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THE HIMALAYAN DASH

The Himalayan Dash is an annual organised driving excursion starting from Shimla on 3rd of July, 2016 and moving through Manali, Jispa, Sarchu, Leh, Nubra Valley, Pangong Tso Lake, and Mulbeg before culminating in Srinagar on the 12th of July, 2016.



The route is carefully planned to provide an unforgettable motoring experience, with relaxed driving and adequate breaks. The itinerary is also flexible with options to drive in the full 11 night excursion to Srinagar or return from Leh after the 6th or 9th night. The drive allows gradual acclimatization while crossing some of the world's highest motorable mountain passes; long stretches of the cold desert and deep gorges of the Beas, Chandra & Indus rivers.

The Himalayan Dash is neither a race nor a rally but a motoring expedition where participants drive together in a group following convoy rules. All vehicles start together every morning and end the day at the same night halt. Adequate halts are planned in between to discuss directions, take pictures, eat food, and enjoy the holiday!

Cougar Motorsport takes care of all details including:

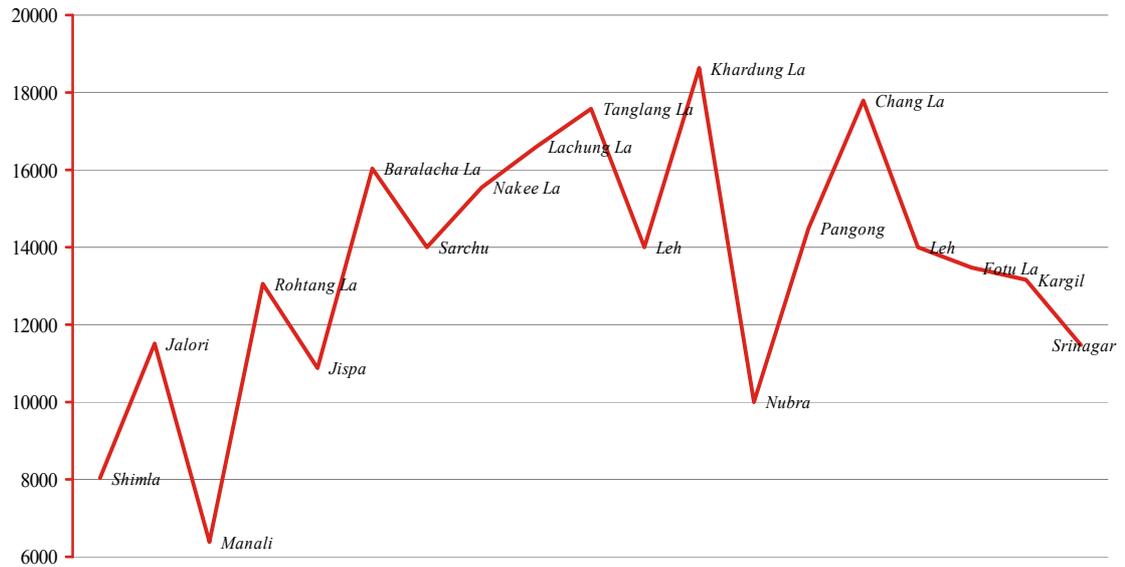
- Planning the route and itinerary to include the “must see” sights
- Road books, GPS tracks

- Coordination of the convoy
- Local guidance and support from experts
- The best boarding and lodging available en-route including The Wildflower Hall, Shimla, Johnson Lodge, Manali, The Grand Dragon Ladakh, Leh and The Lalit Grand Palace, Srinagar
- Doctor and ambulance with oxygen and medical supplies
- Service support
- Liaison with the local authorities for permits

The itinerary for The Himalayan Dash is designed for gradual acclimatization and to include the best lodging and boarding options available on this route.

Day	Date	Weekday	From	To	Kms	Night Halt
0	02-Jul	Saturday	-	Shimla	-	Oberoi Wildflower Hall
1	03-Jul	Sunday	Shimla	Manali	250	Rock Manali
2	04-Jul	Monday	Manali	Jispa	145	Ibex Hotel
3	05-Jul	Tuesday	Jispa	Sarchu	72	Goldrop Camp
4	06-Jul	Wednesday	Sarchu	Leh	251	The Grand Dragon Ladakh
5	07-Jul	Thursday	Leh	Leh	0	The Grand Dragon Ladakh
6	08-Jul	Friday	Leh	Nubra	128	Royal Camp
7	09-Jul	Saturday	Nubra	Pangong	250	Martesemik Camp
8	10-Jul	Sunday	Pangong	Leh	145	The Grand Dragon Ladakh
9	11-Jul	Monday	Leh	Mulbeg	185	Nunkum Camp
10	12-Jul	Tuesday	Mulbeg	Srinagar	244	The Lalit Grand Palace
				Total	1670	

Cougar Motorsport reserves the right to change the night halt options described above with similar rated hotels and resorts.



