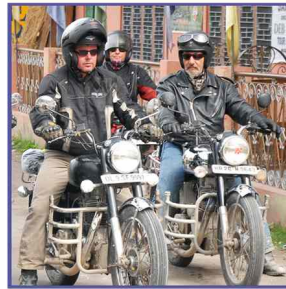


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Spiti Valley

A rugged world with a smooth edge

An untamed world lies within a stone's throw from the Tibetan border, and within eyeing distance of the Chinese border guards, who would rather shoot than drink tea with you. But little do they know that a whole adventure wonderland is just few feet away on this side of the fence with stunning landscapes to rival any on earth.

This expedition has been designed to offer off-road novices a fantastic opportunity to come and join likeminded souls to ride in one of worlds most hostile and extreme landscapes on earth - the Himalayas and a unique introduction to the exhilarating world of motorcycle adventures.

Traversing roads inaccessible for best part of 8 months of the year - the terrain as it is inspiring is spellbinding, is not hazard free and each day brings new challenges. The amazing thing as each day passes; you become more confident with your own riding abilities that your achievements will leave you dumbfounded - your excitement will definitely be hard to contain

A word of warning – you will be hooked



HIGHLIGHTS

- Fantastic off-road introduction
- Ancient cultures
- 1000 year old Monastery in Tabo
- High altitude camping
- Descending the Rohtang Pass
- Unique settlements
- Memorable experiences

ROUTE INFORMATION:

Distance:	1500km approx
Days:	15 days - 11 days riding
Accommodation:	3 x Campsites - Rest Hotels
Riding Conditions:	Easy - Moderate
Meals:	All Breakfast - Evening Dinners
Altitude:	1500m/4250m
Hazards:	Cows, general traffic, horse-n-carts, donkeys, landslides, rock blasting, melting glaciers, freezing water and deep wet mud



Day 1 Arrive New Delhi

Arriving at Delhi International airport, you will be met and greeted by our staff and transferred to your hotel. After a relaxing afternoon and maybe with a wander in the evening meet you're riding group over welcome dinner.

Day 2 Delhi - Parwanoo

Morning departure from Delhi the train journey will take you to Parwanoo, arriving in time for lunch in the foothills of the Himalayas. Here you will be introduced to your support team and familiarise yourself with your classic Royal Enfield 500cc Bullet.



Day 3 Parwanoo - Narkanda

A good days ride today and a gentle introduction to handling your bullet. Easy road trails lay ahead allowing you the opportunity to become acquainted with your motorbike and mastering the machine.

Day 4 Narkanda - Sarahan (1950m)

A slightly longer time in the saddle today and good tarmac-roads you start ascending to the hilltop station of Sarahan – a small village nestling in tranquil surroundings with the 800 year old *Bhima Kali temple taking prime position*. From Sarahan lush forestry is visible with high peaks in the distance.

Day 5 Sarahan - Sangla

A gentle descent from Sarahan we head towards Sangla, not far from the Tibetan border. The ride to Sangla is nothing short of stunning with deep valley gorges and rugged terrain enriching your off-road experiences. Our night stay is complemented by spending the night under the stars.

Day 6 Sangla - Kalpa (2759m)

A shorter ride today will give you chance to ride rugged road surfaces and Chitkul, a boarder outpost a 'stones' throw from the Indo – Tibetan (Chinese) boundary. A sight not many get to see and worthwhile as there may be time for tea and a chat with the border guards before heading towards Kalpa and Kinnaur Kailash at over 6050m



Day 7 Kalpa - Nako (3280m)

The morning ride down from Kalpa is amazing twisting and ascending as we head towards Nako, a small village perched high in the mountains. The route to Nako is breathtaking and on reaching here views are just fantastic. Tonight we camp overlooking snow-capped peaks within touching distance.



Day 8 Nako (Tabo) - Kaza

We ride higher and higher and on the way visit the fabulous Monastery of Dhankar, built on top of incredible craggy columns of sandstone rock and it's unbelievable that in such an isolated region the human spirit has endured so much hardship to build something of exquisiteness. To see it is to believe it - inspiring stuff.

Day 9 Kaza - Manali 4250m

A slightly longer day, we ride over Kunzum La 4550m before climbing towards the lake. The roads get rougher and tougher, and the exhilaration incredible. Tonight we camp above the lake - cameras at the ready. A long but terrific day lies ahead. Descending the Rohtang La 3980m

Day 10 Manali Rest Day

Fantastic and well done - today is your rest day and absolutely deservedly so. The hard work you put in achieving so much on this journey. You will be your own testament that in the past few days all you went through has been nothing short of unbelievable in conquering any fears you might have had about your own off-road abilities.



Day 11 Manali - Mandi

A short days ride out from Manali and on the left-hand side you track along the beautiful Beas river with the Kullu valley stretching out in front. We stay in the lush green foothills reaching Mandi in the afternoon – your overnight stay is in the wonderful Raj Mahal hotel.

Day 12 Mandi - Parwanoo

Final days ride, but the past 11 days exploring will have been challenging and emotional, while at the same time every milestone – breathtaking. The exhilaration will sink in slowly as you wind down to realise what you accomplished.

Day 13 Parwanoo Delhi

Morning train journey to Delhi and time to reflect on your adventures. We'll leave you with your thoughts for now...enjoy!



Day 14 Flight home

We hope your new found off-road skills will inspire you to try other adventures we offer.

Cost

Main Rider: £1,500
Pillion: £850
Single Supp: £225

Dates 2012

14th July – 27th July

Further Information...

INCLUDED IN THE EXPEDITION:

- Internal transfers
- All accommodation
- All breakfasts - evening dinners
- Expedition leader
- Medic/First aider
- Royal Enfield Bullet
- Royal Enfield mechanic & spare parts
- Fuel
- Handy pocket-size guide and route map including sights
- Support vehicle for luggage

Visa:

An Indian visa for foreign nationals is necessary for entry into the country and to apply – you can now apply online or you can contact the Indian Embassy/High Commission in your country who will help with your application. UK residence, please contact www.in.vfsglobal.co.uk or Travcour 020 7223 5295 www.travcour.com for further help and assistance.

Money Exchange:

As the Indian Rupee is a protected currency, it can only be gotten hold of once in the country. With a number of outlets offering different rates on arrival, if you ask at your hotel reception, they will offer you favourable exchange rates.

Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO):

The FCO website is a Governmental travel advice unit that highlights potential hazards people might experience when travelling abroad. We make the safety and security of our clients our first priority, and therefore, given the nature of some of the destinations offered by PureBikeTours. Some of our itineraries will contravene some of the advice offered by the FCO, and we recommend that clients do check the advice offered before booking and contact us if they have any queries or concerns.

Further reading:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiti_Valley

<http://www.royalenfield.com>