

## Bike Tour Leh – 2

**Duration: 17N/18D**

**Key Sights:** Delhi - Chandigarh - Nalagarh - Shimla - Sarahan - Chitkul - Kalpa - Tabo - Kaza - Losar - Kaylong - Sarchu - Leh - Pangong Lake - Leh – Delhi

**Best Time to Visit - June to September**

| Day    | Route                 | Mode      | Distance / Time      |
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| Day 01 | Home - Delhi          | By Flight |                      |
| Day 02 | Delhi - Chandigarh    | By Road   | 260 KM/06 – 07 Hours |
|        | Chandigarh - Nalagarh | By Road   | 60 KM/01 Hour        |
| Day 03 | Nalagarh - Shimla     | By Bike   | 103 KM/02 - 03 Hours |
| Day 04 | Shimla - Sarahan      | By Bike   | 124 KM/03 - 04 Hours |
| Day 05 | Sarahan - Chitkul     | By Bike   | 104 KM/02 - 03 Hours |
| Day 06 | Chitkul - Kalpa       | By Bike   | 63 KM/01 - 02 Hours  |
| Day 07 | Kalpa - Tabo          | By Bike   | 166 KM/04 – 05 Hours |
| Day 08 | Tabo - Kaza           | By Bike   | 47 KM/01 – 02 Hours  |
| Day 09 | Kaza - Losar          | By Bike   | 57 KM/01 – 02 Hours  |
| Day 10 | Losar - Keylong       | By Bike   | 128 KM/03 - 04 Hours |
| Day 11 | Kaylong - Sarchu      | By Bike   | 106 KM/03 - 04 Hours |
| Day 12 | Sarchu - Leh          | By Bike   | 250 KM/05 – 06 Hours |
| Day 13 | Leh                   |           |                      |
| Day 14 | Leh - Khardungla Pass | By Bike   | 39 KM/01 - 02 Hours  |
|        | Khardungla Pass - Leh | By Bike   | 39 KM/01 - 02 Hours  |
| Day 15 | Leh - Pangong Lake    | By Bike   | 150 KM/04 – 05 Hours |
| Day 16 | Pangong Lake - Leh    | By Bike   | 150 KM/04 – 05 Hours |
| Day 17 | Leh                   |           |                      |
| Day 18 | Leh - Delhi           | By Flight |                      |
|        | Delhi – Home          | By Flight |                      |

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- **The above tour package is completely flexible and can be adjusted as per the client's requirement, flight details and special Interest.**
- **Accommodation in good quality western of hotels.**
- Check-in / out time is 12 noon at most of the hotels.
- Extension to other places is also possible with a minimal extra cost.
- Additional nights are available at each place with minimal supplement.
- A visa is required and must be obtained prior to your departure from your Country.
- If quoted hotel is not available, we will provide one of a similar category and standard.
- Small deviations in the tour program are sometimes necessary, depending on weather, road conditions, flight schedules and room availability.

- In case the government changes **presently applicable taxes, increase in airlines prices, fuel surcharge** our rates will need to be adjusted accordingly.
- In India there is no relevance between the distance and time of travelling, as it depends upon the condition of the roads and congestion of the traffic.
- **Local (where available) or Accompanying Language Speaking guide Russian / Spanish / Chinese / French / German are available for sight-seeing only at Delhi. Rest of the places with English speaking guide.**
- While every effort will be made to maintain the itinerary, in view of local strikes etc that are beyond our control all schedule and itineraries are subject to last moment changes.
- Clients must be fully insured, as the company cannot accept liability for loss or damage to client's property, medical emergencies or any other loss suffered by them whilst on tour.
- In case of issuing Domestic or International air tickets, Truly India is not responsible for any refund if the flight is delayed or cancelled, as it is the responsibility of airline.

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| <b>Day 01</b> | <b>Home - Delhi</b> | <b>By Flight</b> |  |
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Arrive Delhi, meet assist and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

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| <b>Day 02</b> | <b>Delhi - Chandigarh</b>    | <b>By Road</b> | <b>260 KM/06 – 07 Hours</b> |
|               | <b>Chandigarh - Nalagarh</b> | <b>By Road</b> | <b>60 KM/01 Hour</b>        |

After breakfast you will leave Delhi by AC vehicle for Nalagarh. Enroute visit to Chandigarh

**The Capitol Complex:** The capitol complex is the location of the major administrative buildings of the states of Punjab and Haryana. The main buildings located in this complex include the Legislative assembly, the high court, and the secretariat.

**Rock Garden:** This garden is an amazing example of the fusion of innovation and artistry.. It is the most popular among the places to visit in Chandigarh, and attracts many tourists every year. The park is adorned by waterfalls, pools and trees. An open air theater within the garden is used for many cultural activities.

**Rose Garden:** The rose garden is also known as Zakir Hussain rose garden. It is the largest rose garden in Asia and displays an amazing range of over 1600 rose species.

