

Jan Kalmar 

BEYOND ADVENTURE HIMALAYA

INDIA

TIGERS AND THE HIGHEST ROAD OF THE WORLD



PRE LOCATION CHECK

You will experience the unparalleled beauty of the Indian jungles and test your spotting skills on this exciting self-drive. Explore some of India's most prized fauna and flora, journey through ever-changing habitats and, if luck is on your side, catch a glimpse of India's most famous and endangered predator – the Bengal tiger – before reaching the highest motorable road in the world!



BEYOND ADVENTURE HIMALAYA - INDIA

India is a land of diversity and you will explore the varieties of this great country at first hand. From the 20-million population mega-city Delhi with its clash of historic and modern culture all the way to the lush forests and vast country land. It will be an unforgettable experience with life-long lasting impressions.

You will be amazed by the calm countryside of India with its forests, marshlands and small villages. Encounter historical Indian tribes and witness their pure way of life. All from the comfort of your vehicle. Surely the land of contrast will amaze you throughout the entire Beyond Adventure Himalaya India.

To spot the mighty Bengal tiger is of course a bucket list experience we hope to tick off. When leaving the amazing wildlife behind, you slowly need to acclimatize to the altitude and prepare for the most scenic views of the Himalayas before reaching the highest drivable road in the world that very few dare to take. An unforgettable highlight itself and a must for all driving adventurers. Spend a few days up high in the mountain lodges embracing yourself with the spirit and majesty of the world's most spectacular mountain range.

EXCELLENCE PAIRED WITH PASSION, ADVENTURE AND PRECISION

Beyond Adventure Himalaya is all about exploring the world on passionate and unique driving adventures. Getting from A to B shall become your experience not just transport. We offer you the opportunity to explore some of your "bucket-list" destinations. All behind the steering wheel of a 4x4 vehicle.

Beyond Adventure Himalaya is a product of 2 strong forces joining. Dharma Adventure Bhutan and Jan Kalmar Beyond Adventure will jointly run these adventures. All will be done in the same high-quality standards which both are individually known for.

We dare to motivate you to go where no-one normally goes and we want to exceed your expectations with our one-of-its-kind concepts. Redefine automotive adventures and target via a distinctive customer teamwork to also extend your network and to create friendships. When joining Beyond Adventure Himalaya you will become part of a passionate team and will immediately feel our uniqueness in how we do create experiences.

Dharma Adventures Bhutan has had for years a unique position in the Bhutanese high-end travel industry and beyond reaching further into the entire Himalayan region. Jan Kalmar Beyond Adventure was established by Jan Kalmar – an adventurer, petrol head and extreme driver who is constantly exploring the planet on four wheels and has achieved World Records in this process.



INDIVIDUAL APPROACH

Freedom is paramount, therefore we run a unique **Classic Rally-Style Driving Concept**, not competing for the fastest time but instead for the most precise timing. This means you drive and navigate by yourself independently. Of course, the support team is always close by and for the most challenging stages, the entire group stays together.

YOUR TEAM

The passion for adventures is deep within our joint Beyond Adventure Himalaya team. We will ensure the best possible comfort. In case of an emergency, break down or a simple puncture, there is always support close by. So, although you drive solitary, you are never alone, even in the most remote areas. On special adventures a paramedic is present to ensure premedical assistance in an unlikely event of emergency.

There is always a local guide present to explain about the area and inform about local habits and traditions, simply to widen your horizon. Behind the scenes, a team of travel experts is on stand-by from start to finish following you via GPS tracking for your safety and comfort – always ready to support if needed.

The experience starts already when signing in, from that moment on you may always rely on our experience to assist you with all aspects of the entire project. Surely most wishes can be sorted.

The true adventure starts at the arrival airport. From here all is taken care of all the way to the departure airport – get ready to explore the world you never knew existed... the extraordinary world!

