



## Lotos Rallye goes Himalaya 2026

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### Intro

#### Lotos Rallye goes Himalaya

Get ready for an extraordinary year! In 2026, for the first time in 13 years, the Lotos Rallye is embarking on a special edition that will take us across borders and into the heart of the Himalayas. We've designed a truly epic self-drive journey through India. This time, we're leaving our vintage jeeps behind to conquer the challenging, high-altitude terrain in rugged, locally-made Mahindra Thar jeeps. Our destination is the legendary Spiti Valley, and the road to get there is the adventure itself.

Your adventure begins in the urban hustle of Delhi, but soon the city melts away as you ascend into the lush, green hills of Himachal Pradesh. The roads, like winding ribbons, tighten and narrow as you pass through towns like Shimla. But this is just the beginning.

Beyond Kufri, the landscape transforms, and the real challenge starts. The roads become a test of skill and nerve as you conquer steep climbs, navigate challenging gravel paths, and ford icy river crossings. At dizzying altitudes of 3,000 to 4,500 meters, you won't just be driving; you'll feel like you're flying through the clouds, with every hairpin turn revealing a new, breathtaking view. This is a drive that demands every ounce of your focus, but the rewards are indescribable.

This is more than just a drive; it's an immersion into a world of incredible feats and ancient wonders. You'll visit the world's highest post office, an exhilarating experience where you can send a postcard from the top of the world. You'll also cross the planet's highest suspension bridge, suspended more than 4,500 meters above the ground.

Along the way, you'll delve deep into the region's rich Buddhist culture, coming face-to-face with a colossal Buddha statue that gazes majestically over the entire Himalayan range. This isn't just a self-drive tour; it's a true expedition that will push your limits and forge memories that will last a lifetime.

The Lotos Rallye is once again in the expert hands of André and Lily. Working side-by-side with their trusted Indian partner, they are the dynamic team who will be your guides on this incredibly special, self-drive tour. Their passion and experience are your passport to an unforgettable journey through the heart of the Himalayas!



### Day by Day

DAY 1:	New Delhi (DEL) - New Delhi
DAY 2:	New Delhi - Chandigarh
DAY 3:	Chandigarh - Narkanda
DAY 4:	Narkanda - Kalpa
DAY 5:	Kalpa
DAY 6:	Kalpa - Tabo
DAY 7:	Tabo
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DAY 9:	Kaza
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DAY 11:	Kaza - Manali
DAY 12:	Manali
DAY 13:	Manali - Chandigarh





## DAY 1: New Delhi (DEL) - New Delhi

### Welcome to India. Your story begins now.

Welcome to Delhi! Upon your arrival, one of our team representative will greet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. Situated in Aerocity, the hotel is just a short drive from the airport, located less than 6 km away. After checking in, take some time to rest and refresh after your journey.

Before dinner, we'll have a short briefing where we'll introduce ourselves and walk you through the trip details. In the evening, we'll gather for a delightful welcome dinner, where you can enjoy a taste local cuisine and meet fellow travelers.

Accommodation: ★★★★★

Included meals:

🏠 Aloft New Delhi Aerocity



🛏 Double room

Included today:

- ✓ Transfer airport to hotel
- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily



## DAY 2: New Delhi - Chandigarh

### The journey's prologue.

After breakfast, we'll depart Delhi on a comfortable bus ride to Chandigarh, watching the scenery shift from city bustle to green fields and small towns along the way. We'll stop for lunch en route. By afternoon, we'll reach Chandigarh, known for its clean design and calm vibe.

After hotel check-in, we'll enjoy a brief outing to Sukhna Lake and a peaceful Gurudwara visit before returning to the hotel for the night. In the evening, the convoy cars will be delivered and collected at the hotel, ready for the exciting drive ahead.

