



The Big Crossing

The Big Crossing Across 4 States
Transformative Royal Enfield Motorcycle Tour
- Chennai to Goa -



18 days and 17 nights

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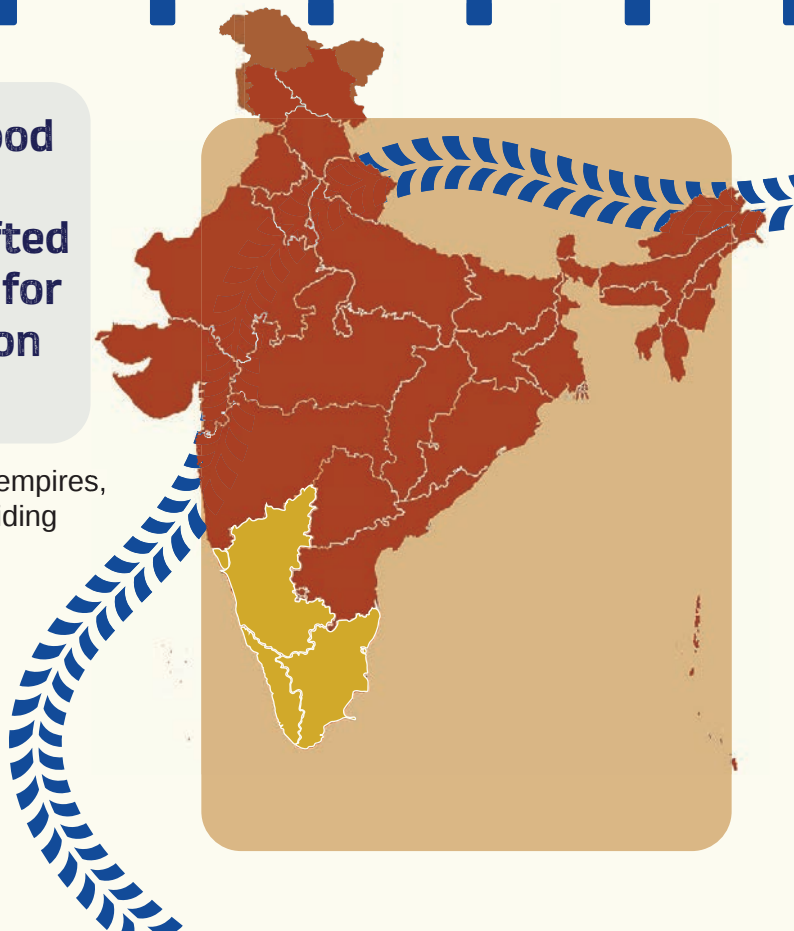
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Accommodation

Join Jonathan Spark, director of Good Vibrations on a fully supported expedition across South India—crafted for individuals and couples looking for a refined motorcycling experience on the magical roads of South India.

From coastal highways to misty mountains and ancient empires, this journey handpicks some of India's most rewarding riding routes.

Guests embark on an extraordinary journey astride the legendary Royal Enfield, where heritage meets adventure, immersive cultural encounters and comfortable accommodation.



Days	Itinerary
Day 1	Arrive in Chennai
Day 2	Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry
Day 3	Pondicherry- Tanjore
Day 4	Tanjore - Madurai
Day 5	Madurai - Kumily Town
Day 6	Kumily
Day 7	Kumily - Alleppey
Day 8	Alleppey - Cochin
Day 9	Cochin - Ooty
Day 10	Ooty - Mysore
Day 11	Mysore
Day 12	Mysore - Hassan
Day 13	Hassan - Hampi
Day 14	Hampi
Day 15	Hampi - Badami
Day 16	Badami - Goa
Day 17	Goa
Day 18	Goa - Depart

We'll visit the vibrant coastal charm of Chennai to the laid-back elegance of Goa. Every mile unfolds a new story.

Expert guides and a dedicated support crew ensure a seamless and worry-free experience throughout the journey.



