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Twelve Days of High Altitude Thrills in the Indian Himalayas

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Nomadic Knights' Alex Pirie has been exploring the more extreme side of riding in India for more than ten years. It's a mind blowing place to ride at any time, but with the introduction of Royal Enfield's Himalayan he has been able to take things to the next level; bringing on the Roof of India tour.

From the remote roads of Jammu-Kashmir, where an advance party run two days ahead to set up camp, to some of the highest motorable passes in the world, this is adventure riding at its very best. The

majesty of the mountains is truly humbling and serves to really focus the mind – whether you're negotiating a gravel track with a sheer rock face to one side and a thousand foot drop to the other, following rooster tails of dust across the barren moonscape of a high altitude desert or carving up the

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tarmac on Alpine-esque switchbacks, you'll find a clarity of thought that's unachievable almost anywhere else.

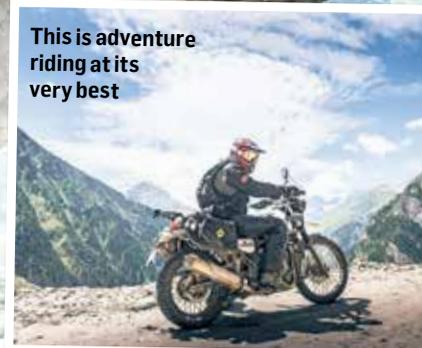
Accommodation varies from sumptuous to basic, and it's those

nights under canvas on an unforgiving roll mat where you'll get the best sleep – long days on unmade roads are a true test of endurance. As for the food, it knocks any curry back home into a cocked hat.

Kit needs to be durable and comfortable – think textiles that you can combine with hard armour. Sturdy boots are a must given the terrain, as is an off-road style helmet and goggles. Temperatures can vary by 30°C in a single day so layers are vital.

This is like no other adventure; at times it will take you far beyond your comfort zone, but with the camaraderie of a group of riders and the support of Nomadic Knights' expert team, you'll be rewarded with an achievement that most people will only ever dream of.

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From rock-strewn passes to Alpine-style switchbacks it is the ride of a lifetime

THE INFO

Rated

Fun ●●●●●●●●●●

Danger ●●●●●●●●●●

Difficulty ●●●●●●●●●●

Overall rating

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What is it?

This is one of the most demanding motorcycle tours on the planet. This spectacular 1300-mile, 12-day ride reaches altitudes of up to 5000 metres on a perilous route over the high passes of the Indian Himalayas, traversing regions so remote they're inaccessible for six months of the year.

Who's it for?

This once-in-a-lifetime experience is for anyone who wants to test the limits of their physical and mental endurance among scenery so impossibly beautiful that at times it can be hard to comprehend. You don't need to be a hugely experienced rider but a good sense of humour and positive mental attitude are essential.

What are the bikes?

The latest Royal Enfield Himalayan; these rugged 400s are perfectly suited for tackling the mountain range after which they're named. Cutting edge they may not be, but when it comes to the crunch the simple engineering, long travel suspension and superb ergonomics make it ideal.

- **Where** Northern India
- **When** August 5-19
- **What's included** Bike, fuel, accommodation, breakfast, dinner and local transfers.
- **Prices** \$4,980 (£3,700) + flights and visa
- **Contact** www.nomadicknights.com

TWO ROUTES TO DO

Exmoor

Miles 75

Scenery ●●●●●

Roads ●●●●●

This 75-mile loop takes you through beautiful Exmoor, with stunning scenery, wild ponies and pheasants aplenty. Hug the coast road in an anti-clockwise direction from Minehead. Be careful on Porlock Hill with its 1:4 gradient and sharp bends. At Lynton, turn inland on the A39 and A399 – as you pick up the A361 watch out for speed cameras. At Tiverton head back towards Minehead on the A396.



This loop around Exmoor is pure motorcycling gold

Isle of Wight

Miles 60

Scenery ●●●●●

Roads ●●●●●

The short hop on the Portsmouth to Isle of Wight ferry costs about £40, so rather than a day's ride make this a leisurely-paced mini-break. Roll off the ferry at Cowes and follow the coastal A3054 to Totland. Stop off to check out The Needles before heading on the B3055 to the UK's oldest amusement park, Blackgang Chine. Continue on the B3055 towards Sandown and Ryde before finishing the loop at Cowes.



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