Day 0: Shimla

Participants to arrive at Chharabara, Shimla from their respective cities of origin at their own pace for the evening briefing and night halt at The Wildflower Hall (★★★★★), an Oberoi Hotels run property 13 Kms from Shimla rated as the 5th best resort in Asia. Try and arrive early to enjoy the property – check in starts from 1400 hrs.

Day 1: Shimla to Manali

With an early start, we drive to Manali through parts of the old Hindustan-Tibet road and across the Jalori pass. The night halt will be at Rock Manali (★★★★). Approximate driving day of 8 hours.

Day 2: Manali to Jispa

From Manali, we drive across the Rohtang pass to Jispa, a small village on the banks of Bhaga River (a tributary of Chenab) in Lahaul region. Though the next planned overnight halt is just 72 Km away, a halt at Jispa has been planned for proper acclimatization to high altitude. On our way to Jispa, we will be refuelling at Tandi which is the last fuel station before Leh. The overnight stay will be at Hotel Ibex, located on the banks of the Bhaga. Approximate driving day of 7 hours.

Day 3: Jispa to Sarchu

The road beyond Jispa follows the picturesque Bhaga river across Baralacha La pass. Sarchu is on the Himachal Pradesh-Jammu & Kashmir border. Enroute to Sarchu we will pass the Surajtal Lake. Overnight stay will be at the Goldrop Camp, the first camping halt for the expedition. Approximate driving day of 4 hours.

Day 4: Sarchu to Leh

After a relaxed day at Sarchu, an early start will take us to Leh. We will cross Zaskar range and climb up the Gatta Loops, a series of 21 hairpin bends carved into the mountainside and then pass Lachung La and Nakee La passes, Pang & More plains and the Tanglang La pass as well. Enroute to Leh we can stop at the Thiksey, Shey and Hemis monasteries. Overnight stay will be at The Grand Dragon Ladakh (★★★★★). Approximate driving day of 8 hours.

Day 5: Leh

This is a rest day in Leh that can be used to soak in the rich local culture & heritage and to visit some of the monasteries of importance to the region. Participants in the 6 night option will leave the expedition after this.

Day 6: Leh to Hundar

From Leh we drive to Nubra Valley, the road to which passes through Khardung La Pass, which was once the highest motorable road in the world. Nubra valley, just south of Siachen glacier, separates the Ladakh & Karakoram ranges of Himalayas and is a high altitude desert with scant vegetation. Historically, this was an important trade centre with Central Asia & East Turkestan. In Hundar one can see people with startling blue eyes, auburn hair and rosy cheeks which according to local lore are descendents of a Greek tribe. Nubra is home to several 17th century Gompas including 132 year old Samstanling Gompa & Chamba Gompa. Diskit monastery located on a hill is the largest and oldest monastery in Nubra. Next to Hundar are several kilometers of sand dunes and one can enjoy a camel ride on the near extinct two humped Bactrian camels. Overnight stay will be at the Royal Camp. Approximate driving day of 5 hours.

Day 7: Hundar to Pangong Tso Lake

We will drive from Hundar to Pangong Lake. Pangong is a saline water lake on the Line of Actual Control (60% of the lake is under Chinese control) between India & China. Overnight stay will be at the Martesemik Camp. Approximate driving day of 9 hours.

Day 8: Pangong Tso to Leh

On day 8, we return from Pangong Tso to Leh. Participants in the 9 night option will leave the expedition after this. Overnight stay in Leh will again be at The Grand Dragon Ladakh (★★★★★). Approximate driving day of 6 hours.

Day 9: Leh to Mulbeg

We begin our journey on the Leh to Srinagar highway and will pass Magnetic hill where layout of the surrounding hills produce an optical illusion and a downhill slope appears to be an uphill slope. As a result the vehicle appears to move uphill without any external power. We will climb the 18 hairpin Hangro loops to cross Fotu La, the highest point on the Leh-Srinagar highway and exit the

Indus valley. Enroute, we also pass the Lamayuru monastery. Overnight stay will be at Nunkum Camp at Shargol. Approximate driving day of 6 hours.

