



GREAT INDIAN RIDES

Mana Pass & Niti Valley Motorcycle Expedition

From Mana Pass to Rimkhim - ride the untamed Himalayas

DURATION

7 days / 6 nights

DISTANCE

990 km

ROUTE

Rishikesh - Rishikesh

DIFFICULTY

Challenging

MAX ALTITUDE

~5610 m

FROM

INR 27,500

Seven days from Rishikesh to the legendary Mana Pass and the remote Niti valley - Badrinath, Mana village, Malari, Lapthal and Geldum on Uttarakhand's Indo-Tibet border roads.

OVERVIEW

Embark on an extraordinary Himalayan motorcycle expedition to the legendary Mana Pass and the remote Niti valley, two of Uttarakhand's most spectacular border regions. Ride through ancient villages, sacred Himalayan landscapes, military roads and breathtaking high-altitude terrain while experiencing the unmatched thrill of exploring India's last villages before the Tibet border.

Fully guided by Great Indian Rides, with altitudes above 5,600 m (18,400 ft) on the ride towards Mana Pass, subject to permits and road conditions.

Important: this trip includes a few long stages. First aid and transfer to the nearest medical centre are provided by our support vehicle, as helicopters and ambulances are rarely available. Phone coverage is limited and satellite phones are restricted, so contacting emergency services can be difficult. As on any

mountain route, road quality and difficulty depend heavily on current and recent weather.

Who is it for: Experienced riders, fit for long riding days and high altitude (above 5,600 m).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Mana Pass: Ride towards one of India's highest motorable military roads, at about 5,610 m (subject to permits and road conditions).
- Niti valley & Lapthal: One of Uttarakhand's least-explored Himalayan frontiers, up to the Lapthal border region.
- Mana village: India's last village before the Tibet border, with the Saraswati river and Bhim Pul.
- Badrinath Temple: Visit the sacred temple in the holy town of Badrinath.
- Homestay in Malari: A night in a traditional Himalayan homestay in one of India's oldest border villages.
- Panch Prayag: The river confluences of the Alaknanda on the ride from Rishikesh to Joshimath.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrival in Rishikesh · trip briefing

~372 m | Overnight: Rishikesh

Welcome to the Yoga Capital of the World. On arrival, check in to your hotel and unwind after your journey. In the evening, meet your ride captain and fellow riders for a detailed expedition briefing covering route plans, safety protocols, riding etiquette, permits and motorcycle allocation.

Day 2 - Rishikesh to Joshimath

Rishikesh - Joshimath | 255 km | 8-9 hrs | ~1890 m | Overnight: Joshimath

The adventure begins as you ride alongside the mighty Alaknanda river through Devprayag, Rudraprayag, Karnaprayag and Chamoli. Witness the spectacular confluences of the sacred Himalayan rivers before reaching Joshimath, the gateway to Badrinath and the high Himalayan border roads.

Day 3 - Badrinath, Mana village & Mana Pass excursion

130 km | 6-7 hrs | ~5610 m | Overnight: Joshimath

One of the expedition's biggest highlights. Ride to the holy town of Badrinath (3,133 m), then Mana village (3,200 m), India's last village before the Indo-Tibet border. Continue towards the legendary Mana Pass (about 5,610 m), riding one of India's highest motorable military roads surrounded by snow-covered peaks, then descend carefully and return to Joshimath.

Day 4 - Malari, Niti valley & Lapthal excursion

Joshimath - Malari | 180 km | 7-8 hrs | ~4000 m | Overnight: Traditional homestay, Malari

Ride into one of Uttarakhand's least-explored Himalayan frontiers - the breathtaking Niti valley. Pass military checkpoints and remote settlements to Malari (3,048 m), one of India's oldest border villages, and continue past Niti village (3,600 m) towards Lapthal (about 4,000 m), with rugged mountains, alpine meadows and snow-capped peaks. Return to Malari for an authentic Himalayan homestay.

Day 5 - Malari to Geldum, then Joshimath

Malari - Joshimath | 170 km | 6-7 hrs | ~3500 m | Overnight: Joshimath

Another spectacular morning ride through remote border landscapes towards Geldum (about 3,500 m), a hidden Himalayan settlement surrounded by towering mountains and pristine valleys - peaceful surroundings and excellent photography. After exploring the region, ride back to Joshimath.

Day 6 - Joshimath to Rishikesh

Joshimath - Rishikesh | 255 km | 8-9 hrs | Overnight: Rishikesh

Ride back through the beautiful Garhwal Himalayas, retracing the scenic mountain highways and river valleys,

and celebrate the successful completion of one of India's most adventurous Himalayan motorcycle expeditions.

Day 7 - Departure

After breakfast, bid farewell to fellow riders and the mountains. Your Mana Pass & Niti Valley adventure ends with unforgettable memories, lifelong friendships and stories that will last forever.

PRICES (PER PERSON)

Himalayan 450cc: INR 37,500

Self motorbike: INR 27,500

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- + Pure veg meals (breakfast and dinner)
- + Royal Enfield Himalayan motorcycles and fuel (Himalayan 450cc package)
- + Accommodation on double/quad sharing
- + Riding jacket, knee guards and helmet
- + Inner line permits and all permissions
- + All major sightseeing
- + Dedicated tour coordinator and mechanical support
- + Back-up van

Not included

- Lunch
- Motorcycle security deposit of INR 5,000
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

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