Accommodation: ★★★★★

Included meals:

🏨 JW Marriot Hotel Chandigarh  
🛏 Double room

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Included today:

- ✓ Luxury bus transfer New Delhi - Chadigarh
- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Chandigarh tour
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



### DAY 3: Chandigarh - Narkanda

#### The mountains are our new road.

Today the convoy will finally embark on the first thrilling leg of this Spiti road trip. The highways and byways will give way to the mist-covered mountains as soon as we reach Kufri, which is where we will make a quick stop for lunch before continuing our drive. The drive is both serene and thrilling, as winding roads amplify the excitement with each mile you cover to ascend the Shivalik range, where the small town of Narkanda awaits

Your cozy retreat, nestled in the backdrop of an Eden-like valley and clear skies, is no less than a slice of paradise. After a long drive, it is the perfect place to unwind with a cup of coffee. In the evening, we will have dinner with a bonfire, lively music, and great company.

Accommodation: ★★★

Included meals:

🏨 Tethys Ski Resort  
🛏 Double room

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Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team





## DAY 4: Narkanda - Kalpa

### Adventure on the edge. Serenity in the valley.

The next morning, we embark on a thrilling drive towards Kalpa. En route, we'll be traversing the Hindustan Tibet Highway, known for being one of the country's most thrilling roads. The drive consists of navigating some treacherous Himalayan routes, the occasional breeze caressing your hair along with the sound of the Baspa River keeping you company. The valley is also bestowed with forests, alpine meadows, and snowscapes that are to die for. As soon as you reach your stay, you'll feel the tiredness of the day leaving you.

With cloud-kissed mountains in the backdrop, and the ever-flowing river, our not-so-humble (and we say it with utmost delight) abode will make you feel as if you've stepped into a storybook.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

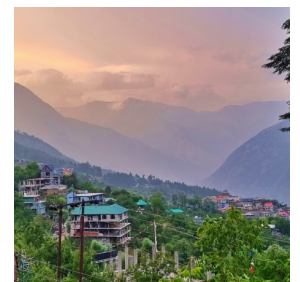
🏠 Kinner Villa

ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

🛏 Double room

Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 5: Kalpa

### The heart of Kinnaur. The soul of the Himalayas.

Kalpa, a small village nestled in the Sutlej river valley, has many scenic views to captivate travelers. And today, you can explore them all. One is the suicide point, named so because of the dramatic cliff surrounded by rugged mountains. You can

head there to take in the landscapes as it's the vantage point for a magical view of the Kinnaur valley along with the Kinner Kailash peak and trans-Himalayan ranges. In its embrace, Kalpa holds an extremely special spot that is sought by many travelers which is the 3000-year-old Kalpa monastery. A cultural heritage, the monastery is the symbolic representation of the rich history and spirituality associated with Buddhism and its influence on the region of Himachal.

After all the sightseeing, you can retire for the evening and spend the rest of your time at leisure.

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

Included meals:

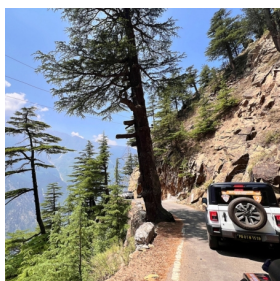
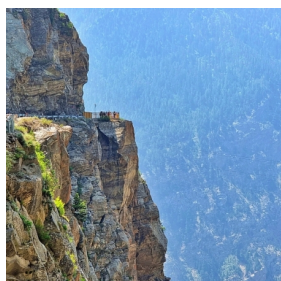
🏠 Kinner Villa

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🛏 Double room

Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 6: Kalpa - Tabo

### From mummies to mountains.

As we drive deeper into Spiti, we'll pass through stunning valleys and rugged mountain trails. En route, we'll visit the scenic Nako Village, with its peaceful lake and traditional houses, and stop at Gue Monastery, home to a 500-year-old naturally preserved mummy of a Buddhist monk, still seated in meditation. Surrounded by rugged mountains and untouched beauty, this short excursion adds a touch of mystery and wonder to your day.