Day 10: Mulbeg to Srinagar

Our final drive of the expedition, on which we drive across Kargil & Drass towards Srinagar. We will cross the Zojila pass and several hills like Tiger hill which came into public consciousness as a result of the Kargill war. Overnight stay in Srinagar will be at The Lalit Grand Palace (★★★★★). Approximate driving day of 7 hours.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Any person holding a valid driving license / permit recognised in India may register to participate in The Himalayan Dash.
2. The Organisers, at their discretion may accept or reject any registration and participant for The Himalayan Dash.
3. Any four wheeled vehicle, with either 2 wheel drive or 4 wheel drive, can be driven in The Himalayan Dash. A vehicle with a high ground clearance, reliable mechanical systems, good brake, tyre and battery condition, is recommended. All vehicles must have a private (not commercial or self drive) registration and comply with the legal requirements of cars used on public roads in India. A Letter of Authority for the use of the vehicle must be produced from the owner of the vehicle in case the owner is not a member of the crew. It is compulsory for the vehicle to have a valid comprehensive insurance coverage policy.

4. The charges for Indian Nationals for participating in The Himalayan Dash are as follows:

Shimla – Srinagar (11 nights)	Shimla – Leh (9 nights)	Shimla – Leh (6 nights)
INR 100,000/- per head	INR 80,000/- per head	INR 70,000/- per head

Inclusive of Service Tax. Charges for foreign nationals are available on request.

5. The charges specified above are for each crew member in the participating vehicle and includes accommodation on twin sharing basis along with breakfast, packed refreshments and dinner at the specified halts and night halts, inner line permits, local guides, doctor and ambulance with oxygen and medical supplies, service crew and equipment and high risk personal accident insurance coverage of at least INR 5,00,000 (Indian Rupees Five Hundred Thousand Only) including hospitalisation benefits.
6. The single room supplement payable in case a participant does not want accommodation on a twin sharing basis will be as follows:

Shimla – Srinagar (11 nights)	Shimla – Leh (9 nights)	Shimla – Leh (6 nights)
INR 25,000/- per head	INR 20,000/- per head	INR 15,000/- per head

7. The charges can be paid by Cheque / Demand Draft in favour of “Cougar Motorsport Private Limited” or through bank transfer in favour of Cougar Motorsport Private Limited, Current A/c no 00090210001400 with UCO Bank, H-46 Connaught Place, New Delhi UCBA0000009
8. Participants can register and secure their participation in The Himalayan Dash by paying an initial registration amount of INR 10,000/- per head. The balance registration charges have to be paid in

full and the related documentation as specified in the registration form has to be completed by the 1st of May, 2016. Failure to pay the registration charges in full and completion of documentation by this date will result in cancellation of the registration and forfeiture of the initial registration amount.

9. The charges paid will be refunded on cancellation of The Himalayan Dash by the Organisers. The charges will NOT be refunded for ANY OTHER reason.
10. Participants may bring their drivers in their vehicles to accompany them on The Himalayan Dash. Registration of the drivers is compulsory. The charges payable for registration will be INR 10,000 per head. These charges include accommodation at night halts where drivers accommodation is not provided by the hotels, along with breakfast, packed refreshments and dinner at the specified halts and night halts, inner line permits, doctor and ambulance with oxygen with medical supplies. and high risk personal accident insurance coverage of at least INR 5,00,000 (Indian Rupees Five Hundred Thousand Only) including hospitalisation benefits.
11. Participants may opt to have their vehicles transported from Srinagar or Leh, as applicable. The charges for such services provided by transporters in Leh are around INR 30,000 per vehicle. It takes around 7-10 days for the vehicles to be transported depending upon availability of carriers, road conditions etc.
12. The Himalayan Dash will take the participants into altitudes above 4,500 meters/14,000 feet and they should be familiar with the prevention, recognition, and treatment of altitude sickness including shortness of breath, restlessness or sleeplessness, and headaches as well as other health dangers potentially arising from such high altitude. To learn more about this topic visit www.high-altitude-medicine.com and see the medical notes.
13. In case medical assistance is required by a participant, the accompanying medical team will try and provide the necessary assistance within their means and the medical supplies and equipment available with them, subject to the participant continuing to remain with the convoy. The medical team may take a decision to transport the participant to the nearest appropriate medical facility, using any terrestrial or aerial means. Decisions will be based only on the medical aspect and the respect of the health regulations in vigour, either to hospitalise the participant in a nearby medical facility, before envisaging transport to the nearest hospital/facility at the nearest town. The information of the patient's regular doctor, often important, may help the medical team make the most opportune decision. It is, in this regard, expressly stated that the final decision concerning the medical interests of the participant, rest with the medical team. In case where the participant refuses to follow the decision considered as the most opportune by the medical team, they discharge Cougar Motorsport of all responsibility, notably in the case where the participant returns by their own means or in the case where the participant aggravates their own health. They may therefore not make any claim to be refunded any expenses incurred. If the health of the participant

