



Cycle to Sach Pass

Kangra, Chamba & Pangi Valleys





**The closer you get to real matter; rock,
air, fire and wood. Boy! The more
spiritual the world is.**

—Jack Kerouac



Day 1: Arrive Macleod Ganj. Rest, sightseeing and briefing day.

Arrive at MacLeod Ganj where you'll meet us and settle in for your first stay of the trip. Get some much-needed rest before getting briefed about the planned journey ahead of us over some tea in the evening. Home to the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government-in-exile MacLeod Ganj is an interesting place to explore and gives you an insight into the Tibetan people and their struggle for freedom. Visit the various cafes and the Temple among other things to make your stay in MacLeod Ganj worth it's while.

Highlights: The town of MacLeod Ganj, know more about the Tibetan refugee community.



State highways/Mountain Roads



Difficulty Level – NA



Riding distance – 0 km

Day 2: MacLeod Ganj to Banikhet

Total distance: 116 km ; Cycling distance: 65 km

Starting altitude: 1770 m ; Highest altitude: 1770 m ; Resting altitude: 1615 m above sea level

[Route GPS details & elevation profile](#)

We start early to beat the overbearing heat of the lower altitudes in places like Nurpur. We drive for the first 50-odd kms and stop for breakfast. While we satiate our morning hunger the bikes will be prepared for us to start our ride. The initial ride is a rolling one but soon the road will start to climb almost consistently till Banikhet with varying degrees of inclination. Banikhet and Dalhousie are touristy and for good reason. You will feel good to have completed the day's ascent, something that is much needed to prepare you for the days to come. Sleep and rest as much as you can as the following day will be a long ride from Banikhet to Tissa.

Highlights: First taste of some ascents and the green and beautiful Dalhousie.



State highways/Mountain Roads



Difficulty Level – Moderate



Riding distance – 6 hrs



Day 3: Banikhet to Tissa

Total distance: 85 km; Cycling distance: 85 km

Starting altitude: 1615 m; Highest altitude: 1642 m; Resting altitude: 1470 m above sea level

[Route GPS details & elevation profile](#)

As always, we start early. The road from Banikhet will initially descend down till the Chamera Dam reservoir, once we're over the bridge a rolling section will take us to the 50 km mark for the day. After some rest at Kandla we'll begin our climb with a few ups and downs in between for the next 15 km. The last 15 odd km of the day are again a mix of a couple to gentle ups and downs to cap off the day at Tissa.

Highlights: Longest ride of the tour.



State highways/Mountain Roads



Difficulty Level – High



Riding distance – 8 hrs





Day 4: Tissa to Bairagarh

Total distance: 25 km; Cycling distance: 25 km

Starting altitude: 1470 m; Highest altitude: 1962 m; Resting altitude: 2000 m above sea level

[Route GPS details & elevation profile](#)

The shortest day, distance-wise of our entire cycling journey. This will give us the much-needed rest after the long ride yesterday. While the first 13 km has an ascent and descent, the second half is a consistent climb till we get to Bairagarh. Between Bairagarh to Killar on the other side of the pass there aren't many settlements or shelters. So, we oil our chains and our joints as we get ready for the long and relentless 30 km climb to Sach Pass tomorrow.

Highlights: Shortest ride of the tour to the base of the climb to Sach Pass.



Mountain Roads
Riding distance – 4 hrs



Difficulty Level – Easy





Day 5: Bairagarh to Killar

Total distance: 68 km; Cycling distance: 68 km

Starting altitude: 2000 m; Highest altitude: 4395 m; Resting altitude: 2700 m above sea level

[Route GPS details & elevation profile](#)

An early start to have enough time at hand to complete the day's run and have some time to spare. It's a 30 km climb to get us to the top of the pass and the path that leads to the top isn't exactly smooth which makes for a tough and slow advance. From the top of the pass we will make the descent all the way down to the bridge over the Chenab about 10 km before Killar, this is where we stop pedalling and call an end to our cycling journey. We load up our bikes and make our way to Killar to get some much deserved and needed rest for the day. Congratulate yourself on completing this tough cycling journey on what is considered to be one of the toughest Himalayan roads.

Highlights: Sach Pass, highest point of our cycling journey. Pangri Valley



Mountain Roads
8 hrs



Difficulty Level – High



Riding distance –

Day 6: Drive, Killar to Manali

Total distance: 230 km

The 230-odd km from Killar to Manali take about 7 hours. We bid adieu to Lahaul after a sense of accomplishment on finishing our cycling journey. We load up the bikes and our bags and head towards Manali. On the way to Manali we will be crossing Udaipur which is a bit of a cultural hub and centre of much activity within the Lahaul Valley. It's also home to the Triloki Nath Temple which one can visit on your way to Manali. Once in Manali, we check into the lovely Sonaugi Homestead for a well deserved night of celebration.

Highlights: Drive through Pangri Valley in Lahaul. Trilokinath Temple. Manali



National highways/ Mountain Roads



Difficulty Level - NA



Drive Time – 7 hrs



Day 7: Manali to....

Our time on the road together has finally come to an end. Following breakfast, you are free to explore Manali or leave town at your own time and leisure.

Tour Highlights

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Experienced tour leader and friendly local support staff



Best in class accommodation throughout the circuit



Explore places that are off the regular tourist radar



Experience local culture, food and heritage. Fun cookouts and Barbecues

Inclusions

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- Accommodation, Macleod Ganj to Manali. 6 Nights.
- Meals from dinner at MacLeod Ganj to breakfast on Day 7 at Manali.
- Experienced tour leader/ guide.
- Courteous support staff.
- Backup car and mechanical support while cycling.
- Safety communication devices like walkie talkies.
- All transfers from Dharamsala/MacLeod Ganj to Manali including sightseeing trips.
- Lunches and refreshments during cycling days.
- Drinking water.
- First aid and support including oxygen cylinder.



Exclusions

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- Taxes.
- Travel and accident insurance.
- Tips.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Personal expenses incurred during the course of the trip.
- Packaged/ bottled drinking water.
- Bus Tickets to Macleod Ganj.
- Flight tickets.
- Cycle rental & transportation.
- Single room supplement.
- Anything and everything else that is not a part of the inclusions.