Eventually, we'll arrive in Tabo, a small village nestled along the banks of the Spiti River, where the views and the warm-hearted locals will instantly put you at ease. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner under a sky full of stars (if weather permits). Pro tip: Have your wishes ready; you might just spot a shooting star!

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

Included meals:

🏠 Dewachen Retreat

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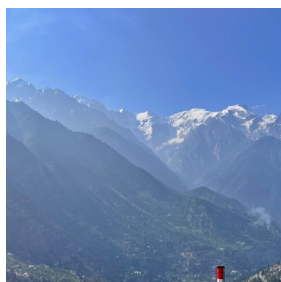
🛏 double room

Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)



- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 7: Tabo

### Step into ancient Spiti.

Spend the day embracing the calm charm of Tabo. Begin with a visit to the historic 1,000-year-old Tabo Monastery, famed for its ancient murals, prayer halls, and sacred artifacts. Afterwards, enjoy a gentle village walk, offering a glimpse into the daily life and traditions of this remote Himalayan community.

We'll pause for a local lunch at a traditional restaurant before returning to our stay. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to relax, soak in the tranquil surroundings, and prepare for the next leg of the journey.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 Dewachen Retreat

🛏 double room

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Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 8: Tabo - Kaza

### The road to Kaza is a journey through time.

Today we enjoy a relatively short yet scenic drive from Tabo to Kaza, giving us the luxury of time to take in the beauty along



the way. The highlight of the day is our stop at the Dhankar Monastery, an ancient gem dramatically perched on a cliff, overlooking the confluence of the Spiti and Pin Rivers. This monastery isn't just about the views—it's about feeling centuries of history, spirituality, and culture come alive in its prayer halls.

We'll continue along winding mountain roads, each turn revealing new vistas, before reaching Kaza by the afternoon. Settle into your stay, take some time to relax, and enjoy a peaceful evening in the valley's main town.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 Grand Dewachen Kaza

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🛏 Double room

Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 9: Kaza

### The path to Spiti's soul.

This day is all about immersing yourself in the culture of Spiti. After breakfast, we'll visit the iconic Key Monastery, the largest and most renowned in the valley. Perched high on a hill, it's not just a visual spectacle but also a living center of learning for young monks—you might even catch a glimpse of them studying or chanting in the prayer halls.

From there, we'll cross to Chicham Bridge, Asia's highest suspension bridge, hanging dramatically over a deep gorge. The views from here are spellbinding, and the engineering feat itself is awe-inspiring. We'll also visit a nearby nunnery, offering a more intimate and peaceful look at local monastic life, before returning to Kaza for a relaxed evening.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 Grand Dewachen Kaza

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🛏 Double room

Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily

✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)

✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 10: Kaza

### From Buddha's watchful gaze to the world's highest mailbox.

Another day of exploration around Kaza brings us to some of Spiti's most unique "highs." We'll drive to Langza, famous for its massive Buddha statue which sits at an altitude of 14,500 feet (4,420 meters) above sea level watching protectively over the village and the valley below. From there, we continue to Hikim, where you can send a postcard from the world's highest post office a small but magical experience that connects this remote land to the world.

Our last stop is Komic, one of the world's highest motorable villages, where the thin air and sweeping views remind you how far you've come. After a day filled with striking sights and memorable experiences, we return to Kaza for dinner and a well-earned rest.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 Grand Dewachen Kaza

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🛏 Double room

Included today:

✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily

✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)

✓ 2 Support car with India team





## DAY 11: Kaza - Manali

### A drive of challenge and triumph.

Today is one of the most epic driving days of the trip, as we leave Kaza for Manali. The journey will take us over Kunzum Pass, standing at 4,551 metres—a dramatic gateway adorned with prayer flags fluttering in the wind. Pause here to soak in the views and spin the prayer wheels for safe travels ahead. The descent from the pass takes us through constantly shifting landscapes, from barren mountain slopes to greener valleys.

