

FAQS FOR LEH LADAKH BIKE RIDE

LICENSING & DOCUMENTATION

What license do I need?

As a foreigner, you'll need an International Driving Permit (IDP) to drive in India legally.

What documents are needed?

You'll need:

- A valid passport with at least 180 days remaining
- A visa issued by the Indian government (Visa on Arrival is also available)
- Travel Insurance

Do I need insurance?

Yes, travel and medical insurance are required.

Will you assist with visa processing?

Yes, we provide support in getting your visa.

Will you help me get the necessary documents?

Yes, our team is here to assist with any required documents.

Is a photography consent letter required?

Yes. We'll have our photographer. So, if you want to be a part of our content, you must sign a consent form.

TRAVEL & VISA

What are the passport and visa requirements?

Apply for a visa online or get one on arrival. Your passport must have at least 180 days left and two blank pages.

Do I need to arrange travel to Leh?

Yes, you'll have to arrange travel to Leh from your end. We can assist if required.

Are SIM cards available?

Yes, local SIM cards are available at Leh Airport or can be arranged at your hotel if required.

Can I book extra nights before the trip?

Yes, let us know in advance. Additional charges apply.

Is airport pickup and drop-off included?

Yes, we'll handle getting you to and from the airport.

RIDING EXPERIENCE & SAFETY

What riding experience is required?

Riding experience on highways and mountains is needed, along with a motorcycle license, which is at least two years old.

Do I need mountain riding experience?

No, but at least two years of motorcycle experience is required.

Are traffic rules different in India?

Rules are mostly similar, but keep in mind India is a left-hand drive country.

Will there be a pre-ride safety check?

Yes, all safety checks will be done before the ride.

What happens if I have an accident?

First aid will be given immediately on the spot. For more serious accidents, you'll be taken to the nearest hospital.

What happens if there's a vehicle breakdown?

If your bike breaks down, we'll shift you to the backup vehicle and load your bike for repairs if on-the-spot repairs aren't possible.

What are the precautions for Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS)?

A rest day in Leh is mandatory for acclimatization. Drink plenty of water and monitor oxygen levels. Avoid alcohol and sleeping pills. If needed, you can take Diamox (a medicine that reduces the chances of AMS), though it is not guaranteed.

How can I stay in touch with friends and family?

The network is available in most areas, except for low-signal zones like Pangong and Hanle.

INSURANCE & HEALTH

Are vaccinations required?

A COVID-19 vaccination is mandatory.

What if I'm unwell during the ride?

We'll provide medical support and assist with hospitalization if necessary.

Will you provide oxygen?

Yes, we have oxygen cylinders in the backup vehicle.

Is there a doctor on the ride?

No, but we'll connect you to medical facilities. Medical camps are also stationed at different villages on the route.

Do I need a personal first aid kit?

No, our crew carries a comprehensive first aid kit.

BIKES & GEAR

Do I need to bring my own bike?

No, bikes are included in the package.

How old are the provided bikes?

All bikes are new, typically less than a year old.

Can I request a bike upgrade?

Yes, but you must inform us 30 days before the trip.

Are the seats on the bikes comfortable?

Yes, they're suitable and comfortable for long rides.

Do I need my own riding gear?

Yes, you must bring your riding gear.

Should I bring my own tools?

No need. We'll have all the required tools.

What riding gear is required?

Helmet, armored jacket and pants, gloves, and rainwear.

What kind of helmet is required?

A full-face helmet, preferably with a double D-ring locking mechanism.

Is a helmet available for rent?

Yes, rental helmets with rental charges are available if requested in advance.

What if I damage the bike?

You'll have to bear the parts and labor costs for any damage you cause. If the bike needs major repairs, you'll also have to pay for transport costs to the repair shop.

Do I need to document the bike's condition before the ride?

Yes, record a video noting all existing dents, scratches, or issues before the ride starts. This can be used to compare when the bikes are returned on the last day of the trip.

SUPPORT & BACKUP

What type of backup vehicle will you provide?

A pickup van for luggage and damaged bikes, along with an SUV to accommodate riders feeling unwell.

Who handles vehicle maintenance?

All bikes are maintained by our team.

How many riders are in each group?

Each group will have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 16 riders.

How many people are on each tour?

Each tour has a group size between 8 and 16 participants.

Who makes up the crew?

Our crew includes a ride captain (lead), a trip manager, a backup vehicle driver, a mechanic, a helper, and a photographer.

Will a guide be present throughout the ride?

Yes, the tour captain will be there throughout the ride and ride alongside.

Will there be a ride manager for the trip?

Yes, a ride manager travels in the support vehicle.

Is there a helper on the trip?

Yes, a helper will travel in the backup vehicle.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

What kind of room-sharing options do you have?

Twin bed, double sharing rooms are available.

Can I get a single occupancy room?

Yes, single rooms are available for an additional charge.

Are single beds available?

Yes, all shared rooms feature twin beds.

Will you provide the food?

Breakfast and dinner are included in the package; lunch is not.

What type of food is provided?

Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals are available, with some variety limitations in remote areas.

Is laundry service available?

Yes, in Leh and Hunder, as paid services.

Will Wi-Fi be available in all hotels?

Wi-Fi is available at most but not all locations, such as remote areas (Pangong and Hanle).

LUGGAGE & PACKING

What clothes or gear are recommended?

Gears for cold and windy weather are required and rainwear should be handy.

How much luggage can I bring?

One bag of up to 30 kg for the backup vehicle and a backpack for the bike.

PAYMENT & FEES

Are parking and permit fees covered?

Yes, all parking and permit fees during the ride are included.

Do I need to pay for fuel?

No, fuel is included in the package.

Is cash necessary for the trip?

Yes, as some remote areas lack card payment facilities. We can assist with currency exchange if needed.

Is currency exchange available throughout the tour?

Yes, but carrying cash is recommended.

GROUP DYNAMICS & PARTICIPATION

Can a non-motorbike rider join?

Yes, but only as a pillion rider.

Can I bring a pillion rider?

Yes, pillion riders are welcome. Limited support vehicle rides are available if required.

Can a pillion ride in the support vehicle?

Yes, but only for up to two days if space permits.

TRIP CONDITIONS & WEATHER

What is the difficulty level?

The terrain of Leh is mostly mountainous, with sections of broken tarmac and loose gravel.

What kind of weather should I expect?

Expect cold, windy conditions with occasional rain.

Are water crossings part of the ride?

Yes, there may be a few water crossings.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

Are the scheduled dates fixed?

Yes, they are. However, if you have a group of 8 or more riders, we can customize a ride for you.

Will you arrange all local permits?

Yes, we'll handle all required local and inner-line permits.

Do I need to sign an indemnity form?

Yes, an indemnity form will be provided, which must be signed before the tour begins.

Will water and snacks be provided?

Yes, we provide water and limited snacks at rest stops.