Let the Himalaya adventure begin,

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DAY 1

Arrive in Delhi, where new and old meets: bullock-carts and cars; hand-pulled trolleys and trucks; Western fast food cafe's and roadside golgappa 'watery Indian bread' carts; buses and rickshaws; suits and traditional Indian wear. As Delhi is the gateway to the rest of the country, it will be the starting point of your Beyond Adventure Himalaya India. You will be met by our team at the airport from where you will have a transfer to the Jim Corbett National Park. The shuttle will take some time due to distance but mainly because of the Indian traffic. Enjoy the "madness" and learn about their traffic rules from the comfort of your shuttle. Delhi is a truly cosmopolitan city and set to leave a long-lasting impression on you.

In the afternoon you arrive to the Jim Corbett National Park - home of many animal species and your home for the next days. Here your vehicle is waiting for you and the Beyond Adventure welcome dinner takes place. Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

Total KM: 260

[Hotel](#)





DAY 2

Welcome in the heart of the Jim Corbett National Park named after the legendary hunter, conservationist and author Jim Corbett. The park is India's first one, established in 1936 as the Hailey National Park, it was renamed in 1957 in honour of Corbett who played a key role in its establishment. Situated in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand, the park is primarily a protected area for the critically endangered the Royal Bengal Tiger of India, which is also the main objective of the Project Tiger Reserve Scheme of 1973, an Indian wildlife protection initiative.

Today get an introduction to the world of the tiger. You will be driven into the park by local rangers as the spotting starts.

These cats are wild elusive animals living in its natural habitat so there is no guarantee, however we will do all we can to spot them. The park is much more than tigers. You will have the opportunity to spot leopards, deer, langur monkeys, wild boars, peacocks, spotted deer, crocodiles, sloths and Himalayan black bears and the biggest of them all – the elephants.

Total KM: 0-50

[Hotel](#)





DAY 3

Today will be an early morning start, as we will go deeper into the park again in the Ranger's cars to observe the wildlife of the area in the company of a local naturalist. Even though the park has more than 100 tree species, about 450 species of plants and around 50 mammals, the main aim of today is still to spot the most magnificent one – the Bengal Tiger.

After lunch in the lodge, we head back for the afternoon game drive where we add to the chances of spotting the tigers. We work with a team of spotters to increase the probability of finding those magnificent wild cats.

Before dinner, relax and take your time to prepare yourself for the upcoming days behind the steering wheel of the Beyond Adventure vehicles.

Total KM: 10-50

[Hotel](#)





DAY 4

It is time for you to steer your own vehicle into the truly amazing India, aiming for the top of the automotive world. First stop is the city of Rishikesh which is located on the banks of the holy-river Ganga. It is the Uttarakhand gateway to the majestic Himalayas. Home of prominent temples, Rishikesh is considered as the holy city for Hindus.

With the Shivalik range of the Himalayas and the bustling river Ganga, it is an attractive destination for adventure seekers with river rafting, bungee jumping, camping, mountain climbing, hiking and trekking. And the relatively short driving day does give you the time for these optional activities if you feel like it.

Total KM: 200

[Hotel](#)





DAY 5

Today an early start is needed. You head towards Shimla, famous for its natural beauty and tranquility and one of the most picturesque towns in north of India. It is characterized by snow-capped hills, lush green valleys, rivers, dense forest and cool pleasant weather. The distance might seem short, however hairpin and narrow routes need time to be passed. But the views and hospitality of this former British colony town will take your breath away.

Total KM: 290 (9hrs)

[Hotel](#)



DAY 6

The long journey to Shimla deserves a day of leisure and relaxation in this scenic and spiritual place. Enjoy a spa treatment in the hotel or feel free to explore what the area has to offer like neo-Gothic architectures dating back to the colonial era, as well as multiple temples and churches.

Total KM: 0

[Hotel](#)



DAY 7

After an early breakfast you will get back into your vehicle to work your way forward. Expect magnificent views of beautiful hills with farms, apple orchards and pine forests.

The destination point is Manali – a high-altitude Himalayan “village” in India’s northern Himachal Pradesh state. It has a reputation of a honeymoon destination. Set on the Beas River, in winter is a gateway for skiing in the Solang Valley and trekking in Parvati Valley. It is also a jumping-off point for paragliding, rafting and mountaineering in the Pir Panjal mountains, home to the 4,000m-high Rohtang Pass. The adrenalin level is entirely up to you...

