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## Summer Adventuring in India

Here in India, summer is fast approaching and the heat in the plains leads to a mass exodus to the hill and plateaus of the Himalayas, but why follow the crowds and endure the torturous crush, noise and chaos of the main hill stations? There is SO MUCH space out there - so much clean air, silence and solitude and some OUT OF THIS WORLD scenery and experiences. Here we share with you some of our favourite experience providers operating in the Himalayas, so whether it's by bike, raft or foot, summer in India is all about ADVENTURE.



### Hike & Bike the Spiti Valley

[Unventured](#), one of our preferred specialist operators, specialise in fully supported, multi-day bike tours in off the beaten track India. Their Spiti Valley Bike and Hike Tour will test your endurance, but expose you to some breath-taking scenery. This is a 14 day tour, staying in local guest houses and homestays, which is perfect for anyone who seeks adventure, wishes to go off the beaten path and immerse themselves in the local culture. It also provides a unique opportunity to interact with the locals in this untouched, Tibetan influenced region.



### **Raft and Camp on the Mighty Tons River**

In the summer months [Aquaterra](#), India's foremost adventure operator, open Camp Bagi, a summer camp pitched over two lovely meadows above the Tons River in Uttarakhand. Spend your holiday in the hills hiking, white water rafting, reading or simply sitting by the river, enjoying the cool climate and fresh air. This is a true hidden corner of India where time has stood still. Located at a pleasant 3600 feet above sea level, this area is rich in every type of western Himalayan flora and fauna, densely forested with deodar, pine, alpine oak, birch, chestnut, rhododendron and jamun. The river activities, overseen by world class guides, are totally addictive and adrenaline fuelled, and the food is plentiful as well as delicious. The camp opens on the April 20<sup>th</sup> and operates til 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, what are you waiting for?



### **Ladakh Explorer by Bike**

[Let's Trip](#) are introducing a brand new 13 Night Bike Tour of Ladakh departing from Leh, and following the path of the Shyok River through the Nubra Valley, Hundar and all the way to Turtuk. This is a fully supported mountain biking trip, for experienced and fit cyclists, who can manage the steep ascents and the thin air of this high altitude. The ride will reward those who join with spectacular vistas, warm Ladakhi hospitality in the villages you pass through and evening camps at breathtakingly beautiful locations. Enjoy dinner around campfires with nothing but a million stars in the sky to keep you company!



### **Rise to the Challenge and Summit a 6000+ Peak**

For the truly adventurous, [White Peaks Adventures](#), a trekking, hiking, mountain biking and mountaineering outfit specialising in the Himalayan region of India, have opened up one of India's most unexplored summits, the Yunam Peak. At 6111m Yunam Peak is an impressive sight, and is a rare and highly recommended nontechnical 6000m+ peak. It can be a perfect choice for climbers with a existing high altitude trekking experience and ready to push beyond 6000m.



### **Grassroots Travel Experiences in Sikkim**

The Folk Tales offer fully immersive tours in rural areas of India, where the emphasis is on true grassroots tourism, where you'll be able to stay in local village homes and interact with your hosts, learning about their way of life and really contributing financially to their livelihood. This summer why not explore the beautiful Himalayan region of Sikkim, which only became part of India in 1962, and which is home to many different tribal peoples, and offers incredible hiking opportunities and majestic views of the mighty Kanchenchunga, all while being hosted by in local village homes.



### Summer Heritage Walks & Homestay in Shimla

In the footsteps of the British! Escape the plains and head to the hills of Himachal surrounding Shimla. For keen hikers, [Shimla Walks](#) has teamed up with naturalist Kunwar Dhushyant Singh, who started his career with the famed Tiger Tops in Nepal, moving on to work in Bandhavgarh. Now settled in Dhami he and Shimla Walks offer bird watching excursions in the thick forests of the Dhami Bird Sanctuary. With Kunwar's expert guidance you'll be able to spot pied magpies, warblers, bulbul, street thrushes and pheasant, and that's just for starters! Join Kunwar and his wife for lunch at their ancestral home, for a delicious traditionally home cooked meal.



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