, and now this subcontinent. As in the 1980s David Lean movie, this is where we make the **"Passage to India"**.



Stage 1 July 19th

Delhi Chandigarh

On this day, we leave Delhi and travel by train to **Chandigarh**. The journey, which will take us to the starting point of our expedition, will last approximately 5 hours.



At the end of the day we'll 'meet' our **Royal Enfields**, and we'll have a short briefing where the whole team of the organisation will be introduced.



Stage 2 July 20th

Chandigarh Shoja 230 km

Maximum Altitude:
Jalori Pass, 3,130m

Sleeping Altitude:
2,690m

From Chandigarh to Shoja, for the first time, we're entering the organised chaos of Indian traffic. It's a stage of adaptation



that will take us all day, as we pass through the urban landscapes, hills and dense forests of Himachal Pradesh. Gently, we make our way up the mountain, confronted by the highest mountain range in the world: **the Himalayas.**



Stage 3 July 21st

Shoja Kalpa 200 Km

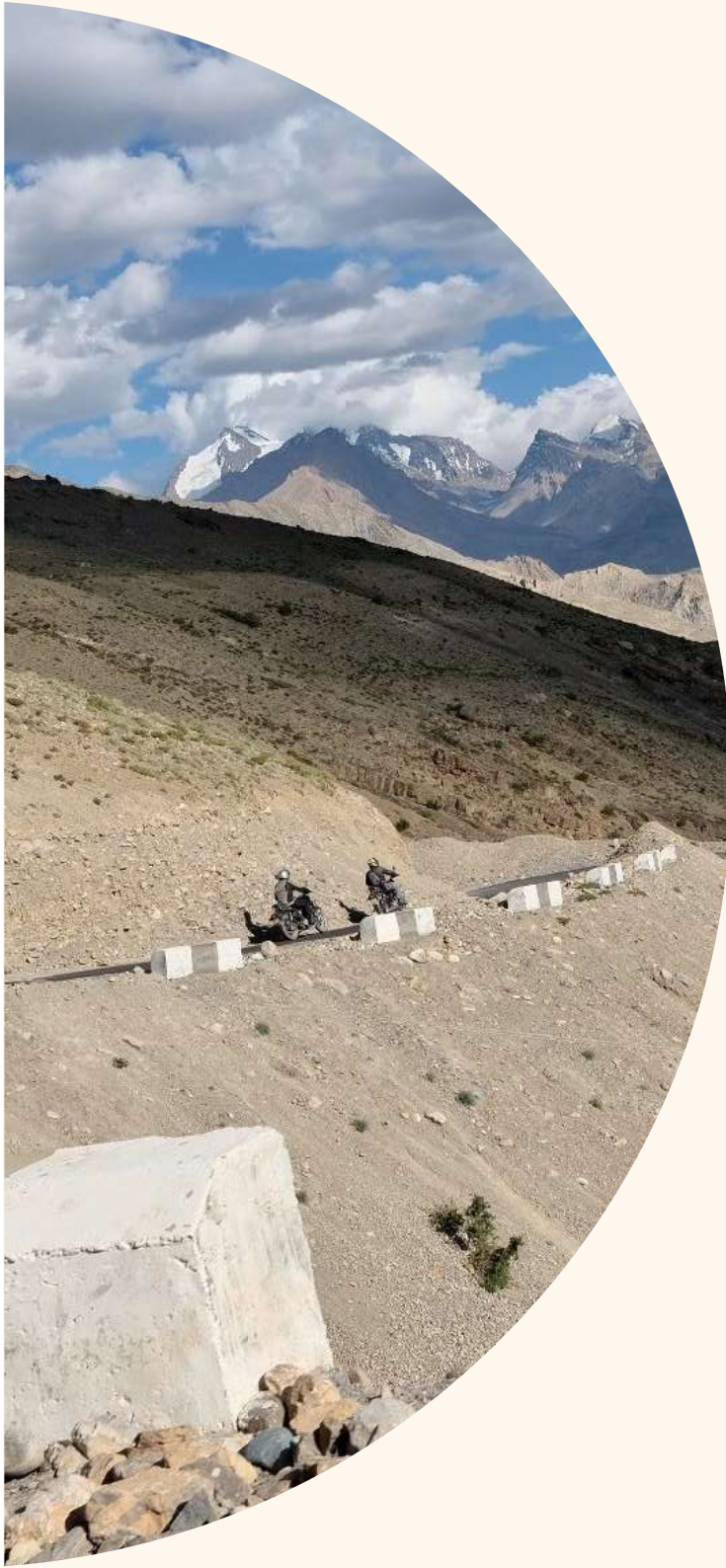
Maximum Altitude:
Kalpa, 3,143m

Sleeping Altitude:
3,143m

As we pass through small towns and villages, we come across the local colours and traditions. Here and there, groups of children, impeccably uniformed, make their way to school. At the risk of overtaking on the right or left, we come

across colourful trucks that dominate the impossible curves and gorges of this mountain range. At the end of the day, after a long stage, we arrive in **Kalpa**, where we sleep and feel the effects of the altitude for the first time.





Kalpa Nako 110 Km

Maximum Altitude:
Nako, 3,647m

Sleeping Altitude:
3,647m

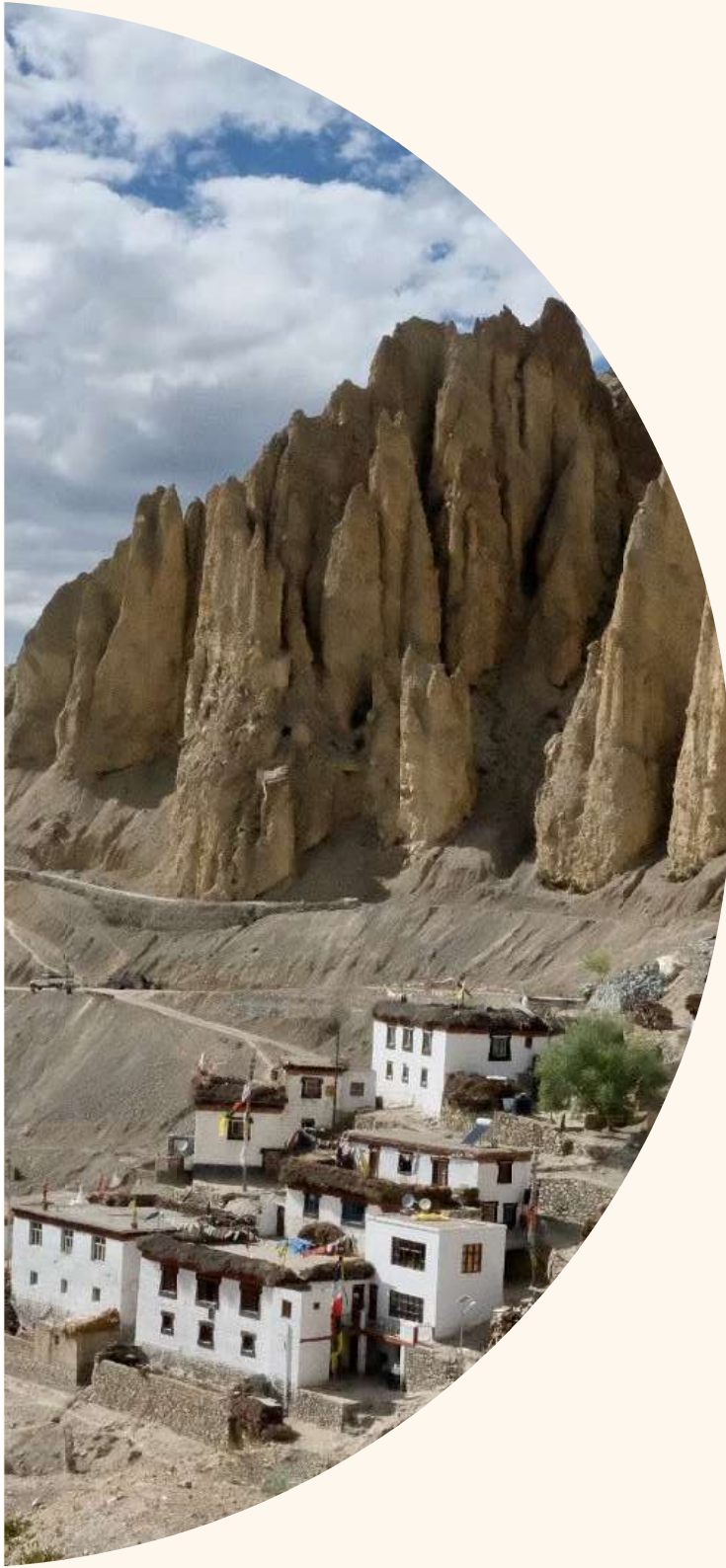
Through the inhospitable roads of **Himachal Pradesh**, we venture up the mountain, into the largest mountain range in the world.

