

Snow Leopard Expedition, Spiti

Mane and Chicham

Come see the Ghost of the mountains

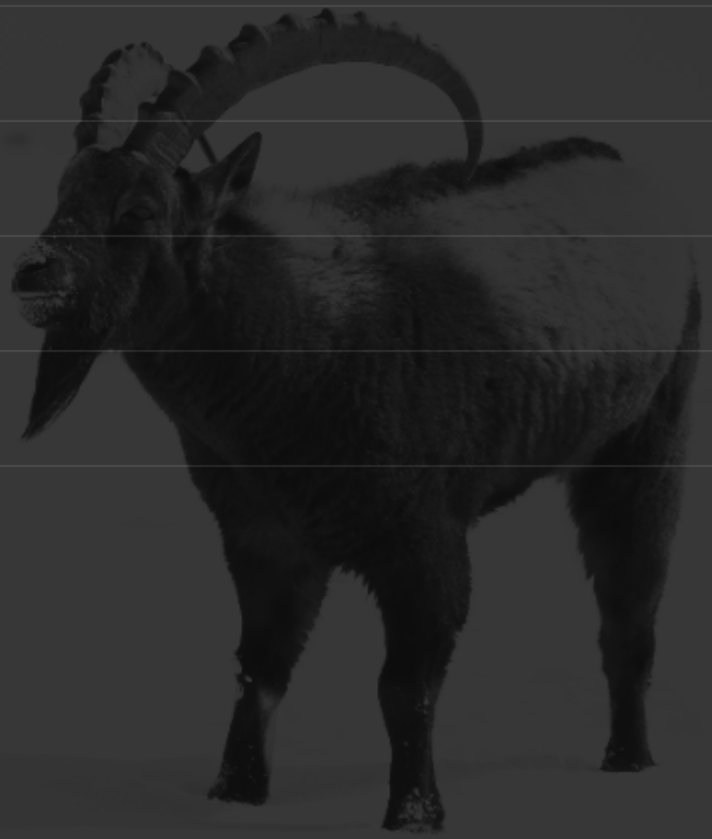
Who We Are

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.

BANJARA EXPERIENCES

Complete Itinerary

1	**Land in Chandigarh, Drive to Thanedar**	Sun, 20 Sept 2026
2	**Drive to Kalpa**	Mon, 21 Sept 2026
3	**Drive to The Doksa in Mane.**	Tue, 22 Sept 2026
4	**Drive to Chicham + Field Day**	Wed, 23 Sept 2026
5-8	**Chicham - Field Days**	Thu, 24 Sept 2026
9	**Field Day + Drive to Mane**	Mon, 28 Sept 2026
10	**Drive to Rampur**	Tue, 29 Sept 2026
11	**Drive to Chandigarh**	Wed, 30 Sept 2026



DAY 1 · SUN, 20 SEPT 2026

Land in Chandigarh, Drive to Thanedar

We start our journey from Chandigarh and quickly hit the Himalayan foothills eventually reaching the busy city of Shimla, capital of the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. After tackling the traffic and hustle of Shimla we drive 75 km further to our final destination for the day, Banjara Orchard Retreat, Thanedar.

DISTANCE	TIME	ALTITUDE
200 kms	6-7 hrs	2350 m





DAY 2 · MON, 21 SEPT 2026

Drive to Kalpa

We drive further up and enter the steep mountains of Kinnaur, driving along the Sutlej River and past the numerous hydel power stations that have been built over it. The day's journey comes to a stop in Kalpa, a high point with uninterrupted views of the Kinner Kailash Massif. For non-Indians, this is also where we'll get an ILP (Inner Line Permit) processed.

DISTANCE	TIME	ALTITUDE
150 kms	5 hrs	2950 m

DAY 3 · TUE, 22 SEPT 2026

Drive to The Doksa in Mane.

Leaving the pine-fringed crags of Kalpa, the journey climbs into the stark, sub-zero wilderness of upper Spiti along the carved cliffs of the historic Hindustan–Tibet Highway. You'll trace the frozen Sutlej and Spiti rivers before crossing into Mane Gongma—a quiet, snow-bound mountain village perched at 10,700+ feet, serving as a gateway to untamed snow leopard territory.

