

# CYCLE TO SPITI

## THE HIMALAYAN MIDDLE LAND



CHANDIGARH TO MANALI  
9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS



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# WHO WE ARE

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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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T O G E T H E R







From Chandigarh, we make our way to Thanedar which is 75 km north of Shimla. The Orchard retreat surrounded by apple orchards all around is a great stop for your first night to rest, prepare and get briefed.



175 km / 6 hrs



2400 m

**DRIVE  
CHANDIGARH TO  
THANEDAR.**



We drive on the Indo Tibet Highway till Rakcham from where we will cross the bridge into the Baspa river valley. Set along the Baspa River in Kinnaur, Batseri and the areas around are right out of a story book. A perfect place to break our journey and enjoy a night of comfort along the Baspa river



150 km / 6 hrs



2700 m

**DRIVE THANEDAR  
TO BATSERI  
(SANGLA).**



A great day to test your legs and acclimatise better by cycling towards Chitkul at 3450 m. It's 20 km to Chitkul and mostly uphill, makes for a great day through winding roads along the river. As with every uphill, there is always a breezy downhill to be enjoyed.



40 km / 4 hrs



2700 m

**EXPLORE BASPA  
ON TWO WHEELS.  
RIDE TO CHITKUL**





Even though Pooh is almost the same altitude as Batseri, this is not a flat ride by any means. We'll be losing altitude before starting to gain it again. We appreciate that it is a long day but, such days bring the element of physical and mental endurance for certain people, allowing them to push their boundaries. That being said, our support and backup will be ready for all who need it.

## BATSERI TO POOH



102 km / 8 hrs



3200 m



Today we officially enter the high-altitude region of Spiti. Starting off with an easy run till Khab, from where the road will start rising towards Nako and onwards till Malling Nalah, a place notorious for sudden closures and falling stones. The climb is consistent and fun, with numerous hairpin bends. From Malling, you will be rewarded with a long and breezy descent followed by a rolling section all the way to Tabo, home to one of its oldest monasteries, built in 996 AD.

## POOH TO TABO



90 km / 8 hrs



3200 m



We go through the major settlements in Spiti covering the rolling section between Tabo and Kaza. We'll make a couple of detours to visit Dhankar monastery and Gue. From Dhankar, one can view the confluence of Pin and Spiti rivers which is a sight to behold. The day's end will be at Kaza where we stop for the day.

## TABO TO KAZA



60 km / 5 hrs



3700 m



We will be visiting some popular and high Spitian villages today. The ride towards these villages maybe short but do not underestimate the climb and gain in altitude. Send a postcard from the highest post office at Hikkim, reach the highest village connected by road or find the geologist in you at the fossil village of Langza. Following lunch, we will start the next climb of the day to Ki monastery and finally to Chicham over the vertigo inducing Chicham Bridge.

# HIKKIM, KOMIC, LANGZA, KI AND CHICHAM



55 km / 7 hrs



4270 m



For many, Chandra Tal is the highlight of their trip to Spiti. The initial sections are flat and smooth but the road will soon become rough. It will also make you ride to the highest point in your journey thus far, to Kunzum La. From Kunzum La, savour the last few kilometers of your cycling journey till Chandra Tal to make the perfect culmination of your trip.

## CHICHAM TO CHANDRA TAL



75 km / 7 hrs



4200 m



After a night in the camps around Chandra Tal, we'll start early for our drive towards Manali. The road from Chandra Tal towards Manali is full of excitement. Water crossings, boulders, dirt tracks, coupled together with breathtaking views will keep you enthralled.



140 km / 6 hrs



1900 m

## **DRIVE CHANDRA TAL TO MANALI (SONAUGI)**



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