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Life Changing Experiences

India: Rajasthan Motorcycle Challenge

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Hello!

Thank you for your interest in our Rajasthan Motorcycle Challenge. I hope you'll agree that we've got an amazing itinerary lined up! This promises to be an unforgettable 11 days, as we ride our Enfield Bullets from Delhi to Agra, taking in some of the most stunning sights of India along the way.

Inside this leaflet you'll find answers to some of the questions most commonly asked by Scope event participants and on the back page you'll find a list of what is provided plus details about the extras you'll need to provide yourself.

We are limited to an exclusive group of just 20 riders, so get your application form back to me NOW to guarantee your place. We're asking everyone to raise a minimum of £2,900, to be paid to Scope by Friday 1 August 2008. This may seem like a lot of money to raise, but don't worry I'll send you a comprehensive support pack with loads of fundraising ideas and materials. I'll also be on hand to help you every step of the way. You'll be reassured to know that most people who take part in a Scope event actually find themselves raising well over the minimum fundraising target.

To take part in the challenge you must hold a valid Class A vehicle licence. That said, pillion passengers are allowed to join the event, as long as they sign up as a ready made pair with a valid licence holding rider. Pillion passengers will need to raise a lower sponsorship target of £2,500.

All you need to do now is fill in the application form and medical questionnaire and send them to me along with two passport photos and your registration fee of £299 (payable to Scope). It really is that simple!

I really hope you can join me in India, if you would like to find out more about the event before making your decision then please call me on 020 7619 7767.

Best wishes

Gwen Pearson
Events Manager – Scope Partnerships

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Your questions answered

What's the average age?

There will be people of all ages; however, the majority will be between 30 and 60.

How much training will I need to do?

Firstly, you must hold a valid class A driving licence. If you haven't ridden a motorbike for a while then you need to get some practice in. We'll be travelling on very different roads and conditions than we are used to, so it's vitally important that you're confident and well practiced in riding a motorbike.

Do I need specialist kit?

Yes. You'll need to bring a well fitting British kite-marked helmet and a motorcycle jacket, Cordura/ Gortex are preferable to leather due to the temperatures we'll be riding in. You'll also need suitable protective trousers and motorcycle boots which are at least ankle high. A full packing checklist will be sent with your welcome pack.

What will the weather be like?

It will be warm and dry. The average maximum temperature will be around 33 – 38°C and the average minimum temperature will be around 18 – 20°C.

What sort of back up will there be?

Along with a qualified British motorcycle guide, we will be supported by a doctor, mechanic, two support vehicles including a minibus, spare parts and in case of serious breakdown a couple of spare motorbikes.

Will I have to carry my own kit?

No, your luggage will be carried in one of our support vehicles. You may want to bring a "camel-bak" type water carrier and/or a very small holdall for items such as camera, snacks and sunscreen. This can be strapped to the pillion seat with a bungee or cargo net, which you'll also need to bring with you. Most panniers will fit the Enfield, however, tank bags won't.

Will I be insured?

Motorbike/road insurance is included as part of the event package, however, you must provide your own personal travel insurance covering health, accidents and loss. Details of the tour operators recommended policy will be provided if you don't already have your own cover.

Do I need a Visa?

Yes. You need to apply for a visa to enter India, the current cost is £30. A single tourist visa is valid for 6 months from the time of issue. We will provide you with a visa form and instructions on how to go about obtaining it nearer the time.

What other documents will I need?

You must bring your current UK motorcycle licence valid for Category A vehicles. You must also obtain an International Driving Licence, which you can get from most Post Office branches. You'll also need to ensure that your passport is valid for at least a further 6 months from the date of departure.

Do I need any vaccinations?

We recommend Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria, Polio and Tetanus. However, you must consult with your GP for the most up-to-date advice.

Do I get to meet other riders before the event?

Yes. We will be holding an information afternoon in London about four months before the event. It will be a really useful afternoon covering all aspects of the challenge and gives you the chance to ask questions plus meet your fellow riders.

How do I go about raising the minimum £2,900 sponsorship?

Once you have signed up for the trip we will send you a comprehensive support pack to make your fundraising as easy as possible, and we will be with you every step of the way. You will need to start planning your fundraising as soon as possible and here are some helpful tips to get you started.

- Always ask for payment up front. Chasing sponsorship can be time-consuming and often difficult to collect.
- Make the most of Gift Aid – Scope can claim an extra 28% on all donations from UK tax payers.
- Put a large donation on the top line of your donation form to encourage others to follow suit!
- Have a look at www.justgiving.com, where you can create your own sponsorship page to email all your friends and family who can then donate online – wherever in the world they live!
- Fundraise around what you enjoy doing in your spare time – if you go to the gym regularly then think of a fundraising event you can hold there, or if you have a good local pub, consider holding a quiz or race night there.



