

## 2014 Travel Awards: Best Mountain Trip Ibex Expeditions

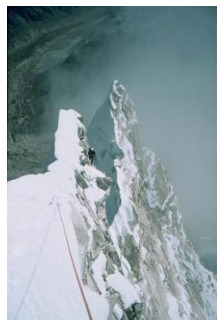
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Climbing in the Himalayas. Photo: Jimmy Chin



### Winner: Shivling, India

Most Himalayan expeditions head to Nepal. But India has more than a third of the range, and not nearly as many tourists. The best way to see it is with **Mandip Singh Soin**, a guide who arranges logistics for mountaineers Conrad Anker and Jimmy Chin when they're in the country. Soin's **Ibex Expeditions** organizes trips, ranging from mellow treks through the Gobi Desert to life-list-worthy expeditions up - mountains like 21,467-foot Shivling—the so-called Matterhorn of the East in the high-alpine playground of the Gangotri Valley, headwaters of the Ganges. On the 30-day trip, you'll trek along the sacred Bhagirathi River, visit the white-marble Gangotri Temple, and scan ridges for herds of bharal mountain goats. Then comes the hard part: 15 days to acclimatize and make a technical attempt at the monolith's rock and ice. **From US 3,900; [www.ibexexpeditons.com](http://www.ibexexpeditons.com)**



The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India launched a special Indian Himalaya 777 days campaign launched on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and will be in operation until end September 2015 where all expeditions will receive a 50% discount on the peak booking fees.

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