Later, we'll pass through the Atal Tunnel, an engineering marvel that connects the rugged Spiti Valley to the lush beauty of Kullu. By evening, we'll roll into Manali, ready to rest after a day that's equal parts challenging and unforgettable.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

🏠 Baikunth Manili

🛏 Double room

Included meals:

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Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 12: Manali

### Manali: A beautiful pause in an epic adventure.

After days of rugged roads and high passes, today is for rest and gentle exploration. You can stroll through Manali's colourful markets, stop for a coffee in a riverside cafe, or simply enjoy the slower pace of this mountain town. For those who want to explore more, there are temples, trails, and local shops to wander through. This is a day to let your body recover from the journey, breathe in the fresh air, and soak up the charm of Manali. By evening, we gather again for dinner, refreshed and ready for the final leg of the trip.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

🏠 Baikunth Manili

🛏 Double room

Included meals:

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Included today:



- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 13: Manali - Chandigarh

### The journey's final chapter is a beautiful descent.

We bid farewell to Manali and start the drive back to Chandigarh. The journey winds down through hills and valleys, the air growing warmer as we leave the high Himalayas behind. Along the way, you'll see pine forests, apple orchards, and river valleys, a soft and beautiful goodbye from the mountains.

By evening, we reach Chandigarh, where we hand over the vehicles and reflect on the journey we have shared. Tonight marks the close of the driving adventure, but not the end of the memories.

Accommodation: ★★★★★

Included meals:

🏠 JW Marriot Hotel Chandigarh

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🛏 Double room

Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Mahindra Jeep (Selfdrive, petrol)
- ✓ 2 Support car with India team



## DAY 14: Chandigarh - New Delhi (DEL)

### The journey ends, but the story is just beginning.

On the final day, we board our bus transfer from Chandigarh to Delhi Airport. The ride is a quiet time to replay the past days in your mind—the monasteries, the mountain passes, the laughter, and the shared meals. As we reach Delhi, we part ways, carrying not just photos and souvenirs, but a little piece of Spiti in our heart

#### Included meals:

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#### Included today:

- ✓ Organisator team Andre and Lily
- ✓ Luxury bus to Delhi airport





## Quotation summary

Package ID:	2275
Date:	25 August 2025
Number of persons:	1
Total:	5649.00 USD

Price per person:	5649.00 USD	x 1	5649.00 USD
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## Additional info

### Price per person based on sharing room/jeep in US dollar

**Price: USD 5.649,-**

#### Inclusions:

- All hotel Accommodations (13N | 14D) on Twin/Double sharing basis
- Self-drive 4x4 vehicles (2 people sharing one car)
- Breakfast, Lunch, tea/coffee & dinner
- Return Airport Transfer
- India and Cambodian organisation team with Lily (Khmer/English) André (Dutch/German/English)
- Two Crew Vehicles (Lead & Sweep)
- Fuel, parking & toll fees
- Inner Line Permits for restricted area
- Self-Drive vehicle delivery and pick up from Chandigarh
- Returnable essential travel kit having WIFI, mobile charger, umbrella, route map etc.
- Wireless Radio Sets for each vehicle
- Limited stock of chocolates, snacks, water & soft beverages for every vehicle
- Certified English-Speaking Guide
- AO x Cambodia Jeep branded merchandise
- AO x Cambodia Jeep Vehicle Branding
- All activities / Excursions as per the itinerary
- First aid, medical kit & Oxygen cylinder
- AC coach transfer Delhi-Chandigarh-Delhi
- Entry fees for Monastery
- Inclusive of applicable 5% GST

#### Exclusions:



- International Flights
- Indian Visa
- Medical & Travel Insurance
- Vehicle refundable security deposit (Mahindra Thar: 250 euros)
- Lunch on Day 1
- Meals & Drinks other than those listed in the itinerary
- Any charges for carrying a video camera or a still camera
- Any activity not mentioned in the inclusion
- Any expense of a personal nature
- Any cost arising on additional accommodation charges due to unforeseen conditions like ill health, land blocks, snowfall, or bad weather