Arrival in Chennai - Transfer to Mahabalipuram Day 1

Arrive in Chennai, where you'll be warmly welcomed and privately transferred along the coast to Mahabalipuram. Check into a serene beachfront resort where the sound of the ocean sets the tone for the journey ahead. In the evening, meet your tour leader for a relaxed briefing over cocktails and dinner.

Highlights: Seamless arrival, oceanfront setting, welcome briefing.

Mahabalipuram to Pondicherry Day 2 [100km]

Begin your ride along the iconic East Coast Road, one of India's most scenic coastal drives. Stop at the UNESCO-listed Shore Temple before continuing past fishing villages and palm-lined stretches.

The ride along the East Coast Road from Mahabalipuram to Pondicherry is a graceful blend of ocean breeze and open highway elegance. With the Bay of Bengal shimmering beside you, the journey offers uninterrupted coastal vistas and a soothing sense of freedom. Smooth, well-laid roads invite a relaxed yet exhilarating riding experience, ideal for cruising at a comfortable pace. Along the way, glimpses of fishing villages, swaying palms, and quiet backwaters add an authentic charm to the route.

As you approach Pondicherry, the atmosphere gently shifts to coastal calm, setting the tone for a stylish arrival. Arrive in Pondicherry and settle into a charming boutique hotel in the French Quarter. Evening at leisure to explore cafés and seaside promenades.

Highlights: Coastal riding, French colonial charm, relaxed pace.





Pondicherry to Tanjore Day 3

[180km]

Leave the coast behind and ride into the heart of Tamil Nadu. The roads stretch through lush paddy fields, coconut groves, and timeless rural landscapes. Along the way, glimpses of village life, temple spires, and vibrant local markets add depth to the journey. As you approach Tanjore, the landscape begins to echo its regal heritage, welcoming your arrival.

In Tanjore, visit the magnificent Brihadeeswara Temple - an architectural masterpiece and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Evening at leisure in a heritage setting.

Highlights: Cultural depth, temple architecture, rural landscapes.



Tanjore to Madurai Day 4

[190km]

Your mornings ride leads to Madurai, one of India's oldest living cities.

The ride from Tanjore to Madurai carries you through the fertile heartland of Tamil Nadu, where emerald fields and river-fed plains stretch endlessly. The landscape is dotted with age-old temples, quiet villages, and glimpses of traditional farming life.

As the journey progresses, the scenery gradually shifts, with rocky outcrops and distant hills hinting at Madurai's ancient setting.

Approaching the city, the iconic temple towers rise on the horizon. In the evening, witness the prayer ceremony at the Meenakshi Temple - an immersive cultural experience. Return to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay.

Highlights: Historic city, spiritual ceremony, vibrant streets.



Madurai to Kumily town Day 5

[140km]

Ride toward the Western Ghats as the terrain gradually transforms into lush greenery. Departing Madurai, the ride gradually leaves the bustling plains behind and begins its ascent into the cool highlands of the Western Ghats. Sweeping bends and gentle hairpins lead to lush greenery, spice plantations, and dense forests. Filling the air with a refreshing, aromatic breeze.

As you climb higher, the temperature drops pleasantly, and panoramic valley views unfold at every turn. Arriving in Kumily (Thekkady), you are welcomed by a tranquil hill-station charm, surrounded by nature.

Highlights: Scenic transition, spice-scented air, peaceful setting



Kumily Rest Day Day 6

A day to slow down and indulge. Opt for a guided boat safari on Periyar Lake, a private spice plantation tour, or rejuvenating Ayurvedic therapies. The setting invites relaxation, a day for you to choose your pace.

Kumily to Alleppey Day 7

[140km]

Descend from the hills into Kerala's famous backwaters. Descending from the cool hills of Kumily, the ride gently unwinds through misty forests and fragrant spice plantations. The winding mountain roads gradually give way to smoother stretches, allowing a relaxed riding experience.

As you enter the plains, the scenery transforms into lush paddy fields, coconut groves, and shimmering canals. The air grows warmer and carries the scent of water and greenery, hinting at Kerala's enchanting backwaters.

