

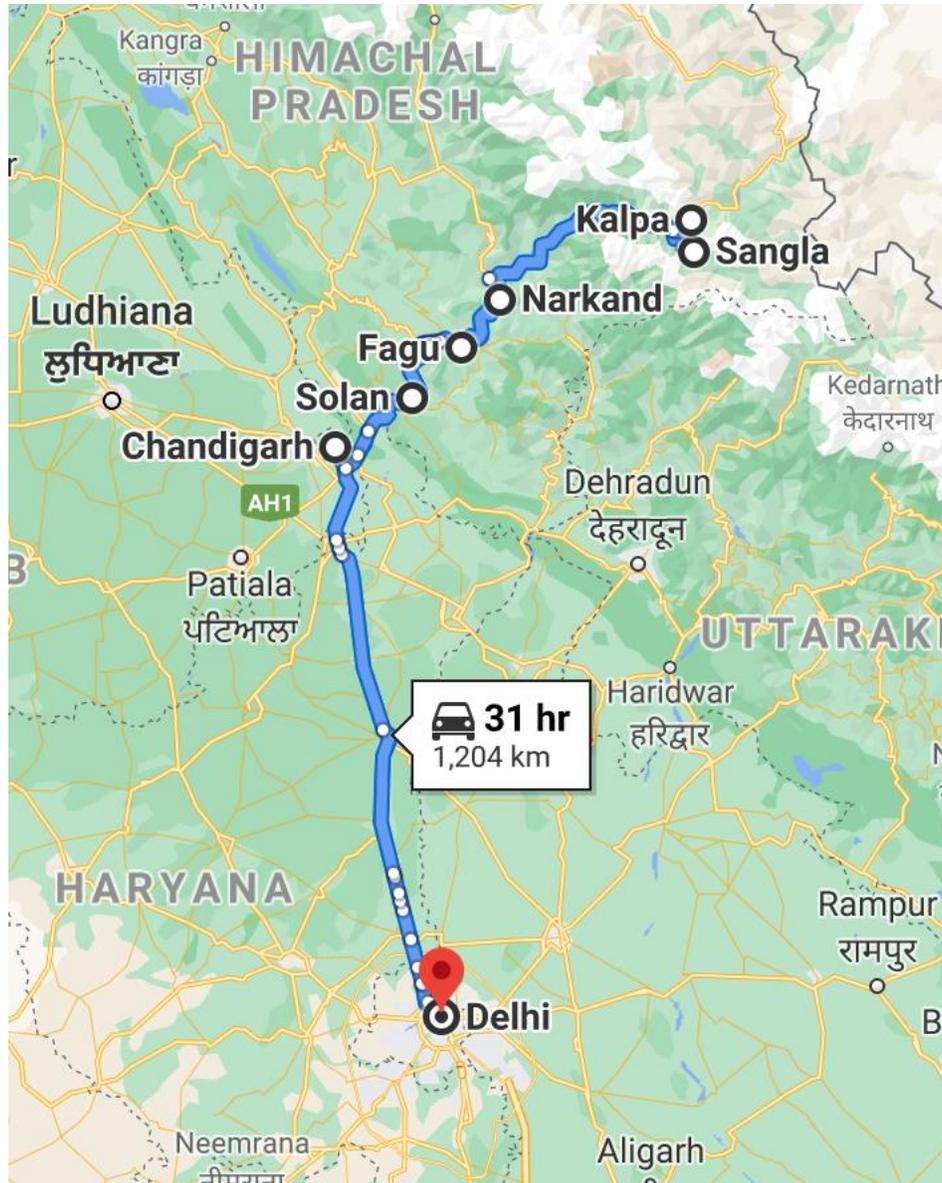


## KINNAUR VALLEY

**Days** : 7

**Start/End** : Delhi

**Distance** : ≈ 1200 kms



## HIGHLIGHTS

Ride through one of the oldest and most iconic trade routes in world history - the Indo-Tibet trade route. Nestled on the banks of the Baspa river in the picturesque Sangla valley, the Trader's Path is a must for any biker worth his salt. It brings along plenty of challenging terrains that need to be conquered before you can enter the last town in India - Chitkul, on the Indo-China border. Come, join us for an experience of a lifetime only with KTM. #GoAdventure

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1: Delhi to Chandigarh**

**≈252 KMS**

Starting from Delhi, we learn the basics of touring and luggage mounting techniques before we set out for the beautiful city of Chandigarh. We take a small detour via Nahan, that will introduce us to the tricky mountains of Himachal Pradesh. We retire in Chandigarh for a quick briefing about the route and the various terrains as we move to the mountains.