The traffic flows less and less intensely, but nothing saves us from bumping into a roundabout which, in India, might simply

Stage 4 July 22nd

consist of four cows. Here and there, pilgrims, holy men, ascetics and monks. The atmosphere changes, we're in Buddhist-majority territory and we enter one of the most beautiful places on the planet, the **Spiti Valley**.





Nako Kaza 120 Km

Maximum Altitude:
Nako Pass, 3,851m

Sleeping Altitude:
3,650m



Stage 5 July 23rd

We set off for Kaza, the capital of Spiti. Very close to the psychological barrier of **4000 metres**, we find an inhospitable landscape surrounded by mountains. Theories have it that traffic in India runs on the left, in true English fashion. On these short, narrow mountain roads, whenever you come across a lorry, there's no right or left, it's whichever way you go, through the 'eye of the needle' **We arrived in Kaza**, our resting place.

Stage 6 July 24th

Kaza Komic 50 Km

Maximum Altitude:
Komic, 4,520m

Sleeping Altitude:
3,650m



It's acclimatisation day! The phenomenon of altitude is beginning to take hold of our bodies and we've set aside this day to rest. Nevertheless, we suggest visiting **Langza** and the **Komic Monastery**. Legend has it that in this monastery, which they once decided to move to another town, the statue of Maacala, responsible for maintaining the Dharma, was stubbornly left in the care of a single monk. After an earthquake, the other monastery was completely destroyed and this one and its statue remained safe.





Stage 7 July 25th

Kaza Chandra Taal 100 Km

Maximum Altitude:
4,557m

Sleeping Altitude:
4,300m

We set off early, although the distance isn't long, the journey will take some effort. On the way out of Kaza we come across the magnificent **Key Monastery**, perched high on a hill. We visit and witness ancient rituals that have been practised religiously by monks **for**

over 1000 years!!! We climb up the mountain on our way to the top, and along inhospitable roads almost devoid of people, we head towards **Chandra Taal**. Chandra Taal is a high altitude lake fed by the eternal snows of the Himalayas. The more adventurous can brave the plunge.



Stage 8 July 26th

Chandra Taal Jispa 140 Km

Maximum Altitude:
4,300m

Sleeping Altitude:
3,200m

We leave the mythical Spiti Valley and find the famous road linking Manali to Leh. After a few moments of peace, we meet other travellers who

want to reach **the highest peaks in the world**. We gain physical fitness, lower our altitude and reach Jispa.



Stage 9 July 27th

Jispa Tso Kar 220 Km

Maximum Altitude:
5,085m

Sleeping Altitude:
4,530m

Get ready for one of the most epic days of this entire expedition. We leave Jispa to conquer the mythical Gata Loops. We venture up the mountains to overcome the 21 mythical bends and pass the 5000 metre barrier at Lachung La Pass at an altitude of 5065 metres. We pass the unusual village of Pang and enter one of the most impressive landscapes: the plains of Moray. We descend and finish below 5000 metres at Tso Kar.



