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# HIMALAYAN EXPLORER RIDE

DISCOVER LADAKH'S HIGH PASSES, REMOTE VALLEYS, AND ENDLESS HORIZONS.



## OVERVIEW



The Himalayan Explorer Ride is an unforgettable motorcycle journey through the dramatic landscapes of Ladakh, designed for riders who want to experience the spirit of the Himalayas while riding some of the most spectacular roads on Earth. Over 11 carefully planned days, this expedition takes you across legendary mountain passes, vast Himalayan valleys, remote frontier villages, and breathtaking high-altitude lakes, offering the perfect balance of adventure, culture, and exploration.

The journey begins in Leh with proper acclimatisation before unfolding across iconic destinations such as the surreal Moonland landscapes of Lamayuru, the legendary Khardung La Pass (5,359 m / 17,582 ft), the sand dunes of Nubra Valley, and the remote village of Turtuk near the Indo-Pakistan border. Riders then continue through the adventurous Shyok route to the stunning Pangong Lake, cross vast high-altitude plains to reach Hanle, and take on the challenge of Umling La Pass (5,883 m / 19,300 ft) – one of the highest motorable roads in the world.

The expedition is led by AI, creator of Himma, together with Aman Singh Gulati (Taranpreet Singh Gulati), Founder of High Mountains. With over 12 years of international adventure leadership and more than 13 years of Himalayan expedition experience between them, their combined expertise ensures a journey that is safe, immersive, and truly memorable.

Organised by Himma in collaboration with High Mountains, this ride blends international expedition standards with deep local knowledge, creating an authentic Himalayan experience that goes far beyond a typical motorcycle trip.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



- **Duration:** 10 Nights / 11 Days
- **Starting Point:** Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh
- **Ending Point:** Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh
- **Package Type:** Group Expedition • Adventure Journey • Cultural Exploration
- **Visa Requirements:** All foreign travelers, including citizens of Norway, Poland, and other European countries, are required to hold a valid Indian Tourist Visa (e-Tourist Visa or regular Tourist Visa) before arriving in India.
- **Best Months to Travel:** June – September (ideal weather, open passes, and clear skies)
- **Travel Style:** Expedition • Mountains & Valleys • Culture & Nature • High-Altitude Adventure
- **Difficulty Level:** Moderate to High (due to altitude; acclimatization days included)
- **Weather:** Warm to cold (average 10°C – 25°C in summer; can drop to sub-zero at night in high passes)
- **Price:** Available on Request
- **Stays:** Leh (3N) | Lamayuru (1N) | Nubra (2N) | Pangong Tso (1N) | Hanle (2N) | Tsomoriri Lake (1N)
- **Bikes:** RE Himalayan 411 cc

# BRIEF ITINERARY



<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>ARRIVAL AND ACCLIMATISATION</b>
<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>EXPLORE LOCAL SIGHTS &amp; LAMAYURU MONASTERY</b>
<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>RETURN BACK TO LEH VIA SCENIC MOUNTAIN ROUTE</b>
<b>DAY 4</b>	<b>LEH TO NUBRA VALLEY VIA KHardUNG LA</b>
<b>DAY 5</b>	<b>NUBRA VALLEY TO TURTUK DAY TRIP</b>
<b>DAY 6</b>	<b>RIDE TO PANGONG LAKE</b>
<b>DAY 7</b>	<b>PANGONG TO HANLE</b>
<b>DAY 8</b>	<b>UMLING LA EXPEDITION</b>
<b>DAY 9</b>	<b>TSOMORIRI</b>
<b>DAY 10</b>	<b>TSOMORIRI - LEH</b>
<b>DAY 11</b>	<b>DEPARTURE</b>



## DAY 1: ARRIVAL AND ACCLIMATISE



Guests arrive in Leh, the capital of Ladakh, situated at high altitude and surrounded by dramatic Himalayan landscapes. Upon arrival, the team assists with airport transfers to the hotel where guests can settle in comfortably. This day is intentionally kept light and relaxed to allow the body to gradually adapt to the altitude, which is essential for a safe and enjoyable expedition ahead.

Throughout the day, guests are encouraged to rest, hydrate, and take only short, gentle walks around the property or nearby lanes. The atmosphere of Leh itself offers a soft introduction to the journey – prayer flags fluttering in the wind, distant mountain views, and the calm pace of life in the high Himalayas.

In the evening, the tour captain conducts a comprehensive briefing covering expedition flow, riding safety, altitude awareness, communication protocols, and motorcycle orientation. This session ensures everyone begins the ride fully prepared and confident.