Later continue drive to Nalagarh. Overnight at Nalagarh.

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| <b>Day 03</b> | <b>Nalagarh - Shimla</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>103 KM/02 - 03 Hours</b> |
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After breakfast ride Royal Enfield to Shimla. We will ride through amazing scenery & beautiful picturesque of Shimla. Shimla was the summer capital of India under British rule. Presently, it is the state capital of Himachal Pradesh. The place is also famous for its natural beauty, architectural buildings, wooden crafts and apples. Overnight stay in Shimla.

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| <b>Day 04</b> | <b>Shimla - Sarahan</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>124 KM/03 - 04 Hours</b> |
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After breakfast ride your bike to Sarahan.

There are many places for sight-seeing. Its old Hindu and Buddhist shrines include the Ragunath Temple, the Ayodhya Temple, the Narsingh Temple and the Dumgir Budh Temple which has a large prayer wheel and holds important scriptures. In an interesting colonial and traditional styles, the Padam Palace is one of Rampur's major attractions.

**BHIMAKALI TEMPLE COMPLEX:** This historical temple is a multistoried structured building, a fusion of Hindu and Buddhist architecture. The tall tower like structure and unusual roof of the temple dominate the complex. The centuries old temple is now locked and in the newly built temple, the goddess Bhimakali is portrayed as a maiden and as a woman. This temple complex includes other temples such as Narsingh shrine of Bhairon and Lord Raghunath.

**BIRD PARK:** Near the temple complex is a pheasant breeding centre. It also houses the State bird Monal which is of a great attraction

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| <b>Day 05</b> | <b>Sarahan - Chitkul</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>104 KM/02 - 03 Hours</b> |
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After breakfast ride toward Chitkul.

**BHABA VALLEY:** 50 km from Sarahan, a beautiful valley along Bhaba river. Link road to valley originates at Wangtu. It has a beautiful landscape, reservoir lake, alpine meadows and is best famous for trek route to Pin Valley in Spiti.

**SANGLA VALLEY:** If a landscape had the powers of casting spells, then the Sangla valley would be a magician extraordinary. Once seen, it is a place that can never be forgotten. Even the rushing waters of the Baspa river, that flow through its 95 km length, seem to absorb some of the magic and slow down to savor its snow-frame beauty. 2 km from Sangla is the fort of Kamru (300 m) its tower like architecture resembles that of the Bhima Kali complex and this was the origin of rulers of Bushehar. Chitkul (3450 m) is the last village of the valley and beyond lies Tibet.

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| <b>Day 06</b> | <b>Chitkul - Kalpa</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>63 KM/01 - 02 Hours</b> |
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After breakfast ride towards Kalpa.



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Kalpa is in across the river faces the majestic mountains of the Kinner Kailash range. These are spectacular sights early in the morning as the rising sun touches the snowy peaks with crimson and golden light.

**RECONG PEO (2670M):** Located 240 km from Shimla, 7 km from Powari and 13 km from Kalpa. Recong Peo is the headquarter of district Kinnaur.

**KOTHI:** Just 3 km from Recong Peo. Kothi has a temple dedicated to the goddess Chanadika Devi. Set against a backdrop of mountains and graves of the deodar the temple has an unusual architectural style and fine sculpture. An exquisite gold image of goddess is enshrined in sanctum.

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| <b>Day 07</b> | <b>Kalpa - Tabo</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>166 KM/04 – 05 Hours</b> |
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After breakfast ride your bikes to Chitkul.

**JANGI:** 26 km from Powari, the inner border is located here beyond which foreigners require permit to travel upto Tabo. From this point the famous Kinner Kailash Parikarama Trek starts touching Morang, Thangi and Kunocharang villages and entering Chitkul village in Sangla Valley.

**PUH (2837m):** Lush green fields, orchards of apricot, almond trees and vineyards, are to be seen on route to Puh. Just 58 km from Powari along the NH-22, Puh has rest house and basic hotel facilities.

**NAKO (3662m):** 117 km from Kalpa. In Hangrang Valley is the largest village above sea level. It is also famous for Nako Lake which has boating facilities in summer and during winter its frozen surface is used for ice skating. Buddhist monastery is located here.

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| <b>Day 08</b> | <b>Tabo - Kaza</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>47 KM/01 – 02 Hours</b> |
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After breakfast ride toward Kaza.

**TABO (3050m):** 163 km from Kalpa and 27 km from Sando the ancient village, Tabo is situated on the left bank of river Spiti. Flanked on either side by hills, it is one of the most important Buddhist monasteries regarded by many as only next to the Tholing Gumpa in Tibet. It is also known as the Ajanta of the Himalayas. Tabo is the largest monastic complex of Spiti which has since been declared a protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India.

**DHANKAR (3890m):** 24 km from Tabo, this place is famous for a Buddhist monastery.

**PIN VALLEY:** The Pin valley lies below the Kungri Glacier and has several beautiful and important monasteries. It is called the land of Ibex and snow leopards.



