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SHINKU LA, SINGE LA, SIRSIR LA



EX-MANALI 11 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS



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H I G H E R T O G E T H E R

THEREAL REWARD LIESATTHETOPOFACLIMB







It all begins with your arrival to the lower Himalayan hills at one of the newest Banjara properties, Roots Café and Stay, where you'll find our team waiting. After some rest and refreshment, we'll take some time in the evening making new friends and getting briefed about the days and the journey ahead.

ARRIVE MANALI (BANDROL) AND STAY





1400 m



We'll head into Lahaul via Solang and Atal Tunnel, driving for the most part till we get to Tandi, near Keylong. From Tandi we'll cycle the last 23 km, till we reach our stay for the night at another Banjara property Gemoor Khar, a picturesque estate near Jispa.

MANALI TO GEMOOR KHAR



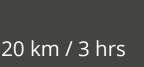








We take time today to acclimatise to the high altitude as tomorrow is a big day. We cycle around Lahaul to get those legs going. Spend rest of the day resting and preparing for the days ahead.





ACCLIMATISE & STAY AT GEMOOR KHAR



Today we cross the first and highest pass of our journey, Shinku Ia. The road over Shinku La is a relatively new development, being part of the popular trekking route for years before. We drive the first 20 km on the road to Shinku La. The road to Shinku La is smooth intitally, but it will get rough as we get closer to the top. The exhilaration of reaching the top is followed by a steep descent till Lakhang Nala. After that we enter Zanskar valley and cycle on flat ground to reach our camp in Zanskar at Gumbo Ranjan.

GEMOOR TO LAKHANG





4600 m



Today is an easy day as we pedal to Purne. We go downhill today, riding over mostly flat terrain till we reach Purne. A popular campsite from where one can go on a small hike to the Phugtal Gompa. We stay overnight at our personal camp.



It's a mix of paved and unpaved roads today as we make our way to Padum, the administrative centre of Zanskar. This is mostly a rolling section that flattens out as we reach Padum, enjoying the scenery along the way.



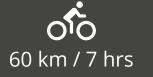


3350 m

PURNE TO PADUM



A long day of cycling. Till Zang La the route is smooth after which it gets rough, making it a thrilling stretch. We go on paved and some unpaved roads that are mostly flat with some small uphills. We will cross and go a little ahead of Hanumil and camp near the gorge.



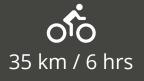


3400 m

PADUM TO ZANG LA TILL BEYOND HANUMIL



We now enter the tough section of our journey. The first 15 km today are easy but things get tricky as we start the stiff climb of about 10 km towards Lingshed. We bypass Lingshed and continue on the road till we reach our campsite for the day to continue the climb to Singe La the next day.





4300 m

HANUMIL TO SINGE LA BASE CAMP



Today we cross the second pass of our trip, Singe La. The route till Singe La is challenging and uphill for about 14-15 km. We halt and savour the beautiful views from the top before descending. We then go downhill for another 15 km, followed by a flat-ish stretch till we reach our camp near Photoksar village tonight.

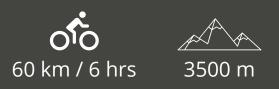
TO PHOTOKSAR VIA SINGE LA





It's the last day of cycling as we pedal across the third pass of your journey today. It's a steep 8-9 km ascent till Sirsir La followed by a breezy descent till we hit the national highway. From there we turn left for Lamayuru. Lamayuru is known of its ancient Buddhist monastery with mural and frescos, a must visit.

TO LAMAYURU VIA SIRSIRLA



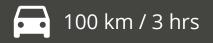


DRIVE

LAMAYURU TO

LEH

We drive towards our final destination, Leh. We check into the hotel and celebrate with fellow travellers. Those interested can take a stroll in the Leh market or simple absorb the sights and sounds of the city.







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