Stage 10 July 28th

Tso Kar Pangong Tso 150 kms

Altitude máxima:
Kaksang La, 5437m

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dormimos:** 4225m

Pangong Tso is a lake in the sky! The meeting of the breathtakingly blue sky and the glacial waters of Pangong force us to reflect on the encounter between the earthly and the divine. Pangong Tso is the highest salt lake in the world and is fed by snow from snow-capped peaks over 8,000 metres high. This lake, wedged between India

and Tibet, is the source of all sorts of imaginations and mythologies. Local communities believe that Pangong Tso has a divine energy and that its waters are inhabited by protective spirits. According to myth, the lake is a place where heaven and earth meet, becoming a passage to another dimension. It is said that those seeking spiritual purification or answers to personal dilemmas can find signs in the lake's waters, which change colour during the day, symbolising different states of energy and human emotions.



Pangong Tso Nubra Valley 190 Km

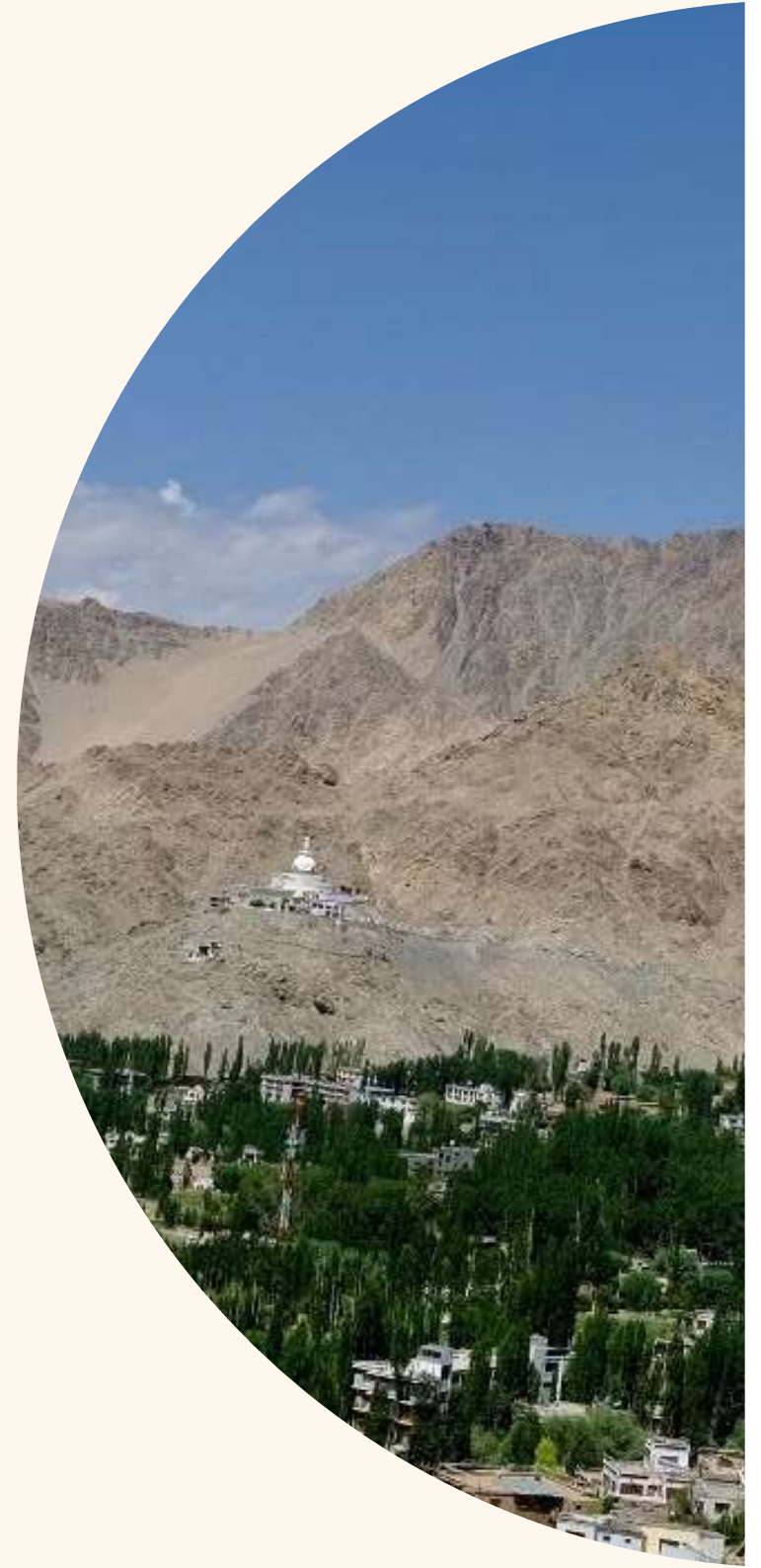
Maximum Altitude:
4,380m

Sleeping Altitude:
3,100m

We wake up by the lake, take a dip and, refreshed, set off for the **Nubra Valley**. We lower our altitude and gain physical fitness. We drive along the shores of the lake on an incredibly beautiful road and head north, close to the border with China. This valley, known as the

Stage 11 July 29th

