



India packing checklist

Warm in the valley, freezing at cloudbase, and paperwork you cannot fix on the day. Six items are marked essential. Do not travel without them. Tick these boxes in any PDF reader and save, or print it and use a pen.

ALTITUDE

Billing launches at about 2,400m, and cloudbase in season is over 3,000m, where it is freezing.

CONDITIONS

The front range is forgiving; the traffic is not. Bring gear you can relax on.

IF IT GOES WRONG

Land out over the back and help can take until the next day. Carry what you need for a night out.

Documents and money 7

- ☐ Passport, valid 6 months, with two blank pages
- ☐ Indian visa, applied for before you travel
At least 4 days before you arrive. The e-visa suits most nationalities, but not all
- ☐ e-Arrival Card, filed online
Free, and due in the 72 hours before you fly to India
- ☐ IPPI 2 card or national licence
This is a tour for autonomous pilots
- ☐ Insurance covering paragliding **ESSENTIAL**
Medical treatment, repatriation and search and rescue
- ☐ Policy number and rescue hotline, saved offline **ESSENTIAL**
You will want these when you are down the back with no signal
- ☐ Rupees in small notes
For taxis, chai and the ride back from a landing out

On you 5

- ☐ Offline maps of the front range
- ☐ Unlocked phone
So you can run a local SIM
- ☐ Powerbank and cables
- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Pocket knife

Health and stomach 5

- ☐ Routine vaccinations up to date
Check with a travel clinic well before you go
- ☐ Rehydration salts
- ☐ Probiotic
- ☐ DEET repellent
- ☐ Basic first aid and any personal medication

Clothing 7

- ☐ Down jacket for flying
This is the one people underestimate
- ☐ Thermal layers
- ☐ Winter flying gloves
Test them in easy air before the day you need them
- ☐ Hiking shoes, already broken in
- ☐ Sunscreen and sunglasses
The valley is warm and bright at midday
- ☐ Buff
- ☐ Warm layers for the evening
It cools off fast after landing

Flying gear 9

- ☐ Wing you know well
EN or LTF certified. Bir rewards a wing you can relax on, not the hottest one you own
- ☐ Harness with back or airbag protection **ESSENTIAL**
- ☐ Reserve, repacked and in date **ESSENTIAL**
- ☐ Helmet **ESSENTIAL**
- ☐ Vario or GPS
Load the airspace and waypoints before you travel
- ☐ Radio **ESSENTIAL**
Group frequency is briefed on arrival
- ☐ Tracker, once you have checked it is legal
Some satellite communicators are not technically legal in India. Ask us before you buy or pack one
- ☐ Spare lines
- ☐ Ripstop tape