

Summer Spiti Circuit

Field Report — June 2025

DEPARTURE

21-28 June 2025

ROUTE

Shimla → Sangla → Nako → Tabo → Kaza → Komic → Chandratal → Manali

EXPEDITION DATA

Distance	1,120 km
Driving hours	44
Highest point	Kunzum La — 4,590 m
Passes crossed	3
Participants	12 guests / 4 vehicles / 3 crew

WEATHER SUMMARY

- Day +16 to +26 C, night -1 to +8 C
- Pre-monsoon showers between Rampur and Karcham
- Clear from Nako onward — Spiti stayed in rain shadow
- Meltwater peaking daily 13:00-17:00 near Batal

RECOVERY LOG

Day 06 — Batal water crossing

Stalled mid-crossing at peak melt — snatch recovery (30 min)

Day 07 — Gramphu-Manali

Slow puncture on support vehicle — plugged roadside (20 min)

GUIDE NOTES

- Cross Batal before noon. By 15:00 the channel is a foot deeper.
- Nako is the correct first high-altitude night.
- Run the Komic-Hikkim-Langza loop on the rest day.
- Chandratal camps need bags rated to -10 C in June.