'Garden of the Desert', combines arid landscapes of sand dunes with snow-capped peaks and winding rivers, creating a surprising mix of natural beauty. At this altitude we'll have the privilege of spotting camels!





Nubra Valley Khardung La 120 Km

Maximum Altitude:
Khardung La, 5,602m

Sleeping Altitude:
3,500m

Only 80 kilometres take us from the 3000 metres of the Nubra Valley to the highest road in the world, Khardung La. In no time at all, we've climbed 2,600 metres. The motorbikes fail for lack of oxygen. They insist on not

carburetting and won't go. Everything suggests that it won't be possible. But in India, as described at the beginning of this programme 'under kuch milega', 'anything is possible'. So, after contemplating and experiencing the most incredible landscapes in the world, we reached the top. We toasted, celebrated and got emotional. We kicked the 'im' of impossible and made **the dream come true.**

Stage 13 July 31st

Leh Delhi

From Leh, the capital of Ladakh, we take an early morning flight back to Delhi. We leave our Royal Enfields behind and return to the hustle and bustle

of the capital. We enjoy a chai, try a massage at the barber's and discover the temples, mosques and nooks and crannies of this ancient culture.

Goodbye India, see you soon!



This trip is aimed at motorcyclists with medium-level experience.

The journey will be made in arid and cold climates, on some roads with a lot of traffic and on the left-hand side of the road.

“the trip of a lifetime”

