

A silhouette of a motorcyclist wearing a helmet and riding a motorcycle on a mountain ridge. The scene is set against a dramatic sunset sky with a bright sun on the right and scattered clouds. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by oranges and yellows. The image has a torn paper effect at the top and bottom edges.

Mountain Expedition To
LADAKH

Short

Itinerary!

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DAY 11 : KARGIL TO SRINAGAR

DAY 12 : DEPARTURE



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Detailed *Itinerary!*

DAY 1: DELHI TO MANALI

- Board an overnight Volvo bus from Delhi to Manali, covering roughly 530–550 km in about 11–12 hours, depending on traffic and route.
- Enjoy the changing landscapes as you leave the plains and enter the Himalayas.
- Overnight journey in the bus.

DAY 2: MANALI LEISURE DAY

- Arrive in Manali (altitude approx. 6,730 feet) and transfer to your pre-booked hotel.
- Check in and rest to recover from the long overnight journey.
- Later, head out to explore Mall Road, Hadimba Temple, local cafés, and Old Manali at your own pace.
- In the evening, meet your trip captain for a detailed tour briefing and bike allocation.
- Enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel.
- Overnight stay at the hotel in Manali.

Meals: Only Dinner

DAY 3: MANALI TO SARCHU

- After breakfast, start your ride from Manali to Sarchu, covering about 220–230 km in 8–10 hours, depending on road and weather conditions.

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- Ride through the famous Atal Tunnel and continue via Keylong and Jispa towards higher Himalayan terrain.
- Stop for lunch around Keylong, a key town on the Manali–Leh highway.
- Cross the high mountain pass Baralacha La, then make scenic photo stops at Suraj Tal and Deepak Tal on the way.
- Pass through Zing Zing Bar, a well-known halt point on this route.
- Reach Sarchu (altitude approx. 14,000–14,110 feet) on the Himachal–Ladakh border and check in to your campsite.
- Overnight stay at the campsite in Sarchu.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4: SARCHU TO LEH

- After breakfast, ride from Sarchu to Leh, a stretch of around 250–260 km that usually takes 8–10 hours.
- Enter the Land of Lamas as you ride across classic high-altitude terrain towards Ladakh.
- Experience the dramatic Gata Loops and the vast, open More Plains en route.
- Stop for lunch at Pang (altitude around 14,760 feet), a high-altitude transit point on the highway.
- Ride over high passes such as Naki La, Lachung La, and Tanglang La (Tanglang La approx. 17,480 feet), among the tallest motorable passes in the region.
- Continue towards Leh and reach by evening; check in to your hotel.

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- Leh town sits at an altitude of about 11,480–11,550 feet.
- Overnight stay at the hotel in Leh.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 5: LEH TO NUBRA VALLEY

- After breakfast, drive from Leh to Nubra Valley via Khardung-La Pass (approx. 170 km, 6-7 hours).
- En route, cross Khardung-La Pass at an altitude of about 17,582 feet, one of the highest motorable passes in the world.
- Continue the scenic drive and arrive in Nubra Valley, which sits at an average altitude of approx 10,200 feet.
- Visit Diskit Monastery, known for its ancient gompa and the towering Maitreya Buddha statue overlooking the valley.
- In the evening, make a stop to enjoy a camel ride and the ATV ride on the famous Hunder sand dunes with the unique double-humped Bactrian camels.
- Experience the beautiful sunset in Hunder.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 6: NUBRA TO PANGONG TSO

- After breakfast, ride from Nubra Valley (Hunder) to Pangong Tso via Shyok Road (approx. 170 km, 6–8 hours).
 - Enjoy the vast, barren beauty of rugged mountains and river valleys (a treat for photographers).
 - Make a stop at Durbuk village (altitude 12,500 feet), a key junction on your journey.
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- Head towards Pangong Tso Lake (altitude 14,270 feet), catching your first stunning glimpse from the roadside viewpoint.
- Continue driving alongside the mesmerizing high-altitude lake with its ever-changing shades of blue.
- Make a photo stop near the lake and recreate the 3 idiots shots there.
- Arrive at your homestay/camp and settle in for the overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 7: PANGONG TSO TO HANLE