Total KM: 130 (4hrs)

[Hotel](#)





DAY 8

Now starts the real climb into the Himalayas, so take a deep breath! The drive to Rohtang is very scenic with dramatic views consisting of lush green hills, several waterfalls, grazing horses and views of snow-capped mountains.

Your destination – Jispa is located along the River Bhaga, at an elevation of almost 3,200m. The village of Jispa is dotted with several Buddhist stupas – a common sight in the villages of this region.

Total KM: 140 (4-5hrs)

[Hotel](#)





DAY 9

There are several routes from Jispa, however we aim for the panoramic route filled with landscapes of the Ladakh region. Prepare yourself for the most picturesque views of your life!

We are climbing higher and higher but with a low pace to allow your body to adjust to the change of altitude. Reaching our “base-camp” which offers a well-deserved rest after a long journey.

Total KM: 335 (9hrs)

[Hotel](#)





DAY 10

Now we are in extreme altitude of 5,300m above sea level. Take it easy and embrace yourself with the spirit of the Himalayas and start your “spiritual-day” with a visit to the Thiksay monastery. It was built in the 1630 and is one of the most famous, largest and richest monasteries in Ladakh.

Continue to drive to the Hemis monastery, located 45 km south of Leh which was founded in the 17th century and belongs to the Drukpa order.

Dinner and overnight stay is back in “base-camp” where you will also work on your acclimatization.

Total KM: 45-90

[Hotel](#)





DAY 11

Today will be a big bucket list day for you, and it will be breathtaking not only because of the views... but do not worry, we will carry extra oxygen with us for the comfort of your adventure. Drive to Shey & Stok Palace – the seat of power of the first King of Ladakh who constructed the Hilltop Fortress. The monastery is famous for the three-storey high image of Buddha Shakyamuni made of copper gilt.

Continue the drive to Tirth. After 39 km you will cross over the highest drivable road in the world: Khardung-La (5,578m). The view from the top is simply amazing. Take a few moments on the automotive top of the world with the thin air, before you start the descent back into oxygen area! Maybe you still have power left to visit the Basgo Fort, Lamayuru, Alchi and Likir monasteries before a long day ends back in the town of Leh.

A unique adventure has been added to your list, and we will enjoy a traditional farewell dinner before you put your head on the pillow thinking of the last 10 days of diverse experiences.

Total KM: ~100

[Hotel](#)





DAY 12

Today it is time to say 'see you next time' before you are shuttled to the airport to fly back to Delhi and further onwards. Alternatively, spend some more days in the busy melting pot of India.



INDIA IS:

- Best of India
- Top of the world
- Fresh Himalayan air
- Surprising hotels
- Amazing roads

INDIA IS NOT:

- Fast highways
- Easy travel
- Only busy mega-cities
- Constantly warm
- Boring, but flexibility is needed



DURATION AND DATES:

12 days (7 driving days) | ~ 1,605 KM

17th to 28th May 2021

[Map](#)

CARS:

Rental 4x4 SUV

PRICE PER PERSON:

Price upon request.

Including:

- Beyond Adventure with great food and best available accommodation
- Local guiding
- Shuttles from and to airport
- All non-alcoholic drinks
- GSM / Satellite data connection

Excluding flights to and from Delhi International Airport to and from your home destination.

MISC:

Group Size: Min. 8 – max. 14 participants. More waves possible if needed to cover demand.

Information correct at time of publishing, due to the nature of the projects changes can occur.

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THE BEYOND ADVENTURE INDIA OVERVIEW

DAY	DATE	OVERNIGHT LOCATION	HOTEL LINK	TOTAL KM
1-3	17 st - 19 st May	Uttarakhand	TAJ CORBETT RESORT	360
4	20 th May	Rishikesh	ANANDA SPA	200
5-6	21 st - 22 nd May	Shimla	OBEROI HOTELS	290
7	23 rd May	Manali	NEERALAYA	130
8	24 th May	Jispa	IBEX HOTEL	140
9 - 11	25 th - 27 th May	Thiksey - Ladakh	CHAMBA CAMP	525
12	28 th May	Departure from Leh		