Profile & Price

4,200.00 € / Driver

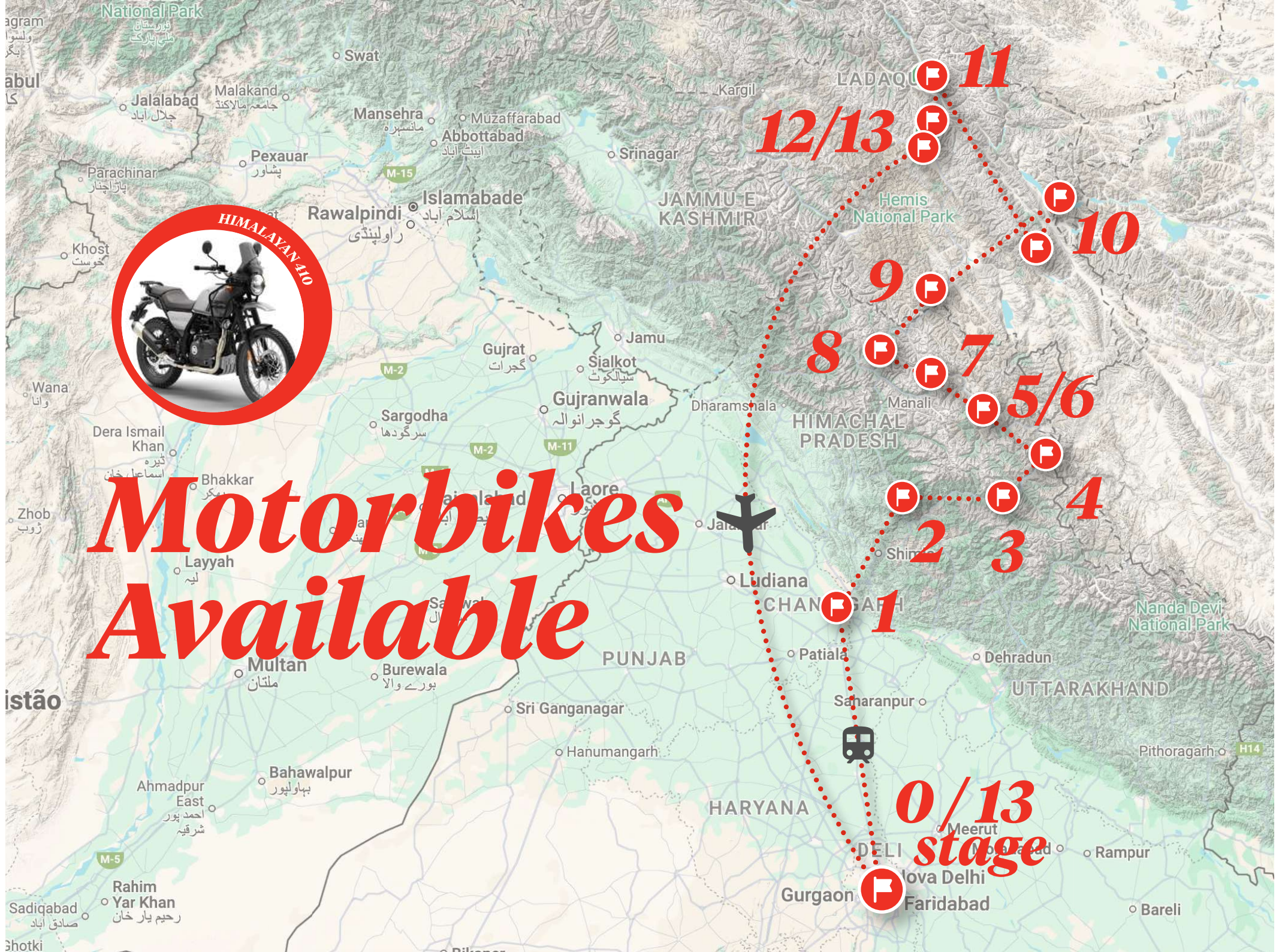
2,800.00 € / Passenger*

* For a limited number of seats, the passenger can travel in the support car





Motorbikes Available



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Included

- 13 nights' accommodation in a shared double room. In Chandra Taal, Tso Kar, Pangong Tso and Nubra Valley, accommodation may be in military tents;
- All breakfasts;
- Motorbike rental for 14 days;
- Support van for luggage transport and logistical and mechanical support;
- 2 Tour leaders on motorbike + support van driver + mechanic;
- Motorbike insurance with a 600 euro deposit;
- Internal visas;
- Train journey Delhi - Chandigarh;
- Flight Leh - Delhi.



Not Included

- International flights
- Gasoline
- Personal travel insurance
- **The organisation provides a support service for participants to take out personal insurance**
- Lunches and dinners
- Snacks and drinks
- Personal expenses
- Emergency costs
- Mandatory personal equipment (helmet, boots, jacket and trousers with protection)
- International visas (where applicable)
- International driving licence
- Tickets for monuments
- Tip taxes

Luggage

The organization provides for the transportation of luggage in support vehicles up to a maximum limit of 70 liters per participant.

In this case, the use of suitcases or flexible bags is requested.

Customer Support (Flights, Personal Insurance, Visas, Etc)

NORTHROAD provides a customer dedicated support line for any help or information needed.

Terms & Conditions

Information

The expedition is subject to a minimum number of 8 participants. If the minimum number of participants is not met, any amount paid will be fully refunded.

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