How to get here: Roof of India

You need to fly in and out of Chandigarh International Airport (also known as Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport), India.

You need to arrive at the very latest, on the start day of the tour which is the 05/08/28. However, you can arrive the day before (04/08/28) or earlier, stay in Chandigarh and get a good sleep. The choice is yours.

The pick- up point will be at the following hotel at 13.00hrs (India Time) on the 05/08/28: Hometel Chandigarh, Plot No. 147-148, Industrial Area Phase 1, Chandigarh. 160002. Tel: 0091 1724 299999. www.sarovarhotels.com

If you are arriving before the start day of the tour, please book and pay directly with Hometel. Mention that you're part of Nomadic Knights motorcycle tour group.

Once you land, you can get a taxi from the airport to Hometel quite easily as it's only around 10kms from the airport. Uber is also available. This distance may vary depending on the route the driver has to take due to traffic conditions. Ask the price first.

There is a nice reception area where you can relax, have a cool drink, or get some food.

If you do decide to arrive early, this is a good hotel to stay at and perhaps do a little bit of sightseeing in Chandigarh. The city layout is unique in India and was designed by Le Corbusier. Places of interest are the Open Hand Monument, the Rock Garden, the Rose Garden, Sukhna Lake, the Garden of Silence and the Butterfly Park. Alternatively, hire a local tuk tuk and take a tour of the city. It's worth seeing.

At 13.00hrs (India Time) on the 05/08/28, there will be a member of the Nomadic Knights team to meet you at the hotel with transport available. The distance is around 130 kms and the journey should take around four to five hours depending on traffic. As you ascend the beautiful foothills of the Himalayas, it's likely that you'll stop on the way for Chai (Indian Sweet Tea) and a snack. Try a freshly made Samosa. They're delicious.

If there are any problems, you call/text/WhatsApp me on my mobile: 0091 9623 048879.

We end the ride in Kufri (Shimla) on the 18/08/28 and leave the next day for the airport on the 19/08/28.

We will have transport available from the hotel at Kufri (Shimla) leaving at 09.00hrs on the 19/08/28 to take you back to Chandigarh Airport. The journey should take around five hours. In my experience, it's always better to arrange your departing flight from Chandigarh as late as you possibly can. Early evening is recommended.

If you have taken the train & hotel optional extra at the end, your transport will be arranged separately.

DEPART FROM CHANDIGARH ON THE 20/08/28 IF YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE OPTIONAL EXTRA NIGHTS STAY. DETAILS CAN BE FOUND DURING BOOKING ONLINE.

It's likely that your outbound flight will be via Delhi. Please make sure that you have checked in at least two hours prior to your flight. Inward and outbound. Double check this with your airline.

See you in the Himalayas.

Alex Pirie

Founder and Lead Rider.