



## ESSENCE OF LADAKH RIDE

This complete motorcycle tour will give you an excellent glimpse of Ladakh main sites and its natural, cultural and spiritual riches.

### About Ladakh :

Ladakh ("land of high passes") the main Great Himalayas to the south, inhabited by people of Indo-Aryan and Tibetan descent. Ladakh is the highest plateau of state of Jammu & Kashmir with much of it being over 3,000 m (9,800 ft). It extends from the Himalayan to the Kunlun Ranges and includes the upper Indus River valley.

In the past Ladakh gained importance from its strategic location at the crossroads of important trade routes. Around the 1st century, Ladakh was a part of the Kushana empire. Buddhism spread into western Ladakh from Kashmir in the 2nd century when much of eastern Ladakh and western Tibet was still practising the Bon religion....

Total Kms	1620 kms
Culture	Hinduism, Buddhism
Riding hrs.	4 min. - 8 max. /day of ride
Riding level	Intermediate
	World highest pass khardungla ride 5,359 m (17,582 ft)
	Ladakh cultural program.
	Pangong Lake visit.

**Day 1: Manali**

**Day 2: Manali- Jispa ( 135 km )**

**Day 3: Jispa - Pang ( 184 km )**

**Day 4: Pang - Leh ( 174 km )**

**Day 5: Leh**

**Day 6: Leh - Khardung La - Nubra Valley ( 116 km )**

**Day 7: Nubra Valley - Panamik - Leh ( 190 km )**

**Day 8: Leh - Pangong Lake ( 120 km )**

**Day 9: Pangong Lake - Leh ( 327 km )**

**Day 10: Leh: Sarchu**

**Day 11: Sarchu - Manali ( 85 km )**

**Day 12: Manali - Departure**

# Detailed Itinerary

## Day 1st: Manali

In morning we come to pick you up at the Kullu Airport or at the bus station and drive you to your hotel. Our representatives are there to provide you all the services and soon you'll be introduced to the bikes and all details about the tour. Go-Pro Cameras on helmets, riding gears, Royal Enfield Bikes, let's start riding around Manali valley with Adventure activities!



## Day 2nd: Manali - Jispa (135 km approx.)

On that day, we'll start riding in direction of Keylong, traveling over the Rohtang pass which reaches an altitude of 4050m and from where you can see the snow white peaks of Lahaul Mountains that contrast with fluttering Buddhist prayer flags along the way. The pass provides a natural divide between the sub-humid/humid Kullu Valley with a primarily Hindu culture (in the south), and the arid/semi-arid high-altitude Lahaul and Spiti valleys with a Buddhist culture (in the north). From that side, we follow our route towards Keylong. Situated at an altitude of 3440 m, Keylong is the headquarters of Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh and the most populated place of that region. The region is strange, exciting, primitive mountainous and delightful. Among the white and brown mountain, Keylong stands out as oasis of greenery in the district. Rudyard Kipling said of the region "Surely the God live here, this no place for men." Lahaul and Spiti have hardly changed with the time. People still live the way they used to live and strongly believe in conserving nature. Valley, river, mountains and green landscape makes Keylong an exciting picturesque destination for bikers and aside from its amazing landscape, the vicinity of Keylong offers several places, temples, monasteries and bazaar which are worth visiting.