DISTANCE	TIME	ALTITUDE
200 kms	6-7 hrs	3650 m





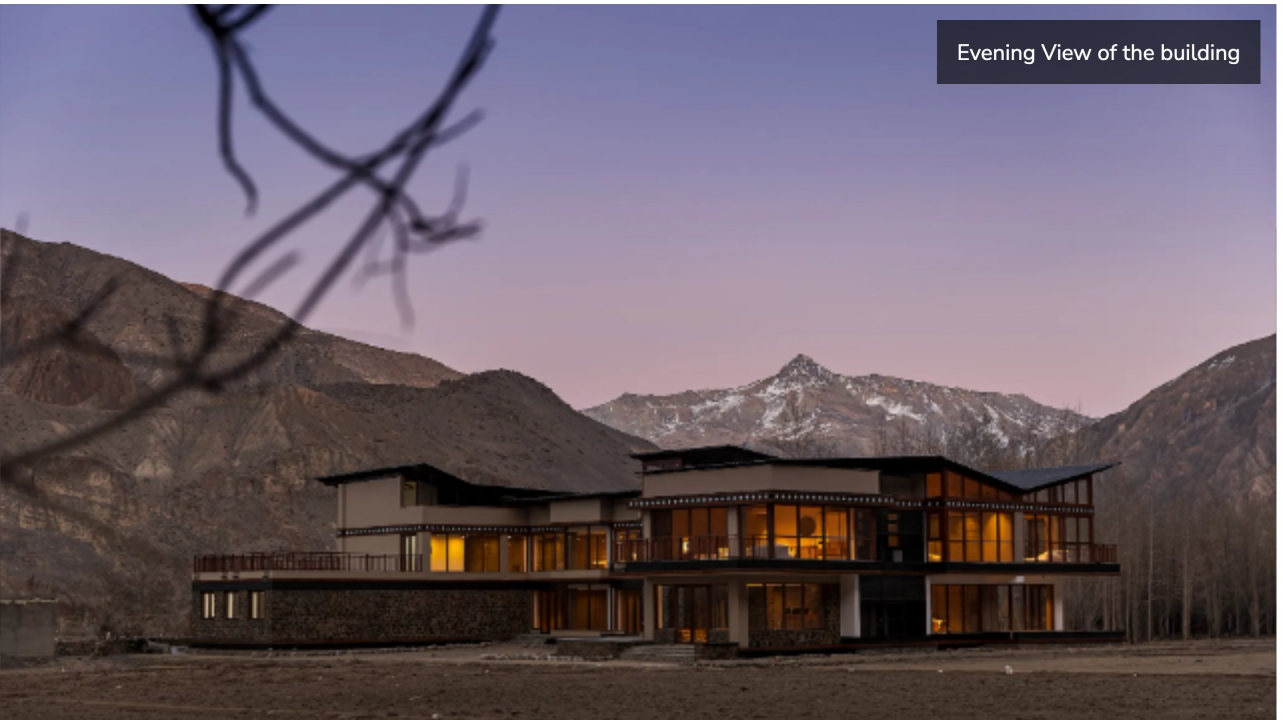
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The Doksa

Perched high in Mane Gongma, The Doksa rests in an amphitheater of stark trans-Himalayan peaks and sweeping white valley floor. The Doksa offers 10 thoughtfully designed rooms, including four convertible twins, all positioned to receive ample sunlight and clear views of the valley through floor-to-ceiling windows that bring the mountains directly into your living space.


The Lobby sitting area


The Deck


Evening View of the building


Wide view post the winters once the snow has melted







The Doksa - Premium Rooms

DAY 4 · WED, 23 SEPT 2026

Drive to Chicham

Embark on your first field day with a scenic 2-hour drive from Mane to Chicham, passing into the rugged core of the Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary. As high-altitude landscapes unfold, settle into Tethys Himalayan DEN—your comfortable home base for tracking the elusive ghost of the Himalayas.

DISTANCE	TIME	ALTITUDE
55 kms	Full Day	4200 m





Tethys Himalayan DEN

Expedition Base

Chicham 4200m









DAY 5-8 · THU, 24 SEPT 2026

TH DEN – Field Days

Situated at 4,200 metres above sea level, Chicham rests high above the Spiti valley floor along the high-altitude ridgelines of the Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary.

Tethys Himalayan DEN will serve as your warm, comfortable operational base camp, providing a refuge after long winter days in the field tracking the Ghost of the Mountains across the snow-draped cliffs.

TIME	ALTITUDE	TERRAIN
Full Day	3650 - 4200 m	Mountain Terrain





The Ghost of the Mountains in it's natural habitat










Red Fox


Male Ibex


Baby Ibex


Blue Sheep
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DAY 9 · MON, 28 SEPT 2026

Field Day + Drive to Mane

Transition down from the heights of Chicham with a final morning of field tracking before making the descent to the warmer, lower-altitude Doksa in Mane.

Retiring to Mane offers a far more restful and comfortable night's stay, while conveniently shaving two hours off the long journey to Rampur the following day.

DISTANCE	TIME	ALTITUDE
55 kms	Full Day	3650 m



DAY 10 · TUE, 29 SEPT 2026

Drive to Rampur

Leaving behind the icy heights of Mane Gongma, the return journey winds down through the dramatic Spiti and Sutlej gorges toward Rampur Bushahr. Descending from stark trans-Himalayan desert into the warmer, pine-scented valleys of the lower Kinnaur belt, it marks a serene transition from the high-altitude wilderness back toward civilization.

DISTANCE	TIME
270 kms	7-8 hrs





DAY 11 · WED, 30 SEPT 2026

Drive to Chandigarh

Departing Rampur Bushahr, the final leg follows the winding Sutlej River down through the lush foothills of Himachal before breaking into the plains of Chandigarh. As you reach the city, the journey comes to a gentle close—marking the end of an extraordinary expedition and time to bid farewell until the mountains call again.

DISTANCE	TIME
240 kms	7-8 hrs

Inclusions

Included

- Accommodation for 10 nights on double share
- Mentorship of Ismail Shariff - Snow Leopard man of India
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 11. A hot lunch will be provided in the field on spotting days as would refreshments.
- Ex-Chandigarh transportation by a 4 x 4 or Innova Crysta as the situation may be.
- 06 days spotting experience in the Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary supported by a team of dedicated spotters and a guide.
- Personal field assistant / porter to carry gear and assist in the field
- First aid and support, including oxygen cylinders
- Safety communication devices like walkie talkies
- All necessary permits, fees and entries

Not Included

- GST 5%
- Travel to Chandigarh and return
- Travel and accident insurance
- Flight/Rail/Bus tickets
- Alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses incurred during the trip
- Single room supplement
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances and factors not in our hands.

TRIP COST

INR 1,85,000

PER PERSON

5% GST additional

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