

CYCLE TO SPITI

THE HIMALAYAN MIDDLE LAND



CHANDIGARH TO MANALI
9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS



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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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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.

DRIVE CHANDIGARH TO THANEDAR.



175 km / 6 hrs



2400 m



A great day to get those legs going. A long and breezy downhill to begin with that will take you to the lowest altitudes of this journey. We'll cross some busy sections and the road is flat with very little gradient. We'll stop cycling at Jeori from where the climb to Sarahan begins and drive up the final section

THANEDAR TO SARAHAN



12 km / 30 min



2200 m



70 km / 6 hrs



We'll start with a downhill section to the highway. From here we'll almost consistently gain altitude in rolling manner. A good day for the dress rehearsal of your endurance that will be needed at a later stage. We will be sticking to a timeline and might stop at Karcham and drive the remainder of the way till Batseri.

SARAHAN TO SANGLA.



25 km / 1 hr



2700 m



70 km / 7 hrs



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 today as we cover a rolling section between Tabo to Mudh. While doing so, we'll be taking detours to visit Dhankar monastery and Gue village. We will also take some time to make the hour-long hike up to Dhankar lake from the monastery. 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 Mudh, the last village in Pin Valley where we stop for the day.

TABO TO MUDH



65 km / 8 hrs



3600 m



We will drive over the circuit we rode on to finish the previous day till Attargu. The ride from Attartgu 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, drive to the highest village connected by road or find the geologist in you at the fossil village of Langza. We will stay at Langza to soak in these higher altitudes a bit more.



45 km / 5 hrs



4300 m



35 km / 2 hrs

**MUDH
TO
LANGZA**



Initially descending down to the road to Kaza and then turning towards Ki. Ki, with its 1000 odd years old monastery is probably the most photographed sight in Spiti. From Ki we will continue till Chicham, making the customary stop at Chicham bridge. Like Langza, we will stay another day at Chicham that we will use to include certain experiences and place that you might otherwise miss out upon. Brewing the local brew, cultural village walks, a short ride to Gete or day hikes exploring hidden caves are some of the things we can indulge in on that day

LANGZA TO CHICHAM VIA KI



40 km / 5 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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