**Day 3rd: Jispa - Pang (184 km approx.)**

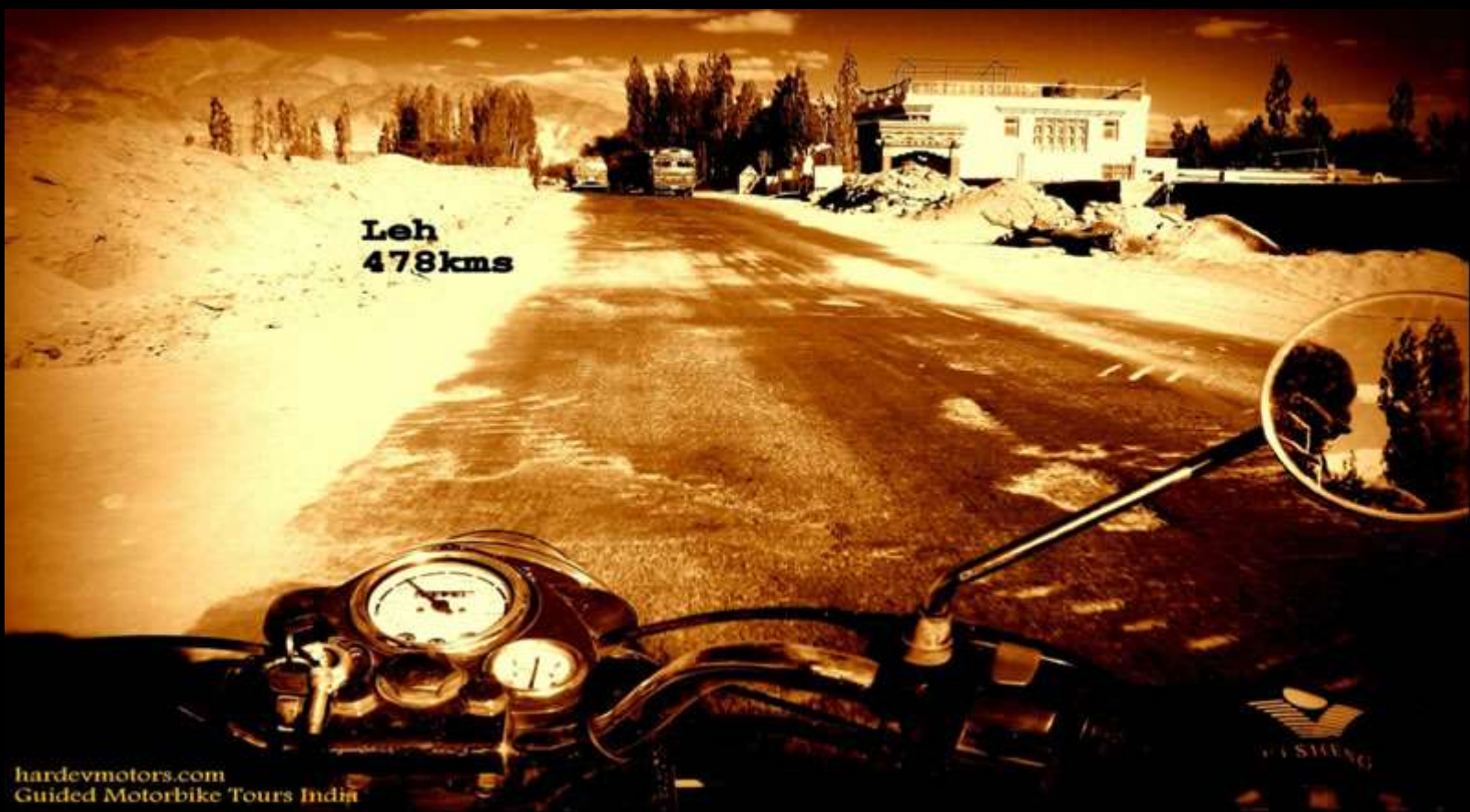
Get ready to enter in the pure Himalayan wilderness! We will cross Patseo, which was until the 1950's a trade point for Changspa nomads and traders from Lahaul, Zaskar and Kullu. We'll ride on a torturous zigzag shaped uphill road that lies in the shadow of the hanging glacier to Baralach La (4900m). Further, at Lachulung La, you can see incredible natural sculpture built by the wind blowing through the rocks of a canyon that reminds one of a scenery in Arizona. We start our descent to the green fields of Sarchu plateau and finally reach Pang, an useful halt on Manali Leh highway. There we'll camp and spend a fun and convivial time together before sleeping among the clouds as this place reaches an altitude of 4500m!



