

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Start & End: Delhi, India

Duration: 12 days (10 riding days)

Distance: Approx. 1,200 km

Daily Riding: 90–230 km

Road Conditions: Predominantly paved roads with around 400 km of gravel and unpaved sections.

Motorcycle: Royal Enfield Himalayan 450 (Himalayan 411 or Bullet 500 available on request)

Riding Level: Moderate. Some days are physically demanding due to altitude and terrain, but the tour is suitable for experienced riders and pillion passengers.

Group Size: 4–10 riders. Pillion passengers always have a seat in the support vehicle.

Accommodation: Carefully selected mid-range hotels, lodges, and guesthouses.

Asia Bike Tours – Packing List

ESSENTIALS

- Passport (valid for at least 6 months), Indian visa, mobile phone, flight tickets, driving licence & International Driving Permit (IDP)
 - Printed tour information with important addresses and emergency contact numbers
 - Printed and/or digital copies of your passport, insurance documents and other important paperwork
 - Backpack and luggage – a duffel bag is recommended, although a suitcase is also suitable
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MONEY

- Bank cards such as Maestro, MasterCard, Visa or Cirrus are widely accepted. Inform your bank before travelling outside the SEPA area (geo-unblocking) to ensure your cards work abroad.
 - Credit cards: Visa or MasterCard (remember your PIN codes).
 - Exchange around **€100** at the airport or withdraw cash from an ATM upon arrival.
 - **€200–300 in cash** should be sufficient for the tour.
 - **Tipping:** Tipping is entirely optional but always appreciated. As a guideline, many guests choose to tip **€3–€5 per guest, per day** for the **guide, mechanic, and support vehicle driver**, depending on their satisfaction and generosity.
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CLOTHING & MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT

- Sturdy motorcycle boots or ankle-high hiking boots
- Motorcycle jacket and riding trousers
- Warm riding gloves plus lightweight/summer gloves (optional)
- Rain covers for gloves (optional)
- Helmet (full-face or open-face)
- Neck buff, bandana or balaclava
- Waterproof riding gear (not essential if using Gore-Tex)
- Jeans or lightweight hiking trousers
- Fleece or insulated jacket
- Long-sleeved shirt for cooler evenings
- Lightweight windbreaker
- Thermal base layers (recommended for riding above 4,000–5,000 m)

- T-shirts, underwear and warm socks
- Sleepwear
- Sandals or lightweight shoes
- Swimwear

Laundry service is available at accommodations where we stay for two nights.

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING & TOILETRIES

- Sun hat, cap or beanie
 - Sunglasses
 - Sunscreen (SPF 50+)
 - Lip balm
 - Safety pins
 - Nail clippers, scissors or nail file (*pack in checked luggage*)
 - Contact lenses or glasses
 - Razor and personal hygiene products
 - Toiletry bag
 - Toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss
 - Shampoo and soap
 - Moisturiser
 - Earplugs (*recommended for light sleepers – dogs in Leh can be quite vocal at night!*)
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FIRST AID KIT

(A comprehensive first aid kit is also carried in the support vehicle.)

- Personal medication
- Diamox (*consult your doctor before taking medication for altitude sickness*)
- Pain relief medication (Paracetamol, Tylenol or Aspirin)
- Anti-diarrhoea tablets
- Adhesive plasters and compression bandages
- Antiseptic/disinfectant
- Electrolyte or isotonic powder

For most people, the altitude does not cause any major problems with proper acclimatisation.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Travel guide, book, notebook or diary
- Camera, charger, spare batteries and memory cards
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Sleeping bag liner (recommended for extra warmth at high altitude)
- Duct tape (also carried in the support vehicle)
- Pocket knife or multi-tool (*must be packed in checked luggage*)
- Towels are usually provided – only bring your own if preferred.
- Alarm clock (your mobile phone works perfectly)
- Wet wipes and tissues – useful where water is limited or very cold.

RIDER TIPS FOR YOUR MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE :

Before You Set Off Each Morning

- Attend the daily briefing and know the day's route and destination.
- Carry your passport, driver's licence, wallet, and some cash for tea, snacks, or small purchases.
- Pack any essential medication you'll need throughout the day.
- Keep your Asia Bike Tours tour information with you at all times.

While Riding

- Ride as a team and follow the **communicating chain**—always ensure the rider behind you sees which direction you've taken.
- Stop safely and visibly when pulling over for photos or breaks.
- The support vehicle always travels at the rear of the group.
- Independent riding is only permitted with your guide's approval. Overtaking within the group is not allowed.

Riding in India

Traffic in India is different from what many riders are used to. Ride defensively, expect the unexpected, and always leave a safe following distance especially behind buses and trucks, where brake lights may not always work.

Don't be shy about using your horn. In India, it's a normal and important way to let other road users know you're there, particularly when overtaking or approaching blind corners.

If You Become Separated

Stay calm. Return to the last place where you saw the group and wait there in a clearly visible location for up to two hours. If necessary, take a taxi to the next destination (agree on the fare before setting off) and contact your tour guide or emergency number.

Embrace the Journey

Travelling in India often requires patience and flexibility. Things don't always go according to plan, and that's part of the adventure. Stay relaxed, keep a sense of humour, and remember one of India's favourite words: **Shanti !**

Ride safe, enjoy every kilometre, and make the most of this unforgettable Himalayan adventure.