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| Day 09 | Kaza - Losar | By Bike | 57 KM/01 – 02 Hours |
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After breakfast ride towards Losar.

**KAZA (3600m):** 210 Km from Kalpa, 47 km from Tabo. The headquarters of Spiti sub-district, Kaza lies on the bank of river Spiti. In earlier times, it was the capital of Nono, the Chief of Spiti. It has a Buddhist Monastery and Hindu Temple.

**KEY GOMPA (4116m):** 7 km from Kaza. The largest monastery in Spiti Valley. Established in the 11th century has ancient Buddhist scrolls and paintings. It also houses large number of Buddhist monks and nuns.

**KIBBER (4205m):** 18 km from Kaza. The highest village in the world which is connected by motorable road and is the highest habitated village in the world which has its own polling station during elections.

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| Day 10 | Losar - Keylong | By Bike | 128 KM/03 - 04 Hours |
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After breakfast ride towards Keylong.

**KUNZAM PASS (4551m):** 76 km. One of the highest motorable pass. Goddess Kunjum keeps guard over this pass and wards off evil.

**CHANDER TAL LAKE (4270m):** 7 km from Kunzam Pass, is one of the most beautiful lakes in the entire Himalayan region. Surrounded by snow, this deep blue water lake has circumferences of 2.5 km. River Chandra flows very close to the lake.

**TANDI (2573m):** 8 km, short of Keylong, on the Manali - Leh Road, situated on the confluence of Chandra & Bhaga rivers. Last point to tank up if traveling north of Keylong as it has the last fuel station on this stretch.

**SISSU (3100m):** On the bank of Chandra, 15 km from Koksar, every spring and autumn wild geese and ducks halt here on their way to and from Siberia.

**GONDLA (3110m):** 18 km from Keylong on the right bank of river Chandra. Famous for ancient Fort.

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| Day 11 | Keylong - Sarchu | By Bike | 106 KM/03 - 04 Hours |
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After breakfast ride towards Sarchu.

Morning visit MONASTERY'S: Lahaul is well known for its monasteries, locally called Gompas, which are great repositories of Buddhist faith and art treasures. These are Kardang - 5 km, Shasur - 3 km, Guru Ghantal - 8 km, Tayul - 6 km, Gemur - 18 km. Afternoon Ride to Sarchu over, Baralacha pass. Arrival Sarchu in the evening.



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| <b>Day 12</b> | <b>Sarchu - Leh</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>250 KM/05 – 06 Hours</b> |
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Make an early start for the last leg to Leh. Many changing landscapes and high mountain passes. One reaches Leh after crossing Gata Loops, Lachunglang La (5019 m / 16560 feet), Pang, Moore Plains, Tanglang La (5360 m / 17688 feet) and Rumtse

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| <b>Day 13</b> | <b>Leh</b> |  |  |
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Today you get a flavour of the history and culture of Ladakh. With a visit to Thiksey, Shey, Hemis, Sindhu Ghat and Shanti Stupa you cover the best known monuments around Leh and its palaces, gompas, monasteries and museums.

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| <b>Day 14</b> | <b>Leh - Khardungla Pass</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>39 KM/01 - 02 Hours</b> |
|               | <b>Khardungla Pass - Leh</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>39 KM/01 - 02 Hours</b> |

Exciting experience at **Khardung La**, 39 kms from Leh. (Mountain Pass at 5578 m / 18300 ft.). Here is supposed to be the highest motor able road in the world. evening back to hotel

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| <b>Day 15</b> | <b>Leh - Pangong Lake</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>150 KM/04 – 05 Hours</b> |
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Make an early start and ride to east of Leh via Chang-la Mountain Pass (18,000 ft / 5,475 m) to Pangong Lake (Lukung), (4267m / 14000 ft.), 145 kms / 5 hours one way.

The views all around Chang La are simply spectacular. Mesmerizing vistas with the changing hues of the waters of the lovely lake. Overnight at Pangong Lake.

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| <b>Day 16</b> | <b>Pangong Lake - Leh</b> | <b>By Bike</b> | <b>150 KM/04 – 05 Hours</b> |
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After Breakfast Ride to Leh. Evening explore the local Leh market.

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| <b>Day 17</b> | <b>Leh</b> |  |  |
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Ride tour bikes to west of Leh to Likir and back, 125 kms round trip. A different perspective of Leh Ladakh. After breakfast, ride along the Indus river visiting Hall of Fame and Pathar Sahib Gurdwara and going down to the Sangam of Zaskar and Indus rivers near Nimu and crossing Magnetic Hill and further on to Likir in Sham Valley of West Ladakh.

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| <b>Day 18</b> | <b>Leh - Delhi</b>  | <b>By Flight</b> |  |
|               | <b>Delhi – Home</b> | <b>By Flight</b> |  |

After breakfast transfer to airport to catch flight to Delhi. On arrival, transfer to international airport to catch flight to fly back home.