Approaching Alleppey, the landscape becomes a tranquil mosaic of lagoons and palm-lined waterways. Arrive in Alleppey and step into a different rhythm of life. Enjoy a 2 hour cruise on Lake Vembanad. Spend a relaxed evening at an exclusive backwater resort, enjoying local cuisine.

Highlights: Backwater cruise, slow travel, sunset views

Alleppey to Cochin Day 8

[60km]

The ride from Alleppey to Kochi glides through Kerala's enchanting backwaters, where narrow roads weave between canals and swaying palms. An unhurried pace allows you to absorb the rhythm of village life along the water's edge. Traditional houseboats drift alongside, while lush greenery and quiet lagoons create a soothing, scenic backdrop.

As you draw closer to Kochi, the route becomes livelier with hints of a vibrant port city. Arriving into Kochi's, heritage, culture, and seaside elegance.

Check into a beautifully restored heritage hotel in Fort Kochi. Spend the afternoon exploring colonial lanes, Dutch palaces, art cafés, and the iconic Chinese fishing nets.

Highlights: Colonial ambiance, art culture, coastal charm





Cochin to Ooty Day 9 [250km]

Today's ride is long but richly rewarding. Leaving Kochi's coastal charm behind, the ride gradually climbs into Kerala's lush interiors and the rising foothills of the Western Ghats.

Dense forests, tea estates, and mist-laden valleys create a dramatic and ever-changing landscape. As you ascend, the air turns crisp and cool, with panoramic viewpoints revealing breath-taking mountain vistas.

Arriving in Ooty, you are welcomed by rolling hills, manicured tea gardens, and the timeless elegance of a classic hill station. Check into your 4 star hotel. Evening free at leisure or stroll in local market.

Highlights: Mountain ascent, tea estates, dramatic landscapes



Ooty to Mysore Day 10 [125km]

Departing Ooty, descend through the scenic Nilgiri hills, with a series of sweeping bends and hairpin curves. Misty forests gradually open into expansive views, with eucalyptus groves and tea gardens lining the winding roads. As you move lower, the terrain transitions into the wild beauty of the Bandipur region, with stretches skirting dense forests and possible wildlife sightings.

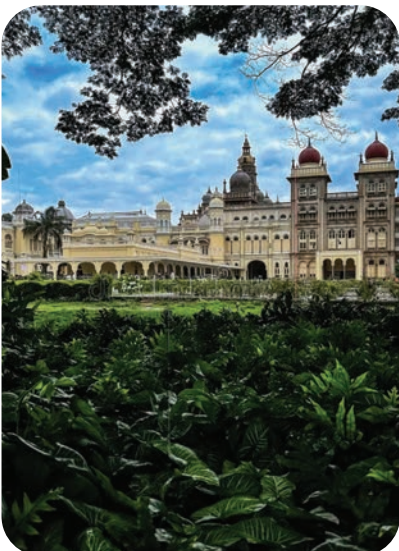
Reach Mysore, a city of heritage and grandeur and check into a hotel reflecting the city's royal past.

Highlights: Forest ride, wildlife corridor, royal heritage.

Mysore Rest Day Day 11

Explore Mysore at a relaxed pace. Visit the grand Mysore Palace, stroll through local markets, or book a private cultural experience. This day offers a perfect balance between exploration and comfort.

Highlights: Culture, architecture, leisure.





Mysore to Hassan *Day 12*

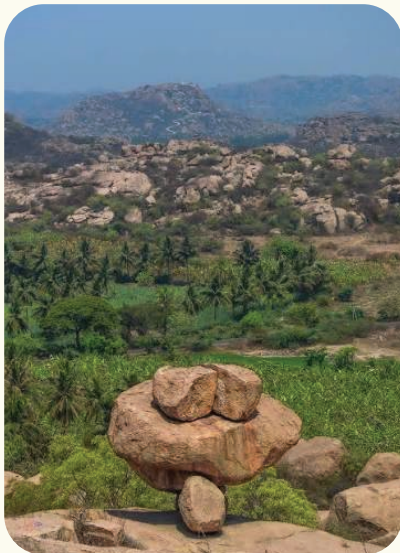
[130km]

Ride through scenic countryside and traditional villages. The journey is smooth and unhurried, allowing you to fully enjoy the rhythm of rural Karnataka. Leaving Mysore's regal avenues behind, the ride unfolds across Karnataka's serene countryside, marked by open skies and gentle horizons. Well-paved highways offer a smooth riding experience, ideal for cruising.