- Wake up early to witness the magical sunrise over Pangong Tso and take a peaceful walk along the lakeside to capture your final photographs.
- Enjoy a delicious breakfast with stunning views of the beautiful Pangong Lake.
- Pack your bags and head towards Hanle (altitude 14,764 feet; approx. 160 km via Chushul route, 7–8 hours).
- Experience thrilling off-roading with your tour marshal through rugged high-altitude terrain.
- Make a poignant stop at Rezang La War Memorial (altitude 16,500 feet approx) to honor the sacrifices of our brave soldiers from the 1962 war.
- Reach Hanle village and check into your homestay.
- Enjoy dinner and overnight stay in Hanle.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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DAY 8: HANLE TO UMLING LA & BACK

- After breakfast, ride your motorcycle from Hanle to Umling La, the world's highest motorable pass at an altitude of 19,024 feet (approx. 80 km one way, 3–4 hours each direction due to rugged off-road terrain).
- Revel in the surreal high-altitude landscapes and sense of accomplishment as you reach this remote engineering marvel, opened to tourists in recent years.
- Spend time soaking in panoramic views of snow-capped peaks and barren plateaus at the pass summit.
- Begin your descent to lower altitudes to ease acclimatization, enjoying the dramatic shift in terrain along the return route.
- Return to Hanle by evening, and relax at homestay.
- Enjoy dinner and overnight stay at the homestay in Hanle.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 9: HANLE TO LEH

- After breakfast, on the final full day of your expedition, ride back from Hanle to Leh (approx. 290 km total).
- Make a refreshing stop at the famous Chumathang Hot Springs, where you can relax in the therapeutic sulphur springs and enjoy lunch.
- Continue your ride towards Leh, with a brief visit to the majestic Thiksey Monastery, known for its multi-story architecture resembling the Potala Palace.

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- Arrive in Leh by evening and take the last opportunity to visit the vibrant Leh Market for souvenirs and local handicrafts.
- Check back into your hotel in Leh.
- Enjoy dinner and overnight stay in Leh.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 10: LEH TO KARGIL

- After breakfast, ride from Leh to Kargil, a full-day journey of around 230–260 km taking roughly 6–8 hours with multiple viewpoint stops (user distance: 259 km).
- Ride along the Srinagar–Leh Highway, passing the iconic Magnetic Hill and the confluence point of Indus and Zaskar (Sangam).
- Visit Gurudwara Pathar Sahib, a revered Sikh shrine en route.
- Continue via Lamayuru Monastery (altitude about 11,060 feet), one of Ladakh's oldest monasteries, set amid moon-like landscapes.
- Cross high passes such as Fotu La and Namika La on the way towards Kargil.
- Stop at Mulbek, home to the ancient 30-foot Maitreya Buddha rock carving, and explore the 800-year-old monastery complex.
- Reach Kargil (altitude approx. 8,790 feet) by evening and check in to your hotel.
- Overnight stay at the hotel in Kargil.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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DAY 11: KARGIL TO SRINAGAR

- After breakfast, begin the final riding day from Kargil to Srinagar, covering roughly 200–220 km (user distance: 210 km) in about 6–7 hours, depending on traffic and road conditions.
- Ride to Drass War Memorial to pay homage to the soldiers of the Kargil War and understand the history of this crucial region.
- Continue towards Zoji La Pass (altitude approx. 11,580 feet), a dramatic gateway between Ladakh and Kashmir, and stop for group photos and hot tea.
- Descend into the lush green valley of Sonamarg (around 9,190 feet), enjoying meadows and river views.
- Proceed to Srinagar (altitude approx. 5,180 feet) and check in to your hotel on arrival.
- Overnight stay at the hotel in Srinagar.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 12: DEPARTURE

- After breakfast, check out from your stay as per your flight or onward travel schedule.
- Carry back unforgettable memories of your trans-Himalayan motorcycle expedition from Delhi to Manali, Ladakh, and Srinagar.
- Proceed to the airport or your next destination as planned.

Meals: Breakfast Only

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Inclusion

- Powerful Royal Enfield motorcycles for 9 days (Manali to Srinagar loop, biking option) with no security deposit.
- Fuel for bikes as per the planned itinerary.
- Entire travel from Manali to Srinagar by SUV or Tempo (SIC option).
- Comfortable stays for 10 nights in hotels, camps, or homestays (triple sharing basis; double sharing for couples on extra charge; mattresses provided for extra persons).
- Meals: All breakfasts & dinners as per itinerary.
- Riding gear: Level 2 jackets, standard helmets and knee guards (bring your own gears recommended).
- Experienced road captain to lead the group throughout.
- Professional mechanic with spare parts for quick repairs, punctures, and daily bike inspections.
- Support vehicle (Day 3–11) for luggage, spares, and backup.
- All Inner Line Permits for restricted areas.
- Oxygen cylinder (24x7 availability for high-altitude emergencies).
- Fully stocked first aid kit for minor issues.
- Driver night charges, toll tax, parking, and all applicable taxes.