### **Day 2: Chandigarh to Fagu**

**≈130 KMS**

An early start on day two gifts us with a beautiful winding trail through the dense forest cover of the Chail Wildlife Sanctuary, in Fagu. Along the way we train and explore the art of riding the narrow twisty mountain roads as well as the muddy, slippery trails of Himachal Pradesh. Riding the slushy terrain will present its own challenges - which once mastered, will allow us to get confident and skilled enough to take on the tougher trails that follow ahead. Nestled in the Himalayas at 2500 metres above sea level, the snowy town of Fagu presents us beautiful views of the valley filled with cedar trees. We park for the day for local mountain food and a bonfire to beat the cold.

### **Day 3: Fagu to Sangla**

**≈203 KMS**

The highlight day is here. And it starts real early. We ride towards the Sangla valley via Narkanda and then take a detour to ride alongside the famed Sutlej river. The day entails some serious riverbed riding and lots of water crossings before we enter the stunning Sangla valley for lunch. There onwards, we are joined by the Baspa river, on the banks of which lies the last Indian village on the Indo-China border - Chitkul. A small town which boasts of historical importance as a critical town on the iconic Indo-Tibet trade route. A day filled with strong bouts of off-road riding and learning to master the natural elements, ends in the company of the majestic Himalayas.

#### **Day 4: Sangla to Kalpa**

**≈48 KMS**

The return leg starts with an easy day of riding to the quaint town of Kalpa, that sits atop the mountains overlooking the Sutlej river. A steep hill climb starts after passing the bustling town of Reckong Peo and takes us high up to almost 10,000ft above sea level. Through the day, we take rather arduous and demanding off-road trails along the banks of the Sutlej river after crossing over the Karcham bridge. The trail will be mostly rocky and with plenty of river sand that will test the skills of even the finest riders. After a day full of learning and conquering a variety of terrains, the entourage will halt for a night's stay at Kalpa.

#### **Day 5: Kalpa to Narkanda**

**≈160 KMS**

This will be a rather easy and relaxed ride, taking in the scenic route going through the river valley. But a small twist will be a bonus as we take on some more internal trails that offer a muddy track and a steep climb before we get back on the tarmac. We reach Narkanda and make up for some much-needed rest and provide a quick tender love and care to our machines as the next day brings along some more challenges.

#### **Day 6: Narkanda to Solan**

**≈130 KMS**

Last day in the Himalayas, we take all what we can get and head away from the busy winding highway riding to Junga Fort, over some of the most unseen and untraveled mountain trails. Expect some incredible riding sessions and learnings on this stretch as the long flowing off-roads pack in every kind of terrain. The day ends at Solan, where we get the certificates and celebrate riding.

#### **Day 7: Solan to Delhi**

**≈300 KMS**

Back on the highway, we saddle down for the long over 350km ride back home to the capital city. Bidding adieu to the majestic Himalayas, we come down to the flats and back to our loved ones with motorcycle stories and all the invaluable experience we've picked up on the way.

### Inclusions:

- Accommodation on double/triple -sharing basis in campsite / guesthouse / hotel depending on the availability
- 3 meals on all tour days- starting from breakfast on day 1 till the last day of the ride. Morning & Evening tea / coffee is also included
- One motorbike mechanic in case of any breakdown
- First Aid Box and a paramedic to administer basic first aid
- Services of a Tour Manager to coordinate logistics

### Exclusions:

- Any meal, service or charges not mentioned in inclusions
- Petrol expenses, insurance and mandatory COVID test, if required for any of the riders
- Environmental & Permit fees
- Any entry fees, monument fees, guide charges, camera fees, tolls, parking, activity charges, etc.
- Any liquor, juices, soft drinks, bottled water, beverages, etc.
- Any shipping assistance provided to transport your bike to the starting city
- Cost of any spare parts consumed during the ride
- Any costs rising due to delays, roadblocks, medical emergencies, breakdowns, etc

### Rules & Guidelines

- Tours/ Rides/ Track Event Rules
  - Follow all rules and regulations of the ride and the Pilot Rider. They are for your and fellow riders' safety.
  - Riding gear – We recommend every rider should have at least the basic safety gears such as right size helmets, riding jackets, hand gloves, riding pants / knee guards, protective footwear, etc. Riders will not be allowed to ride in shorts, track pants, or sleeveless vests at any time during the entire ride.
  - Zero tolerance – Riders who have bad motorcycle attitude, ego issues or under the influence of any kind of alcohol or drugs during/ beginning of the ride will not be allowed.
  - The Expert rider will be conducting alcohol tests every morning as per the routine. Failing to meet the requirements will result in the Expert rider expelling you from the ride immediately.
  - Riding Formation – Always follow the riding formation and guidelines laid by Road Captain. Each rider must maintain strict discipline when it comes to riding formation and riding speeds.
  - Traffic Laws – Follow all the traffic laws. Breaking of any traffic law will not be tolerated. If a rider is caught by any of the traffic cops for breaking traffic laws, he / she will be responsible for it and must handle that situation by himself / herself.
  - No Stunts - Performing bike stunts will not be allowed while on the group rides.
  - Communicate – Always communicate through signals with your Pilot rider, or any of the fellow riders just in case you are facing any kind of riding problems or any kind of health issues during the ride.
  - Documents – Please maintain all the necessary documents of your bike such as Vehicle Registration Certificate {RC card}, Insurance Certificate and valid Driving License.
  - Maintenance – Get your bike serviced in time, go for a short ride and ensure your bike is as fit as you for the travel to avoid unwanted interruptions to you and our fellow riders.