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**Day 4th: Pang - Leh (174 km approx.)**

From Pang, let's start our ride in direction of Leh! We follow an endless strip of asphalt loops that look like scratched into the reddish cliffs and start our descent on the More Plains road, a long, wide and straight road. The More Plain is home to many species of animals like the Tibetan wild ass or kiang, wild horses, marmots. If you are lucky, you can even spot Changspa nomads camping in the surreal landscape of the More Plains. Flanked by beautiful mountains on both sides, this area is a major attraction to the Bikers heading towards Leh from Manali. This huge 'top-of-the-world' plateau presents a landscape unlike anything else on your journey. After the More Plains, we start a new ascent and reach to Tanglang La, the world's second highest motorable pass, which will lead us to our main destination: Leh.



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### Day 5th: Leh

On this day we will take a short break from the long ride to see more of Ladakh's main sights. India's "Little Tibet" was highly influenced by the presence of Singge Namgyall, the greatest king of Ladakh, who decided to open the famous trade route to Central Asia region. In 1974 the region was opened for visitors and since 2002 has a substantial number of tourists. Nowadays, Leh is the most important town and the capital of Ladakh region. With 27,513 inhabitants and an altitude of 3524m, the town tripled its size in the last two decades and became a focal point for sightseeing. In addition of its many cultural places and monuments (Shanti Stupa, Leh Palace, Leh Mosque, Namgyal Tsemo Gompa...) mostly influenced by a Tibetan secular architecture, you will find great enjoyment losing yourself in the small charming narrow streets, going to meet local people and hang around in the small craft shops and markets.



### Day 6th: Leh - Khardung La - Nubra Valley (116 km approx.)

From Leh, we are ready to explore the fabulous Nubra Valley, a high altitude cold desert (about 3028m altitude) with rare precipitation and scant vegetation except along river beds. On the road, we will travel over the Khardung La pass listed in Guinness World Records as it is 5602m high! The world's highest motorable pass. After taking again your breath, we start entering in the Nubra Valley where you will be impressed by the incredible diversity of its landscapes. Snow-capped peaks, Rocky Mountains full of surprising contrasts and colors, and at its base sand dunes, bordered by an abundant vegetation and its river. You will fully enjoy visiting the Diskit Monastery where is exhibited the 35 meters statue of Maitreya Buddha, go swimming in the Nubra River, riding on the back of camels or just taking a walk in that unusual surroundings...



**Day 7th: Nubra Valley - Panamik - Leh (190 km approx.)**

After taking advantage a last time of this wonderful place, we follow our route in direction of Panamik. Located about 150 kms north of Leh and at an altitude of 3183m, Panamik hamlet is the final frontier village of India in close proximity to the Tibetan region. This little village is popular for its hot springs which are considered therapeutic for several skin infections due to the presence of sulphur and other minerals. So get your swimsuits!



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**Day 8th: Leh - Pangong Lake (120 km approx.)**

We will start in the early morning to ride to Pangong Lake. With a size of 700 km<sup>2</sup>, a depth of 100m and an altitude of 4350m, Pangong Lake is also called "long, narrow, enchanted lake" by the Tibetans. Although its water is salty, the lake freezes completely over in winter. We will stay there for one night, camping in the middle of one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world!



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### Day 9th: Pangong Lake - Leh .

We will start in the early morning to ride towards Leh by crossing Changla (5360m) 3rd highest pass of Indian Himalayan Ride



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### Day 10th: Leh – Sarchu

We take the road again towards Sarchu, (also known as Sir Bhum Chun), a major halt point with tented accommodation. We will spend the night there at an altitude of 4290m!