causes, in the conditions indicated above, the medical team to decide to transfer them or repatriate them, the Organisers will assume the task of transport. In such an event, the cost of the transportation will be borne by the participant. This transport may be done by all appropriate means (local vehicle, officials vehicle, light medical vehicle, ambulance, scheduled flight, ambulance plane) if necessary under medical surveillance. Only the medical interests of the participant and the respect of current health regulations will be considered when choosing the means of transport used. All medical costs incurred (consultation, medication prescribed by a doctor or a surgeon, medical costs decided by the medical team), except the medical assistance by the accompanying medical team, are the responsibility of the participant.

14. The safekeeping of the participant's vehicles will remain the sole responsibility of the participants. In case of a breakdown in the participant's vehicle, the accompanying service team will try to carry out possible repairs within their means and the spares and equipment available with them, subject to the participant's vehicle continuing to remain with the convoy. In case of a major breakdown that cannot be repaired, the Organisers will use their best efforts to arrange for a recovery vehicle to transport the participant's vehicle to the nearest point where repair facilities may be available. In such an event, the cost of the recovery vehicle will be borne by the participant. The Organisers will not be under any obligation to arrange for alternate vehicles or transportation for the participants to continue in The Himalayan Dash and no request for refund of charges for the remaining journey will be entertained.
15. All participants are responsible for calculating the fuel range of their vehicles and must refuel their vehicles at the commercial fuel pumps enroute. Re-fuelling at the last fuel pump at Tandi on the Manali-Leh highway will be mandatory for all vehicles.
16. **Limitation of Liability:** These Terms and Conditions govern the relationship between you, the participant, and Cougar Motorsport Private Limited along with its shareholders, sponsors, affiliates, sub-contractors and suppliers and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, servants and agents ("Cougar Motorsport" or the "Organisers"). By registering for The Himalayan Dash, you agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. Although Cougar Motorsport, is making the arrangement for The Himalayan Dash, our responsibility is limited. Cougar Motorsport is involved in the bookings related to The Himalayan Dash but does not act as an agent for any party whatsoever. The limits of our responsibility arise from the fact that we liaise with independent third parties such as independent tour operators, hotel companies, transportation companies and/ or drivers and other ground operators and suppliers to supply goods and services to participants; however such third parties are not our employees or agents or employers or principals. Accordingly, each participant agrees that Cougar Motorsport shall not and shall be deemed not to manage, control or supervise the goods or services they supply and shall not be liable for any acts or omissions, including any negligence, gross negligence, or reckless or willful

acts, on the part of such third parties or any other defect in such goods or services. By accepting and utilizing the goods and/ or services of said third parties, each participant agrees that Cougar Motorsport shall not be held liable in any way for any injury, loss, damage, delay, or death or property loss or damage arising from any act or omission of any such third party. Participants will be subject to the terms and conditions, if any, made applicable by such third party suppliers. Cougar Motorsport reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary at its sole discretion. The right is reserved to change or substitute hotels, alter the itinerary, reverse the order of places to be visited, or to cancel the tour at the sole discretion of Cougar Motorsport. Cougar Motorsport is not responsible for expenses incurred by participants in preparation for The Himalayan Dash or for any other travel arrangements made by the participants.

17. The Organisers shall not be responsible for any delays or alterations in the programme or expenses incurred - directly or indirectly - due to natural hazards, accident, mechanical breakdowns, weather, sickness, landslides, political closures or any untoward incidents.
18. Other than the high risk personal accident insurance coverage described above, the Organisers will not take any insurance policy covering any other risk. Participants are advised to seek their own insurance coverage as they seek appropriate. All baggage and personal property/s at all times will be at the participants' risk and participants agree that Organisers will be not be in a position to guard or protect their belongings at any time.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Completed Registration Form
2. Completed Crew Member Details Form for each crew member
3. Signed Indemnity, Waiver & Declaration Form for each crew member
4. Signed PA Policy application form for each crew member
5. Copy of the registration certificate of the vehicle
6. Authority letter from owner of vehicle (Only if owner is not a crew member - format attached)
7. Copy of the insurance policy of the vehicle
8. Copy of driver's license for each crew member
9. A copy of passport / voter ID for each crew member
10. Three (3) photographs of each crew member with names written at the back of the photographs
11. Cheque/Draft drawn in favour of "Cougar Motorsport Private Limited" or through bank transfer in favour of Cougar Motorsport Private Limited, , Current A/c no 00090210001400 with UCO Bank, H-46 Connaught Place, New Delhi UCBA0000009