Exclusion

- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the itinerary.
- Unspecified meals (lunch not covered during the tour).
- Entry fees to monasteries, monuments, or sightseeing spots.
- Personal expenses, tips or gratuities for support team.
- Room heaters, airport pickups/drops beyond itinerary.
- Airfare to/from Leh.
- GST (5% applicable on final package cost).
- Costs from unforeseen circumstances like medical emergencies, natural disasters, bad weather, roadblocks, or snow.
- Extra stay/food charges due to delays from weather or road conditions.
- Any damage to the motorcycle or riding gear (borne by the rider).
- Optional adventure activities.
- Travel insurance or medical/evacuation costs.
- Accident-related damages (rider's responsibility).

Things to Carry

Clothing & Warm Layers:

- Warm thermals (top and bottom) – at least 2 pairs, suitable for up to around -10°C.
- Down jacket – 1 (comfortable till around -15°C).
- Winter woolen trek pants – 2–3 pairs.
- T-shirts – 3 (quick dry preferred).
- Fleece/woolen layers – 2.
- Woolen cap/beanie – 1–2.
- Sun cap/hat – 1.
- Windproof outer layer – 1
- Neck warmer/bandana – 1.
- Gloves – 1 pair (warm, preferably waterproof).
- Warm socks – multiple pairs.

Personal Essentials:

- Sunglasses or snow goggles (for glare protection)
- Small daypack to carry essentials during rides.
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+ recommended) and lip balm
- Personal toiletries
- Oxygen can (if possible)
- Power banks (minimum 20000 mAh)
- Basic personal medication kit.
- ID proof (mandatory for hotel check-ins and permits)

Travel Notes:

- Carry a valid government-issued photo ID (Aadhaar, Voter ID, or Driving License) at all times PAN card not accepted.
- Bring your own helmet and riding gear for comfort (optional but recommended).
- Carry a postpaid Airtel/Jio SIM (prepaid from outside Ladakh often doesn't work; local SIMs available on arrival).
- Avoid carrying valuables like jewelry, laptops, large cash, drones, or gadgets—Escapsia not responsible for loss/damage.
- Protect electronics; their safety is at your own risk.
- Acclimatize in Leh for 48 hours before starting arrive 1 day early (one day included in package).
- Permits arranged assuming prior arrival; make your own extra stay or ask our team for help.
- Take Diamox 250mg twice daily (after breakfast/dinner) starting 2 days before Leh journey, continue 2 days after arrival.
- No physical exertion on first 2 days in Leh.
- Drink 2–3 liters of water daily; avoid alcohol, smoking, sedatives.
- Light meals on Day 1 to prevent indigestion.
- In case of AMS/HAPE/HACE symptoms, consult a doctor immediately.
- Pack warm clothing, snowproof gear for sudden weather changes (down to -10°C or lower).
- Early check-in subject to availability/hotel policy.
- Room heaters chargeable separately (not included).

Travel Notes:

- Internet unstable in high/remote areas.
- ATMs scarce in remote spots—carry sufficient cash in small notes.
- Bookings non-transferable, non-adjustable, non-reschedulable.
- Name changes not permitted; only confirmed names travel.
- Reschedule possible if notified 45 days prior (subject to availability).
- No refunds/adjustments on cancellations from your end.
- Escapsia reserves rights to rearrange itinerary/transport due to weather, politics, roadblocks, or unavoidable events.
- Trip/booking cancellable without notice in case of inappropriate behavior, weather, or government norms.
- Escapsia not liable for man-made/natural calamities, injuries, or accidents during activities (guided by professionals).
- All activities safe and ministry-approved, but risks at your own.
- Prior notice required for booking updates.
- Mischief/inappropriate attitude leads to booking cancellation without refund.
- Breakfast/dinner menus fixed; extras/room service billed directly.

**GOOD LUCK PACKING AND GEARING UP FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL LADAKH
ADVENTURE!**

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