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### Day 11th: Sarchu – Manali

From Sarchu, we begin to ride back in direction of Manali , through the wonderful region of Keylong that will still captivate you with its unique and majestic landscape. Back to Manali where our riding days come to the end. For our last night a warm farewell with camp fire, barbecue and guitar live show will be organized with Hardev Motors Team. We hope that you spent an enjoyable trip with us.



### Day 12th: Manali

End of the tour. In the morning, you are free to do some shopping for the family and friends. Shawls, Tweed jackets, costume jewelry, Tibetan handicrafts are the local arts and crafts that you can find easily in Manali and for a reasonable price. After lunch, a transfer to the Kullu airport or Manali bus station will be organized by our team as per your schedule.

## Dates & Rates

**Departure Date: 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> June**

Package	Rider	Pillion	Backup Jeep Participant
Standard	USD 975	USD 675	USD 525
Deluxe	USD 1125	USD 825	USD 675
Luxury	USD 1275	USD 975	USD 825

### The Cost Includes:

- Motorbike (500cc UCE)with fuel for the whole trip 11 days
- Backup vehicle to carry luggage, spare parts and mechanic for the entire trip as per the itinerary.
- Road captain with Motorbike
- Mechanic. with all Spare parts and tool kit
- Accommodation for 11 Nights (Twin sharing)
- Food MAP basis (Breakfast , Dinner )
- Juices and Mineral water.
- Helper / Back-up- Rider
- Medical kit (inc. Oxy. cylinder)
- Farewell party on a last day of ride.
- Cultural Program.
- T-shirts
- Photos and video of the whole trip.
- Inner line permits/monuments entrance fee
- Pick up & Dropping at (Kullu) airport /Bus Stand.

## The Cost Excludes:

- International /Domestic flights
- India Visa
- Motorbike damage will be covered from your Refundable security amount
- Medical insurance/Travel insurance coverage
- Trip extension in case of road blockage /Natural crisis.
- Riding Gears.
- Personal insurance and evacuation charges
- All expenses of personal nature such as Alcohol, laundry etc.
- Insurance against or for accidents / loss of life, loss of goods etc.
- Third party insurance.
- Tips to guides, drivers etc.
- Any item not included in the above "cost Includes".

## Terms and conditions

### 1. Online Booking

A deposit of 30% of the total estimated bill is required to hold the booking on a confirm basis at least 90 days before the tour starts.

### 2. Security deposit

Required deposit: Rs. 10000/- per bike & one original ID proof. Refundable if there is no damage on the bike.

### 3. Cancellation and refunds

40% of the total estimated bill is refundable until 30 days before the tour starts. Above the stipulated time, 20% will be reimbursed.

### 4. Responsibility of the applicant

-The company is not responsible in case of physical or fatal injuries.

-The company is not responsible for the bikes damages. If the body, clutch plates or riding gears are damaged because of rough riding the applicant will be charged.

### 5. Trip extension

If unforeseen circumstances necessitate a trip extension or if the participants decide to extend the motorbike tour, additional costs will be charged to them.

### 6. Unexpected disruptions

Hardev Motors organizes guided motorcycle tours in some of the wildest areas on earth; accordingly the weather and environment can be unstable especially in the Himalayas.

Company is not responsible for changes in the itinerary or program that are a result of roadblocks, landslides, monsoon, heavy rain or snow fall and any natural crisis.

### 7. Rights

HM Holds the rights to refuse/ remove you while on a tour In case of not follow the rules of ride /command of team leader/Unacceptable behaviour with other group members etc. No amount is refundable in that situation.

### 8. Conditions to participate in our rides

To participate as a rider an individual has to be equal or above the age of 18 years at the time of the tour and be in possession of a valid motorcycle driving license and international driving license (for foreigners), be in good health condition and have at least 2 or 3 years experience in riding a motorcycle.

As a pillion, an individual has to be equal or above the age of 12 years at the time of the tour, in good health condition and with at least some motorcycle co-riding experience.

### 9. Number of participants

A minimum of 6 riders is required to start a tour.

### Bank details

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