

Parsan Valley

Death Tunnel road

Base camp: **Chitral**

Distance: **75 km**

Road type: **tarmac / dirt/ gravel / ruts / mud / narrow bridges / fords**

Difficulty: ★★★★★★

Elevation.: **↑ 2421m ↓ 2420**

Start: Mountain Inn Guesthouse, Chitral



Death Tunnel Road

The name aptly reflects its reputation – this is a trail for experienced riders. It was built by shepherds and farmers from the valley to connect their dwellings to the road linking the towns of Garam Chashma and Chitral. They constructed it without any specialized equipment, blasting the slopes meter by meter to create rock shelves. The road is "jeepable," which means it is at most as wide as a twenty-year-old Land Cruiser. There are no crash barriers, it often runs along cliffs, the turns are very sharp and steep, so that vehicles must usually take them at least twice. Long, deep ruts are often filled with slippery mud. There are fords along the way and also a section of "single track" and a bridge about 50 cm wide over a fast-flowing stream. Exercise extreme caution here!

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Chitral & Parsan Valley

This town consists of three streets squeezed between the mountains. It serves as an excellent base for exploring the Kalash valleys, Goli National Park, and the hot springs at Garam Cheshma. Access from the south is through the Lowari Tunnel (a tunnel through which motorcycles must be transported by pickup, as two-wheeled traffic is prohibited). From the town's main bridge, there is a clear view of Trich Mir (7708 m) – the highest peak in the Hindu Kush. The Parsan Valley, north of Chitral, is inhabited by small farming communities. There is no tourist infrastructure, no fuel, and the shops are poorly stocked. The region is quite traditional, with only men seen on the streets. Female tourists are not required to wear a scarf, but wearing long pants and sleeves will ensure the locals' goodwill.

Where to stay?

The few available hotels do not always offer wi-fi or hot water:

📍 **Mountain Inn Guesthouse** [35.873481687944725, 71.78835364822375] -bungalows with bathrooms in a garden. You can enter the property through the reception and park in the courtyard.
☎ +92 321 8526874

📍 **Parsan Valley** – along the route, you will find a spot for wild camping. Stock up on drinking water. Streams are there, but they often change course, and the amount of water depends on the season.

Worth meeting

👤 **Rafiq Akbar** +92 345 8189816

A dedicated non-motorcycle guide with good English. He is well-acquainted with the nearby mountains, knows when festivals are held in the region, and can also organize a trekking trip for you in Goli National Park.



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