The route passes through quiet towns, fertile farmlands, and scattered coconut groves, reflecting the region's rustic charm. Occasional glimpses of ancient temples and local markets.

As you approach Hassan, the landscape hints at its rich heritage, preparing you for your arrival near some of South India's finest architectural treasures. Arrive and visit the Halebidu and Belur temples.

Highlights: Easy riding, authentic landscapes.



Hassan to Hampi *Day 13*

[330km]

A longer riding day of diverse terrain.

Leaving Hassan, the ride opens into Karnataka's vast heartland, riding long, flowing highways. The landscape gradually shifts from fertile fields to drier plains, dotted with rocky outcrops and wide, open skies.

Along the way, enjoy views of rural life and ancient shrines.

As you near Hampi, dramatic boulder-strewn hills rise on the horizon, creating a striking and unforgettable approach to this historic landscape. Arrive and settle into a boutique resort set amidst this unique backdrop.

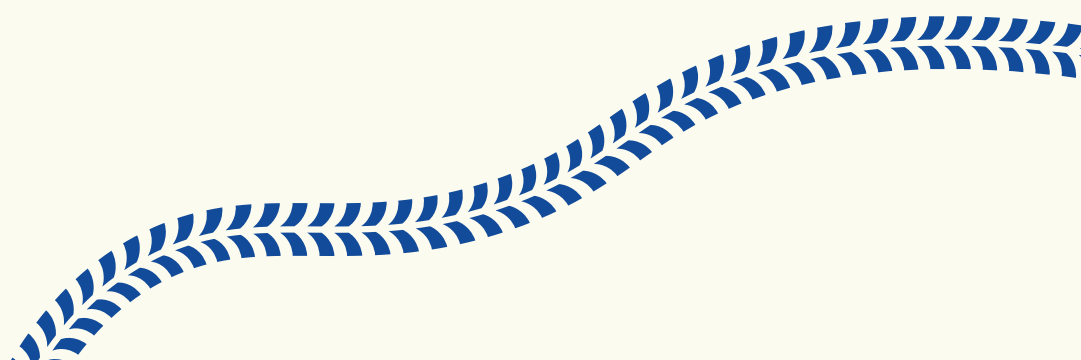
Highlights: Epic ride, changing landscapes, dramatic arrival



Hampi exploration Day *Day 14*

Spend the day exploring the UNESCO World Heritage ruins of Hampi. Discover ancient temples, royal enclosures, and striking rock formations with a knowledgeable guide.

Highlights: History, architecture, unforgettable scenery





Hampi to Badami Day 15

[140km]

Ride through lesser-traveled roads to Badami, known for its red sandstone cliffs and cave temples. Departing Hampi, the ride carries you through a landscape of rust-coloured earth and scattered boulder formations.

As you progress, the terrain becomes increasingly rugged, with dramatic rock formations and sandstone cliffs shaping the horizon. Quiet villages and ancient remnants along the way add a sense of timeless heritage to the journey. On the way visit of Aihole and Pattadakal temples. Arriving in Badami, the scene culminates in majestic red cliffs and cave temples, creating a powerful and memorable entrance.

Highlights: Cave temples, historic landscapes.



Badami to Goa Day 16

[250km]

Ride westward as the terrain shifts from plateau to lush coastal plains. The final stretch brings you to Goa, where palm-fringed beaches and ocean breezes welcome you.

Riding a pleasing mix of open stretches and gentle curves, you'll approach the Western Ghats.

Today marks the end of our Big Crossing Adventure. After completing this incredible motorcycle journey across India, we will arrive in Goa and hand over the motorcycles to our local office.

The motorcycle services officially conclude today, and the bikes will be returned at the end of the day. From this point onwards, any further travel or activities will be arranged separately and will not include the use of the motorcycles.