- Fuel – Always fill up your tank before the ride so we don't want have to stop unnecessarily for fuel on the way and cause delays.
  - No Mobile Usage – Riders are not allowed to use electronic devices such a mobile phones, cameras, video cameras, while they are on the ride.
  - First Aid Kit – Always carry your personal first aid kit along with you while coming on the ride. This is for your own safety as the Pilot rider may be unaware of your medical conditions and appropriate medications.
  - Necessity – Always carry hard cash along on the ride. There may be many places where there may not be any ATM available and there may be many places where people don't accept digital forms of payments.
  - Acceptance – Always be ready to face all kinds of weather conditions, including rains while you are on ride. So, it is better to carry your raincoat, luggage cover, or your winter coat as well.
  - Changes – There may be last moment changes as well in the plan or in the route depending on the few unavoidable situations.
  - Remember to Carry - One set of extra comfortable clothes, a water bottle, some healthy snacks and a small hand towel.
  - Enjoy - Enjoy every bit of the ride with a relaxed mind, never try to be in a hurry.
- **The New Normal of Covid-19**
    - Considering the new normal, we intend to keep riders' safety first by undertaking all the necessary precautions during the ride.
    - All Places of stay have been chosen considering COVID compliances.
    - However, all participants are expected to keep sanitizers, gloves, face masks in their riding kit, enough to last the whole duration of the ride.
    - All participants are expected to maintain social distancing at all times.
    - All participant will have to download the Aarogya setu app for the entire duration of the ride and the status will be checked every morning at Breakfast time.
    - Temperature check will be done every morning and evening, right from day one.
    - Signed declaration indemnifying agency for KTM by all participants giving their consent for both COVID and third-party liability.

### **Things To Carry:**

- LIST OF ESSENTIALS:
- Please note that you will be carrying all your personal luggage on your bike, therefore pack accordingly and bring minimal items to make sure your ride is comfortable.
- RTPCR Test with negative results mandatory, if required for any of the riders
- You will have to strap your luggage to your bike. Carry your stuff in a duffel bag, soft shoulder bag or a rucksack that you can strap on to your bike. Carry a waterproof cover and straps for your luggage. Please avoid carrying expensive watches, jewellery and electronic items on the ride. You are responsible for the safety & security of your personal belongings.
- Personal items:
  - Personal documents: Drivers License
  - Vehicle documents: RC/ Insurance/ PUC
  - Personal clothing, if needed - Light t-shirts, Trousers, Light fleece jacket, Small light weight towel, Cap/hat ,Comfortable shoes/floater for off-the-bike wear, Insulated water bottle and/or hydration pack, sunglasses with UV protection and ability to cut the glare, spare pair of socks

- Personal toiletries, sunscreen lotion, lip balm
- A small First-Aid kit and Medicines, any specific medication you may require, torch / flashlight (with extra batteries)
- COVID Safety Kit; Face masks, gloves, sanitizers etc
- Basic tool repair kit, extra bungee cords/ luggage locking belts
- Piece of rope, spare key of your bike
- High energy snacks
- Waterproof pouches for securing electronic items
- Spare spectacles, glass cleaning solution.
- Light warmers and rain protection wear.

### How To Prepare Your Bike For the Tour:

- We strongly recommend you service your motorcycle at the nearest KTM service center. Ride the bike for a short weekend trip before the tour onset. Ensure that the following is being addressed at the service center with the help of the technician.
  - Inspect your suspension before the trip
  - Check the rear swing-arm bush for wear and tear and replace if necessary
  - Check your chain and rear sprocket for wear.
  - Your bike's clutch is really crucial for this trip. So make sure that your clutch is in order and adjusted properly without trace of any drag, slip etc.
  - Check your battery and earthing connections. The demanding terrain and the riding conditions that you and the machine are likely to encounter on the route could further accentuate existing problems.
  - Check all cables and if any are frayed, replace them.
  - It is critical that you know your machine's fuel consumption.

### Recommended Gear:

- Riding Gears:
  - Motorcycle helmet with ECE /DOT/ISI/SNELL approved (mandatory). Correct size helmets recommended.
  - Riding jacket with CE approved armour
  - Riding pants/Riding jeans with CE approved armour
  - Riding gloves with knuckle protection (warm liner recommended depending on weather)
  - Riding boots with Ankle Protection.