Plan

• 12 days riding trip, starting on 1st June from Ghaziabad

Day	Date	From	То	Distance	Altitude	Petrol	Highway	Route
1	1-Jun-19	Ghaziabd	Jammu	615	980	Ample	EPE & NH1	Ghaziabad - Panipat - Karnal - Pipli - Ambala - Khanna Ludhiana - Jalandhar - Mukerian - Kathua - Samba - Jammu
2	2-Jun-19	Jammu	Srinagar	270	6640	Anywhere	1A	Jammu - Udhampur - Patnitop - Batote - Ramban - Banihal - Qazigund - Khanabal - Srinagar
3	3-Jun-19	Srinagar	Kargil	211	9079	Gund, Sonamarg	1D	Srinagar – Wayul - Manigam - Gund - Sonamarg – Zozi La – Drass – Kargil
4	4-Jun-19	Kargil	Leh	227	14136	Mulbekh	1D	Kargil – Mulbekh - Haniskot - Lamayuru – Khalsi - Saspul - Basgo - Magnetic Hill - Leh
5	5-Jun-19	Leh	Leh local	0	14136	Leh	1D	Leh Palace - Shanti stupa, Hall of fame etc
6	6-Jun-19	Leh	Turtuk	250	14271	Leh Diskit	1D	Leh – South Pullu - North Pullu - Khardung La – Khalsar - Diskit – Hunder - Turtuk - Thang - Turtuk
7	7-Jun-19	Turtuk	Upshi	223	17582	Diskit, Karu	1D	Turtuk - Hunder - Diskit - Khalsar - Agham - Tangyar - Wari La - Tathok - Sakti - Karu - Upshi
8	8-Jun-19	Upshi	Tsomoriri	202	14,836	Leh, Karu	1D	Upshi - Kumdok - Kere - Chumthang - Mahe - Sumdo - Tso Kiagar – Karzok - Tsomoriri Lake
9	9-Jun-19	Tsomoriri	Pang	156	15600	No Pump	1D	Karzok - Tso Kiagar - Sumdo - Tso Kar - Leh-Manali Highway - Pang
10	10-Jun-19	Pang	Keylong	186	10140	No Pump	1D	Pang - Lachung La - Sarchu - Antrk Camps - KillingSarai - Jispa - Satingiri Halipad - Keylong
11	11-Jun-19	Keylong	Mandi	225	10100	Tandi, Manali, Kullu	1D	Keylong - Biling- Tandi - Sissu - Koksar - Gramphu - Rohtang pass - Marhi - Gulaba - Manali - Kullu - Mandi
12	12-Jun-19	Mandi	Ghaziabad	460	2,474	Ample	NH1 & EPE	Mandi - Bilaspur - Rupnagar - Ambala - Kurukshetra - Karnal- Panipat- Rai - Ghaziabad
Total Distance				3025	https://inbravo.github.io/travel/june-2019			

Route

- Complete route
- Ghaziabad-Srinagar-Leh: 1270 kms and 5 nights stay (including 1 night at Leh)
- Leh-Khardungla-Diskit-Turtuk: 245 kms and 1 night stay
- <u>Turtuk-Tsomoriri-Sarchu</u>: 630 kms and 2 night stay
- Sarchu-Manali-Ghaziabad: 780 kms and 3 nights stay

Fuel

- $\bullet \quad Srinagar-Leh: Srinagar-70 kms-> Kangan-10 kms-> Sonamarg-120 kms-> Kargil-40 kms-> Mulbekh-85 kms-> Khaltsi-95-> Leh kms-> Kangan-10 kms$
- Leh-Khardungla-Diskit-Turtuk: Leh, Diskit (155 kms from Leh), Karu (13 kms before Upshi)
- Sarchu-Manali-Ghaziabad: Tandi (114 kms from Sarchu), Manali, Kullu, Mandi

Passes

- Srinagar-Leh route has Zoji La (@11,575ft), 100kms after Srinagar and 15kms before Sonmarg
- Leh-Manali route has 5 passes
 - o Tanglang La (@17,480ft): after crossing 'More plains'. Start descending from here
 - o Lungalacha La (@16,600ft): located some 54kms from Sarchu and 24kms from Pang
 - o Nakee La (@15,647ft): located between Sarchu and Pang
 - o Baralacha La (@16,040ft): in Zanskar range, connecting Lahaul in HP to Ladakh in J&K
 - $\circ~$ Rohtang La (@13,050ft): between the stretch of Marhi and Sissu
- Leh-Nubra route has Khardung La(@17,582ft): highest motorable pass
- Pangong-Leh route has Chang La (@17,590ft): second highest motorable pass

Essentials

- List of items to carry
- Motorcycle checks before starting the trip

Permits

- Passing Rohtang pass, from Manali requires a permit, can be obtained online
 - o Permit can be obtained two days in advance
 - o Private vehicles can cross Rohtang pass before 12 o'clock
 - o There is no need of permit while coming back from Leh
- Leh inner line permit to visit further in Ladakh region, can be obtained online
 - Leh DC office (near polo ground) J&K Tourist Information Center (near car parking) provides permits
 - o Permit office works 9-5PM but applications are accepted up to 3PM only
 - o Pay the inner line permit fees as mentioned in the form
 - Self attested photocopies of identity, is necessary
 - o Besides permit application form, you need to write an application addressing Leh DC
 - o In the application, you need to mention the places along with the visiting dates
 - Validity of the inner line permit, is 1 week for Indians and 1 week for foreigners
 - o You need to mention all places enroute so that you are not sent back from any post

Pieces of wisdom

- · Always pack before sleeping
- · No puncture repair in Leh on Sunday
- Try to avoid a pillion on this ride
- · Carry only the most essential items
- Always give way to climbing vehicles
- Control your ego while riding in groups
- Carry ample cash, while riding at hills
- Tighten your spare fuel can with carrier
- Take small pauses every 1-2 hours to cool down
- Honk on every turn and never drive in wrong lane
- In high altitude regions, avoid staying or sleeping
- Fog light at fronts and reflecting tapes at the back
- Stay friendly with everyone, you encounter while riding
- Remember the cold starting your motorcycle every morning
- Water and food is the key to health, drink and eat wisely
- Switch off your lights to let climbing vehicles see clearly
- Prepaid connections don't work in J&K. Best is BSNL postpaid
- Fill up your tanks every night, to avoid any delay in morning
- Do not ride in the outer most lane, its where the animal roams
- Keep glucose biscuits and ORS liquid at easily accessible place
- Early start is best to avoid any traffic. Avoid riding late hours
- Avoid making pre-bookings; planing don't works mostly on this trip
- In case of any medical emergency, contact the local military camps
- Avoid any bravery while crossing the water streams (nala), take help
- Avoid starting your motorcycle while crossing the water streams (nala)
- · Avoid crossing Manali-Rohtang-Koksar on Tuesday, its closed for maintenance
- Keep all necessary documents at an easily traceable place e.g. tank bag etc
- Water streams (nala) are easier to cross in morning, owing to less water flow
- Don't stay long at any high altitude point. Mountain sickness can kill your joy
- Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) symptoms are headache, dizziness, fever or vomiting
- Avoid following any vehicle for long, try to overtake and avoid any pothole/obstacle
- Avoid full tank, keep little bit of air in it. Also keep opening your spare/jerry fuel can

Downloads

- Complete plan
- Route maps
 - Ghaziabad-Srinagar-Leh

- o <u>Leh-Khardungla-Diskit-Turtuk</u>
- o <u>Turtuk-Tsomoriri-Sarchu</u>
- o Sarchu-Manali-Ghaziabad

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