

EXCLUSIVE TRAVEL BAG

World On Wheels is putting together a special offer for all ARR readers joining this tour. We'll update you on its contents as it comes together, but WOW has already secured a classic Royal Enfield T-shirt and a couple of great products from one of our favourite purveyors of bike goodies, Andy Strapz.

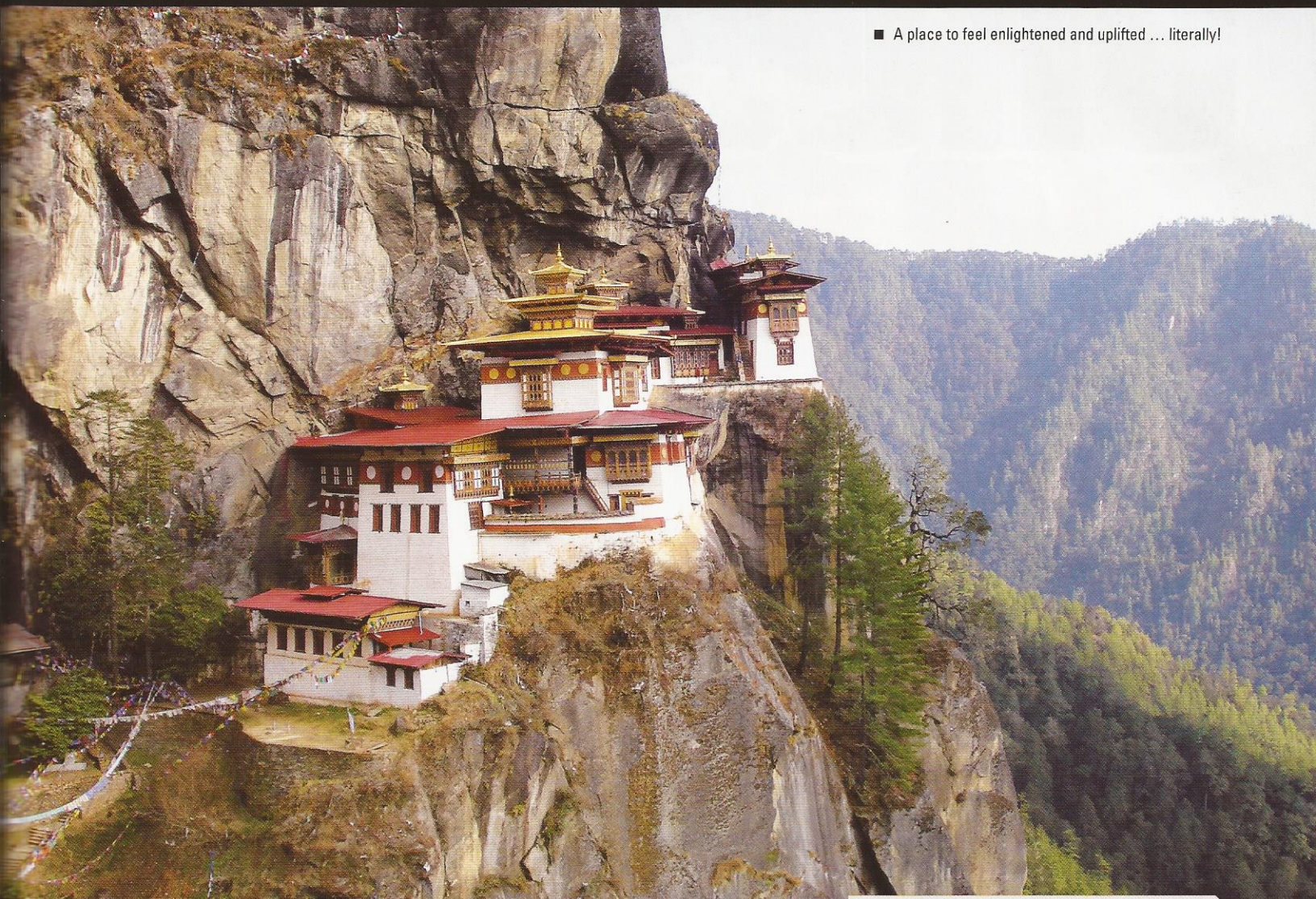
■ A place to feel enlightened and uplifted ... literally!

Ride a Royal Enfield through the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, the Land of the Thunder Dragon, with *ARR* and World On Wheels in March 2017. We're fulfilling a dream by booking a trip to Bhutan and we'd love you to join us and be part of the story.

We're teaming up with World On Wheels again, after riding with them many times when they were still called Ferris Wheels. We've ridden an Enfield in the Himalayas with them before,

the thing: there are no people! Denmark has a population of 5.6 million, Switzerland eight million, Belgium 11 million; while Bhutan has less than one million gentle Buddhist souls. Yet it's sandwiched between India and China, two hugely over-populated nuclear neighbours.

A series of successively higher mountain passes take us way beyond 4000m, where we'll find Buddhist monasteries clinging to mountain cliffs in the traditionally accepted manner. Don't worry about sheep or kangaroos on the



into Ladakh and Kashmir, and have wanted to return to this awe-inspiring part of the world ever since.

The tour starts in Kathmandu with a scenic one-hour joyflight to view Mount Everest, and then the first few days are spent exploring Nepal. We cross the border into northern India to discover the famous tea garden estates of Darjeeling, where we can also visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, established by local son Tenzing Norgay after his pioneering summit of Everest in 1953 with a Kiwi beekeeper called Edmund Hillary.

Then we enter Bhutan and ride the entire length of the country! It's not big but it's on a par with several European countries such as

road, it's the yaks you'll need to be concerned about.

Riding an Enfield across Bhutan can be a life-changing experience, and at the very least a mind-expanding one. It's also one that's very difficult to do because of Bhutan's regulation of its tourism industry — so this is an extra-special opportunity.

Not only will you enjoy the exciting ride, you'll get to do it with *ARR*'s esteemed editor and be part of the story in the magazine and have access to professional photos of you. On an Enfield. In Bhutan. How good is that!

Go to www.WorldOnWheels.tours and find the Thunder Dragon page, where you can download a booking form. Be sure to mention

BHUTAN, LAND OF GROSS NATIONAL HAPPINESS

Bhutan is unique among nations, measuring the gross national happiness of its population. The Kingdom installed a set of traffic lights into the centre of the capital city, Thimpu, a few years ago, which lasted about eight weeks before being declared a failed experiment and summarily removed.

Seventy per cent of the country is still virgin forest, where the pristine rivers are home to an otter large enough to be considered dangerous.