Highlights: Scenic transition, coastal arrival, ocean views.



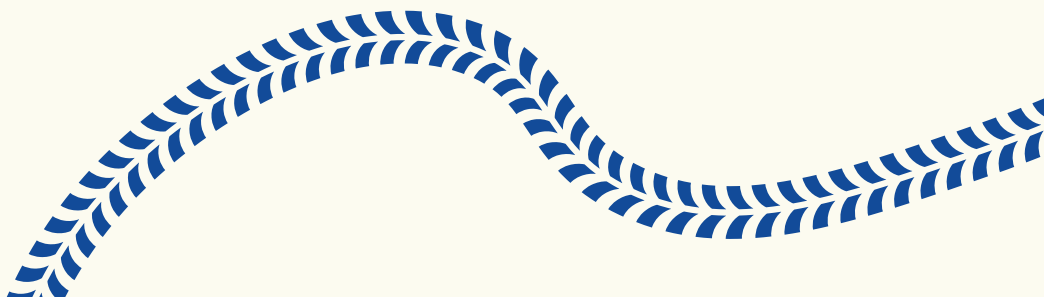
Goa (Leisure Day) Day 17

A well-earned day to relax. Enjoy the beach, indulge in spa treatments, or explore Goa's Portuguese heritage and vibrant cafés.

Highlights: Relaxation, beach lifestyle, fine dining.

Goa - Departure Day 18

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding an unforgettable motorcycling experience across South India.



