

CLIFFHANGER SELF - DRIVE EXPEDITION - 14 DAYS

SACH PASS, SHINKU LA, SINGE LA, SIRSIR LA



EX-MANALI

13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS



WHO WE ARE

Founded in **1993**, Banjara has a deep-rooted presence in the Indian Himalayas when it comes to hospitality and adventure. Through our experiences we hope to share the same spirit of adventure & exploration with everyone and also bring the best of adventure and hospitality together in doing so.



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DALHOUSIE TO....



Leave the heat and hustle behind as you come to rest at the lovely Roots, Bandrol. With enough time left in the day to enjoy time away, rest and rejuvenate yourself after the long drive and prepare for the exciting journey ahead



Day 1



0 km

0 hours






1500 m

**ARRIVE AT ROOTS.
REST & PREPARE**



MANALI TO GEMUR

We kick the journey off from Manali on and drive 90 km to Gemur via Atal Tunnel. Our convoy comes to a halt at Gemoor Khar. We will be spending another day at Gemoor Khar to acclimatise our bodies a little better before hitting the higher roads that lay ahead for us on this journey

 Days 2 & 3  90 km / 4 hrs  3300 m



GEMUR TO PURNE VIA SHINKU LA

The first demanding drive of this trip. We go over the 5019 m Shinku La pass into the Zaskar region. A tough drive for the most part with sections of the road trail meant only for a 4 x 4. The landscapes are rugged and desolate yet spectacular. We have a picnic lunch at ground of Gombo Ranjan before moving on to Purne – a hamlet perched above the confluence of the Lingti and Kargiakh rivers.



Day 4



100 km
6 hours



3800m



PURNE TO PADUM. HIKE TO PHUKTAL

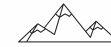
We start with a morning hike of 2-3 hours to Phuktal Gompa – perhaps the remotest and most spectacularly located monastery in the Indian Himalayas. Following that, we drive to Padum – the administrative capital of the Zaskar region.



Day 5



70 km / 4 hrs



3300 m



3 hours



PADUM TO LAMAYURU

We make our way out of Zaskar on another remote road trail. We drive via Zangla, where we see the ruins of an ancient fort and cross Singe La (4950 m), Wanla and Sirsir La to meet the Leh - Srinagar Highway near Khalsi. We then drive for about 20 mins to reach Lamayuru (don't forget to visit the majestically poised ancient gompa here).



Day 6



200km / 10 hours



3500 m





SCENES FROM THE JOURNEY



LAMAYURU TO KARGIL



Day 7



103km
4 hours



2676 m

After a leisurely breakfast we drive to Kargil and enroute visit Mulbekh (see the 30 ft high statue of the Maitreya that's been carved out of a limestone cliff). Later, we visit the Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum of Central Asian and Kargil Trade Artefacts.



KARGIL TO SRINAGAR



Day 8



202km

9 hours



1585 m

Today we drive via Drass and over Zoji La (3500 metres) to enter the evergreen valleys of Kashmir. As we drive through the beautiful valley, we pass Sonamarg and descend to Srinagar. Upon arrival we have the option to take a relaxing sunset shikara ride on the serene Nageen Lake.



SRINAGAR LOCAL



Day 9



100 km
6 hours



1585 m

We start the day early with a morning shikara ride to the floating vegetable market. After breakfast we drive to Yusmarg – the Meadow of Jesus; an offbeat, pristine and exquisitely beautiful locale. Once back in Srinagar we take a trip to the Pari Mahal and Chashm-e-Shahi and a visit to Shankracharya Hill for panoramic views of Srinagar and its lakes. You also have the option of visiting the local market.



SRINAGAR TO GULABGARH



Day 10



230 km
11 hours



1638 m

We drive towards Kishtwar and then onto our final destination and campsite for the day, Gulabgarh. Known as the land of sapphire, saffron and shrines, this region is incredibly beautiful – lofty glaciated mountains, corrugated meadows, and dense conifer forests. Home to two national parks, this area is also known for its rich wildlife.



GULABGARH TO SURAL BHATTORI



Today we head back to Himachal from J&K. Of all the drives thus far, today's will be the most demanding one. Bulk of the route is a winding road trail of gravel & sand, carved into the side of a cliff with a sheer drop of a couple of thousand feet on the other side. It gets trickier because of the rocky overhangs that prevent a view of oncoming vehicles. We finally emerge in the beautiful, undisturbed and sparsely populated Pangi Valley of Chamba. We reach Sural Bhattori, the last village in the Sural Valley at an altitude slightly more than 3,000 metres. Overnight stay in mobile camp.



Day 11



125 km
7 hours



3000 m

SURAL BHATORI - LOCAL WALKS

It's a day to unwind and relax. We take a walk around Sural Bhatori, a hidden gem, that offers majestic views of the mountains with hundreds of cattle grazing in the open meadows. Enroute, we will also find a cluster of homes and small villages, that are equally beautiful.



Day 12



3300 m



As you wish



SURAL BHATORI TO DALHOUSIE



Today will be a long and challenging drive as we go from Sural Battori to Dalhousie and cross Sach Pass in the process. The first 60 km or so is the last 'tough drive' of this trip as it involves going over Sach Pass. From Bairagarh we continue on better roads till we get to Dalhousie for some well deserved rest and celebration.



Day 13



200 km
9 hours



1800 m



DALHOUSIE TO...



Day 14

We bid goodbyes and head our separate ways.



INCLUSIONS

- Qualified Team lead (s).
- Lead and Sweep Car.
- Top of the line accommodation 13 nights.
- All meals & refreshments. Lunch on day 1 to breakfast on day 14.
- 4 nights of exclusive camping.
- Welcome & farewell dinner.
- First Aid back up.
- Communication devices. Walkie Talkies for every car.
- Camping gear and safety equipment.

EXCLUSIONS

- Taxes. 5% GST.
- Insurance.
- Gratuity and tips.
- Extra drinks & alcoholic beverages.
- Single room supplement.
- Additional excursions outside the itinerary.
- Costs of unforeseen natural causes.
- Anything not in the inclusions.
- Camera fee, where applicable.
- Expenses arising out of unforeseen happenings.

INR 1,85,000/- Per Person + 5% GST

Group size: 12 to 16 People



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