Stay: Hotel in Leh

Estimated Travel Time: 30–45 mins (airport transfer and local movement)

Riding Level: Easy

## DAY 2: LEH TO LAMAYURU VIA ALCHI



The expedition officially begins as riders receive their motorcycles and depart Leh, following the historic Indus Valley route. The ride starts gently, allowing guests to build confidence while enjoying wide mountain views and smooth roads. Early stops include Magnetic Hill, known for its optical illusion, and Gurudwara Pathar Sahib – a revered Sikh temple with deep historical significance where guests may pause, step inside, and enjoy a quiet tea break.

Further along the route lies the Sangam View Point, where the emerald-green Indus River meets the darker waters of the Zaskar River. The contrasting colours of the two rivers create one of Ladakh's most iconic natural scenes and provide a perfect photography stop. A longer cultural halt follows at Alchi Monastery, famous for its ancient Buddhist murals and heritage architecture, offering insight into Ladakh's spiritual history.

As the day progresses, the landscape transforms dramatically into surreal moon-like formations. A final photo stop at Moonland gives guests their first taste of Ladakh's otherworldly terrain before arriving in Lamayuru, a peaceful village surrounded by rugged mountains where the evening is free for rest and exploration.

Stay: Homestay / Guesthouse (Lamayuru)

Estimated Travel Time: 8–9 hours (including sightseeing stops, approx. 1 hour at Alchi, tea breaks, and 1 hour lunch)

Riding Level: Easy

DAY 3:  
LAMAYURU TO LEH



After breakfast, visit the beautiful Lamayuru Monastery, one of the oldest and most scenic monasteries in Ladakh. Perched above the Moonland landscape, the monastery offers breathtaking views of the surrounding valley and provides a peaceful cultural experience before the ride begins.

Later, we ride back towards Leh along the same scenic Indus Valley route. The return journey allows more time to absorb the dramatic landscapes, with several photo stops along the way. Arrival in Leh by evening followed by a relaxed night at the hotel.

Stay: Hotel in Leh

Estimated Travel Time: 6–7 hours (including monastery visit, breaks, and lunch)

Riding Level: Easy – Medium

## DAY 4: LEH TO NUBRA VALLEY VIA KHARDUNG LA



Today's ride takes guests over Khardung La Pass (approx. 5,359 m / 17,582 ft), one of the highest motorable passes in the world. The ascent is dramatic, with winding roads climbing into snow-lined landscapes and panoramic Himalayan views. Frequent short stops allow guests to acclimatise and capture photographs.

Descending from the pass, the terrain transforms into the vast openness of Nubra Valley – a striking contrast where desert-like sand dunes meet towering mountains. The region feels softer and wider, offering a completely different visual experience compared to central Ladakh.

Activities such as ATV riding and camel experiences may be arranged depending on weather and operational conditions. The evening is relaxed, allowing guests to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of Hunder.

Stay: Cottages (Hunder)

Estimated Travel Time: 8–9 hours (including scenic stops, activity breaks, and 1 hour lunch)

Riding Level: Medium

## DAY 5: TURTUK DAY TRIP



Today we ride to Turtuk, one of the last Indian villages near the Indo–Pakistan border in the historic Baltistan region. The route follows the Shyok River through a scenic valley with constantly changing mountain landscapes.

On arrival, we explore the village with a local guide. The walk includes traditional wooden bridges, apricot orchards, the village museum, and a café run by local women. This experience offers a glimpse into the unique Balti culture and lifestyle of the region. After the village exploration, we ride back to Hunder.

Stay: Cottages (Hunder)

Estimated Travel Time: 7–8 hours (including village exploration and lunch)

Riding Level: Easy – Medium

## DAY 6: HUNDER TO PANGONG VIA SHYOK ROUTE



This is one of the most adventurous riding days of the expedition. The route follows the Shyok River through remote landscapes where terrain conditions can vary, adding an element of real expedition riding. If this route is closed due to weather or road conditions, an alternate route via Wari La and Leh will be used.

The journey feels increasingly remote, with dramatic mountain walls, river crossings, and long stretches of untouched scenery. A tea stop at Durbuk offers a welcome break before the final approach.

Arrival at Pangong Lake is unforgettable — a vast high-altitude lake stretching across the India–Tibet region, known for its shifting shades of blue depending on light and weather conditions.

Stay: Mud House / Wooden Camps (Pangong)

Estimated Travel Time: 8–10 hours (depending on route and conditions, including breaks and 1 hour lunch)

Riding Level: Difficult

## DAY 7: PANGONG TO HANLE VIA REZANG LA PASS



This day is dedicated to pure riding through some of Ladakh's most raw and untouched landscapes. Wide open plains, endless horizons, and minimal human presence create a feeling of true isolation and freedom. Crossing the Rezang La region, guests may catch distant views toward the Chinese side of the mountains. The experience here is less about traditional sightseeing and more about the emotional impact of riding through vast Himalayan wilderness. The silence, scale, and remoteness define the day.