Costs

Cost based on 6 persons



Ride solo and shared room basis: 4670 NZD

- Motorcycle provided for you to ride
- Shared twin/double room



Ride solo and private room basis: 5915 NZD

- Motorcycle provided for you to ride
- Private single room



Pillion rider and shared room basis: 4235 NZD

- Pillion Rider accompanied by traveller driver
- Shared twin/double room

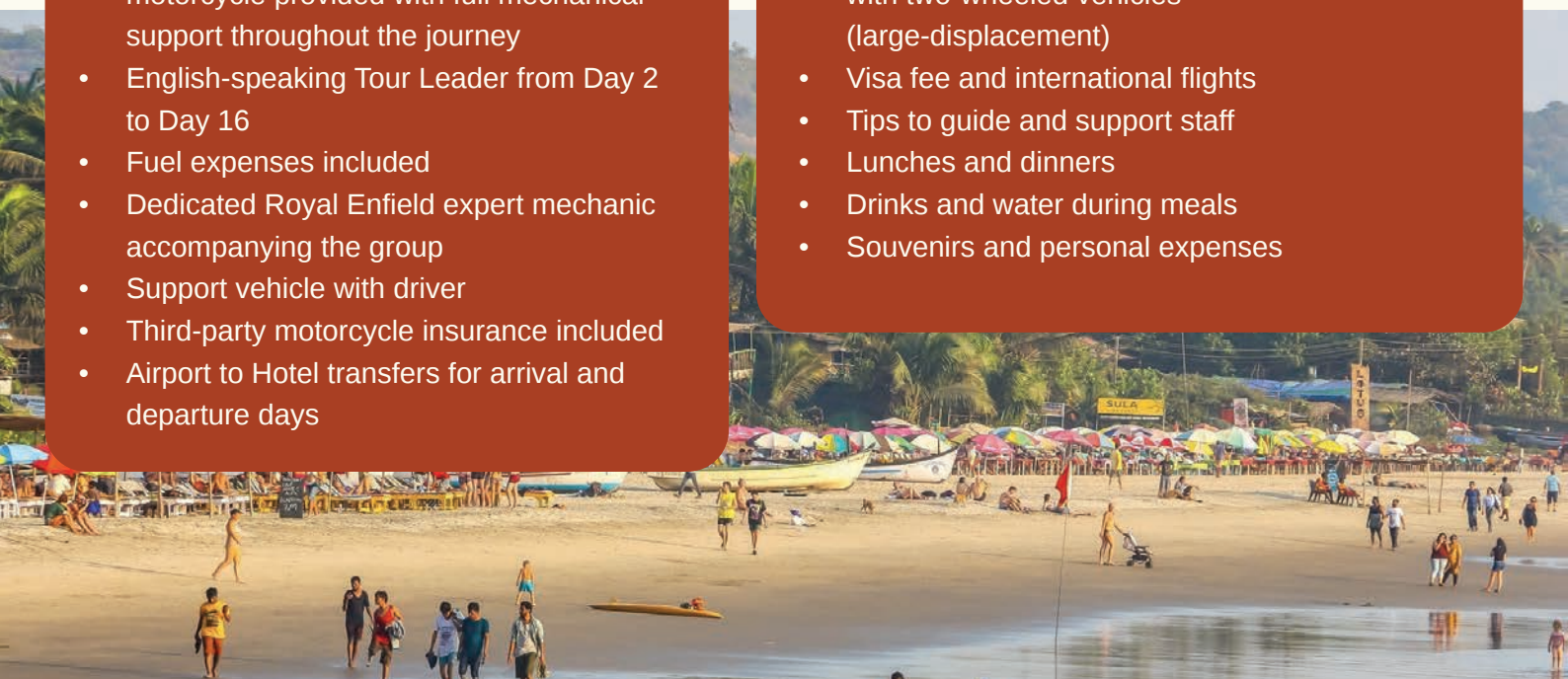


Cost Includes

- Hotel accommodation on twin share in 3 and 4 star hotels
- Daily breakfast in all hotels
- A Royal Enfield Himalayan 410 CC motorcycle provided with full mechanical support throughout the journey
- English-speaking Tour Leader from Day 2 to Day 16
- Fuel expenses included
- Dedicated Royal Enfield expert mechanic accompanying the group
- Support vehicle with driver
- Third-party motorcycle insurance included
- Airport to Hotel transfers for arrival and departure days

Cost Does Not Include

- Mandatory insurance: an insurance that covers medical expenses and legal assistance
- Repatriation, which covers you for accidents with two-wheeled vehicles (large-displacement)
- Visa fee and international flights
- Tips to guide and support staff
- Lunches and dinners
- Drinks and water during meals
- Souvenirs and personal expenses



What to Pack

Suitable equipment is essential to ensure this adventure is a success! Here's what we recommend:

Motorcycle Equipment:

- Waterproof motorcycle boots or trekking shoes
- Light motorcycle jacket (leather or textile) with protections
- Riding gloves
- Sunglasses
- Helmet (mandatory!)
- A rain suit (just in case!)
- Bungee cords if you want to tie your bag to the motorcycle



Clothes and Personal Equipment

- Light cotton pants or motorcycle pants
- Shirts, T-shirts (long-sleeves are better to protect you from the sun)
- Warm jumper or jacket for cool evenings and mornings
- Swimming costume
- Buff or riding dust mask
- Good pair of sunglasses
- Hat or cap
- Pair of lightweight shoes (trainers) or trekking shoes
- Pair of sandals or flip-flops
- Some sweets and cereal bars

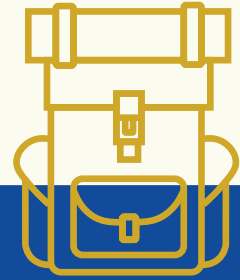


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Travel light! try to keep it below 15kg (33lbs), for your domestic flight and it be easier to handle your luggage.



Bags:

- Duffel bag (with some plastic bags to protect the contents) or large backpack without an external metal frame. You can lock it with a padlock. Possibly a backpack cover. Before leaving, attach a label to your bag with your contact details and India Personal Tours' contact details.
- A small backpack of 10/20 litres for daytime exploration. (camera, sunscreen lotion).
- For people sensitive to the cold: a warmer sleeping bag, e.g., suitable for -10 °C, or an extra duvet. A sleeping bag liner is recommended.

Personal First Aid Items:

- High-factor sun cream
- Moisturising lip balm
- Broad-spectrum antibiotics
- Paracetamol
- Antidiarrheal medication
- Elastoplast
- Skin disinfectant
- Dressings

