

Across the Horizon Ladakh Bike Tour

A 10-day high-altitude motorcycle expedition across Ladakh | Acclimatisation-led | Remote Himalayan routes

Day 1: Arrival in Leh – Acclimatisation, Bike Check & Gear Fitting (No Riding)

- Location: Leh | Altitude: ~3,500 m
- Complete rest with light walking only
- Motorcycle inspection, test start, minor adjustments
- Helmet and riding gear fitting
- Hydration and AMS monitoring

Day 2: Leh → Alchi / Sham Valley (Acclimatisation Ride)

- Distance: ~70 km round trip | Ride Time: 4–5 hrs
- Altitude Range: 3,100–3,500 m
- Visit Alchi Monastery and Sham Valley villages
- Easy pace focused on acclimatisation

Day 3: Leh → Nubra Valley via Khardung La (Diskit & Hunder)

- Distance: ~140 km | Ride Time: 6–7 hrs
- Max Altitude: ~5,359 m (Khardung La)
- Night Altitude: ~3,150 m (Hunder/Diskit)
- Visit Diskit Monastery & Maitreya Buddha statue
- Evening ride to Hunder sand dunes

Day 4: Nubra Valley → Turtuk → Nubra Valley

- Distance: ~170 km | Ride Time: 5–6 hrs
- Altitude Range: 3,000–3,150 m
- Ride to Turtuk (last village near LOC)
- Cultural walk and village exploration

Day 5: Nubra Valley → Pangong Lake

- Distance: ~160 km | Ride Time: 7–8 hrs
- Altitude: ~4,225 m
- Remote Shyok River route (road/weather dependent)

Day 6: Pangong Lake → Hanle

- Distance: ~175 km | Ride Time: 7–8 hrs
- Altitude: ~4,250 m
- Changthang plateau riding
- Hanle Monastery visit and night sky observation

Day 7: Hanle → Umling La → Hanle

- Distance: ~170 km (round trip) | Ride Time: 8–9 hrs
- Max Altitude: ~5,798 m (World's highest motorable pass)
- Early departure and steady riding essential

Day 8: Hanle → Leh

- Distance: ~255 km | Ride Time: 8–9 hrs
- Altitude drop from 4,250 m to 3,500 m
- Long continuous riding day

Day 9: Leh – Long Local Ride / Buffer Day

- Distance: ~90–120 km | Ride Time: 4–5 hrs
- Optional ride towards Upshi / Stakna side
- Bike maintenance and packing

Day 10: Departure from Leh

- Final bike inspection
- Departure or optional extension

Key Safety & Riding Notes

- From Day 4 onward, all riding days exceed 4 hours
- Ride slow and controlled above 4,500 m
- Carry extra fuel, water, and warm layers on remote days
- Weather and road conditions may change rapidly
- Always inform accommodation before riding remote routes