- Think of as many different ideas as possible and then if some of your ideas don't work out, you'll have plenty more to fall back on.
- Check with your company whether they have a matched-giving policy – and if they don't, find out if they'd be willing to sponsor you instead.
- Make sure you tell everyone you know about what you are doing and try to get some coverage in your local paper or on local radio.

Here are just a few ideas to get you up to £2,900

Ask 20 work colleagues for £10 donation	£200
Ask 10 friends for a £20 donation	£200
Gift aid on the above (Scope claims the tax back from the Inland Revenue)	£100
Ask 10 business suppliers for £100	£1,000

£1,500 raised already!

Non-uniform day at local school	£200
Supermarket collection/bag packing	£200
Raffle/sweepstake at local pub	£100

That's £2,000 done!

Online auction of unwanted items (eBay will donate and match your selling fees to Scope)	£150
Skills/pledge auction (very easy and great fun)	£200
'49 Club' donations for 4 months	£350
Curry Night	£200
(ask for our Curry Night, 49 Club, and skills auction factsheets)	

Total £2,900 and the experience of a lifetime on a Scope overseas Challenge!

Can I raise more than £2,900?

Of course! Our aim is to raise as much as possible for our work with disabled children and adults, so we encourage participants to raise as much as possible over the target. As an incentive if you raise over £3,900 you can ask for a refund on your registration fee or we can register you on your next Scope challenge for free!

What happens if I can't raise the money?

This is very rare. We find most of our event participants raise well over their fundraising target. However, the minimum sponsorship of £2,900 must be paid to Scope by Friday 1 August 2008 as this is when we need to pay for the tour and travel costs of the event. If you're unable to meet the target by this date then we ask that you make up the balance yourself in order to keep your place on the event. If you do have to cancel from the event then, if requested, we can return sponsorship directly to your sponsors. If you are experiencing difficulties with your fundraising that please call us for support and advice, we can help you put together a personalised fundraising plan and we have hundreds of fundraising ideas up our sleeve!

How much does the event cost?

With events like this there are of course costs for travel, accommodation, equipment, support and so on. Some of your non-travel costs will be met from your registration fee and the remainder, around £1,400 will come from part of your sponsorship. This means around £1,500 will come directly to Scope. If you feel unhappy that part of the money raised is used to meet your costs, you may like to think about paying for part or all the costs yourself. Please make sure your sponsors are aware that part of their sponsorship money may be used to meet costs.

Is this a holiday?

Whilst you'll be privileged to travel through one of the most stunning regions of India, this is not a holiday it's a challenge. Days will be long, hot, dusty and at times you'll be dealing with poor road conditions. It's important that you've trained properly for this challenge by riding on different terrain wherever possible and spent time riding over several hours to get yourself used to the endurance of distance riding.

Tell me more about Scope

Scope is a national disability organisation whose focus is people with cerebral palsy. Cerebral palsy is the most commonly diagnosed physical disability in Britain today and affects more than 1,800 babies born each year.

Cerebral palsy is a condition that jumbles messages between the brain and muscles and can make it hard to talk, sit or walk. Scope works with people with cerebral palsy, their families and carers and provides a range of services to meet their needs and enable them to live the lives they choose.

For more details, please read the leaflet enclosed and visit our website www.scope.org.uk

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Your package includes

- Scheduled return flights London – Delhi
- All transfers – as per the itinerary
- Transfer of luggage throughout the ride
- Accommodation – 8 nights hotel, 1 night camping – all equipment provided
- All meals, water and refreshments whilst on the road
- Service of a highly trained British motorcycle guide, with local co-leader and local English speaking doctor
- Motorbike and motor bike insurance – NOT TRAVEL INSURANCE
- Fuel
- Support vehicles with mechanic and spare parts for on-the-spot repairs
- Spare bikes in case of serious breakdown
- Entry fees to all temples/sites as mentioned in itinerary.

Extras you will need to provide

- Registration fee of £199, optionally refunded if sponsorship of £3,900 or more is received
- Airport tax in the UK, £60
- Indian visa, currently £30
- International driving licence, currently £8 from most Post Offices
- India departure tax, currently 500 rupees (approximately £6)
- Vaccinations (some surgeries charge for this service)
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Motorbike clothing – helmets, gloves, jacket, boots etc
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses for gifts, alcoholic drinks etc.