Arrival in Hanle marks a transition from adventure to wonder. Home to the Indian Astronomical Observatory, one of the highest observatories in the world, Hanle is renowned for its clear skies and minimal light pollution, making it one of the best stargazing locations on Earth.

Stay: Wooden Cottages (Hanle)

Estimated Travel Time: 7–8 hours (including breaks and 1 hour lunch)

Riding Level: Medium – Difficult

**DAY 8:  
UMLING LA PASS EXPEDITION**



Today is one of the defining highlights of the expedition. The ride climbs toward Umling La Pass (approx. 5,883 m / 19,300 ft), one of the highest motorable roads on Earth – higher than Everest Base Camp. The altitude, thin air, and dramatic landscapes make this both physically and emotionally rewarding.

The route offers surreal high-altitude scenery where mountains stretch endlessly in every direction. Riders take time at the top for photographs and to absorb the achievement of reaching such an extreme elevation.

After completing the ascent, the group returns to Hanle for rest and recovery, carrying the satisfaction of having completed one of the world's most legendary rides.

Stay: Wooden Cottages (Hanle)

Estimated Travel Time: 6–7 hours (including high-altitude stops and 1 hour lunch)

Riding Level: Extreme

## DAY 9: TSOMORIRI VIA PUGA VALLEY



Ride through the geothermal landscapes of Puga Valley, known for steaming vents and mineral-rich terrain that feels almost alien in appearance. Wide plains and dramatic mountain backdrops make this one of the most visually striking sections of the journey.

The riding today is smoother and more relaxed, allowing guests to enjoy the scenery at an easy pace. Frequent photo opportunities and scenic pauses make this a rewarding experience for both riders and photographers.

The evening is free to relax by the lake, enjoy the quiet surroundings, and reflect on the journey so far.

Stay: Wooden Cottage (Tsomoriri)

Estimated Travel Time: 5–6 hours (including scenic stops and 1 hour lunch)

Riding Level: Medium

## DAY 10: TSOMORIRI TO LEH



The final riding day takes guests back toward Leh through vast high-altitude plains and mountain roads. The pace is steady and comfortable, allowing riders to enjoy the landscapes one last time while reflecting on the expedition.

This stretch often feels emotional for guests as the journey nears its end. Long open roads and expansive views create a fitting finale to the adventure.

Arrival in Leh is followed by a relaxed evening and group gathering to celebrate the completion of the expedition.

Stay: Hotel in Leh

Estimated Travel Time: 8–9 hours (including multiple breaks and 1 hour lunch)

Riding Level: Medium

DAY 11:  
DEPARTURE



After breakfast, guests are transferred to the airport as per flight schedules. The expedition concludes with unforgettable memories, new friendships, and the achievement of having explored one of the world's most extraordinary high-altitude regions by motorcycle.

## INCLUSIONS



- Royal Enfield Himalayan 411cc motorcycle (solo riding basis)
- Premium accommodation in Leh and Nubra Valley
- Authentic homestay experiences in Lamayuru and Turtuk
- Mud house / wooden camp stay at Pangong Lake
- Wooden cottage stays in Hanle and Tsomoriri
- Camps in Aryan Valley (for the Exclusive Batch itinerary)
- Fuel for the motorcycle for the complete expedition route
- Daily breakfast and dinner during all stays
- Backup support vehicle throughout the journey
- Professional mechanic with essential spare parts
- Experienced Tour Captain and Bike Marshal
- Local guide for the Turtuk village experience
- Inner Line Permits and all required environmental fees
- First aid support and oxygen cylinders for high-altitude safety
- Professional photography and videography coverage
- Water bottles and packed snacks/meals during long riding days
- ATV offroading and double-hump camel ride (as per itinerary planning)
- One SUV support vehicle for the cinematic team and riders needing rest
- Entrance fees to monasteries and museums included in the itinerary
- Airport pickup and drop in Leh

# EXCLUSIONS



- International and domestic flights to and from Leh
- Indian visa fees (for foreign nationals)
- Lunches and any meals not specifically mentioned in inclusions
- Personal riding gear and helmets (riders must carry their own)
- Any motorcycle damage caused by the rider (except engine-related mechanical issues)
- Activities or experiences not specifically mentioned in the inclusions
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, beverages, minibar, or shopping
- Alcoholic beverages and personal consumption beyond arranged group stock
- Travel insurance, medical insurance, and emergency evacuation costs
- Tips, gratuities, and personal payments to staff or local services
- Additional hotel stays or transport due to flight delays, cancellations, or personal schedule changes
- Any extra cost arising from landslides, road closures, weather conditions, political disturbances, natural calamities, or other unforeseen circumstances beyond the organizer's control