

Little Tibet

Mystic Tsomoriri



9 days in Leh, Nubra Valley & Pangong Lake

Destinations Covered	No of Nights
Leh	2 Nights
Nubra Valley	2 Nights
Pangong Lake	1 Night
Leh	1 Night

DAY 01: ARRIVE LEH

Arrival Leh by morning flight and transfer to the hotel. After a welcome drink, take a complete rest for acclimatisation to the height altitude of Leh (3500 metres). In the late afternoon drive to the city for an orientation walk in the markets, followed by a visit to Shanti Stupa Leh palace. Dinner and overnight stay in a hotel.

SHANTI STUPA

is situated on a hilltop in Chanspa, Leh district, Ladakh, in the north Indian state of Leh. Shanti Stupa as know Buddhist white-domed stupa. It was built in 1991 by Japanese Buddhist Bhikshu Gyomyo Nakamura. The Shanti Stupa holds the relics of the Buddha at its base, enshrined by the 14th Dalai Lama himself. Shanti stupa provides beautiful and panoramic view of the surrounding landscape. This has become a primary reason for Shanti Stupa to become a popular tourist attraction, apart from its religious.

LEH PALACE also known as Lhachen Palkhar, a 17th-century former royal palace and one of the central attractions in Leh. Built under the patronage of by King Sengge Namgyal, it used to house his family. The nine-storey dun-coloured palace now houses a museum and a prayer room, while the highlight is the sweeping view of Leh and the surrounding Zaskar mountain from the rooftop.

DAY 02: LEH - EXCURSION TO SHAM VALLEY (65 KMS / 04 HRS – ONE WAY)

After breakfast you drive downstream along the River Indus on Leh – Kargil Highway. And start our sightseeing with Hall Of Fame (Museum Constructed by India Army) near Leh is worth a visit for every Indian, and proceed further to Gurudwara Patthar Sahib at an altitude of 3600 Mtrs about 22 Kms from Leh was constructed in memory of Guru Nanak Dev ji Nestled deep in the Himalayas, A drive of another 4 km took us to Magnetic Hill which defies the law of gravity. As you move ahead from Magnetic Hills, just before Nimmu Village, there comes a famous Confluence Of Two Rivers Indus River coming from Tibet (left) and Zaskar River coming from Zaskar Valley (right). After visiting confluence we head to Alchi Gumpa, The complex of temples located within the village is the most celebrated of Ladakh's monasteries and dates back to the 11th century. After visiting Alchi we back towards leh enroute visiting Likir Monastery was built in 11th century and was again re-built in 18th century and houses a 25 feet Lord gold covered Buddha Statue. Later we drive back to Leh. Dinner and overnight at Hotel in Leh.

HALL OF FAME An important stopover on the tourist circuit, the Hall of Fame encapsulates the essence of patriotism and displays exhibits relating the bravery of Indian soldiers and their courageous accomplishments. As you pass through the OP Vijay Gallery, which showcases weaponry that was used in the Kargil War, and see the elaborate display of the documents of the war, uniforms that are worn at the Siachen glacier and others, you will be filled with a sense of pride. The letters written by soldiers to their families, photographs clicked during wars fought in the region and a 30-minute documentary on the Kargil War, are some of the highlights. On the second floor, guns and equipment that were detained by the Indian Army during its confrontations with the Pakistan army have been put up as exhibits. The museum also houses a souvenir shop. The hall has been built inside a museum that was erected by the Indian Army in honour of soldiers who perished during the various wars that have been fought in this region.

MAGNETIC HILL Perched at an altitude of 14,000 ft, Magnetic Hill is one of the most intriguing spots in the country. This tiny hillock is said to defy gravity as it tends to pull vehicles upwards. It is quite thrilling to defy the laws of science and be pulled in the opposite direction. The scientific theory states that there is a strong magnetic force emanating from the hills that defy gravity at this particular spot. It is a good pitstop on the highway and serves as a break in between mundane road travel. Do note that it is best to visit between May to September, when the road is easily accessible. There is a board that marks the location of magnetic hill, so it cannot be missed while driving down the highway. Local Ladakhi superstition believes that the road is a straight stairway to heaven.

CONFLUENCE OF THE ZANSKAR: Indus river is originated from the great Himalayan ranges and Zaskar river originates from Zaskar ranges. Zaskar river is shiny blue in colour, on the other hand Indus looks a little green. Zaskar meets Indus in Nimmu valley from the north-east. This is a scenic view for the visitors and they find it fascinating to mark both the rivers even after their confluence

GURUDWARA PATHAR SAHIB is a highly revered gem located 25 miles away from Leh town on Kargil Leh Highway. Devoted to Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikh Religion, the sacred place beautifully commemorates his visit to Ladakh. Dating back to 1517, the Gurudwara houses a boulder with imprints of the head, shoulders and backside of Shree Guru Nanak Dev.

ALCHI GOMPA The architecture of Alchi Monastery is of Tibetan style. The monastery complex has three major shrines - the Dukhang (Assembly hall), the Sumtsek and the Temple of Manjushri. There are also chortens in the Complex. Wall paintings are the major attractions here as they depict details of both Buddhist style and Kashmiri style. The complex houses a huge statue of the Buddha and lavish wood carvings and artwork, similar to baroque style.

DAY 03: SHAM VALLEY TO LEH VIA LAMAYURU (180 KMS / 05 – 06 HRS)

Post breakfast you drive to the 11th Century Lamayuru Monastery en route visiting the mesmerising Moon Landscapes (you will believe why the name of this area is Moonland. Exactly the same formations of Land are visible as on the moon), Lamayuru is spectacularly located along the valley plain and surrounded by mountains on all sides. On your return drive to Leh you first visit the Alchi Gompa. The complex of temples located within the village is the most celebrated of Ladakh's monasteries and dates back to the 11th century. After visiting Alchi we drive back to Leh. Finally you arrive back at Leh for an overnight stay at your Hotel.

DAY 04: LEH – CHUMATHANG – TSOMORIRI (240 KMS / 06 – 07 HRS)

In the morning leave for Tsomoriri Lake towards Chumathang, which is famous for medical hot spring and people visit this place for a medical bath. From here a short drive will take you to Mahey Bridge, the main checking point to enter this new area. On the way visit Sumdah village and another 55 kms drive will take you to Tsomoriri. The Tsomoriri Lake is located at 14,000 ft. near the small village of Korzok. Recently opened to foreigners due to the proximity of the Chinese border, the Changthang is a land of wilderness and magnificent landscapes, Tsomoriri

Lake is also the breeding ground for numerous species of birds, like the bar headed goose, crested grebe, the Brahmini duck (ruddy sheldrake) and the brown-headed gull. Tsomoriri Lake is 8 kms wide and 28 kms long. Upon arrival we check in at our camp/hotel for Overnight stay.

DAY 05: TSOMORIRI – TSOKAR – TANGLANGLA – LEH (240 KMS / 8 HRS)

After an early breakfast we check out from our camp and visit Korzok village with its houses and its Gumpa appearing like a mirage. The few barley fields at Korzok must be among the highest cultivation in the world. Later we drive to Tsokar, The nomadic people Changpas are the most outstanding feature of this area. They can be seen moving from one place to other grazing herds of goats, sheep and yaks. Changpas pass their days with their animals and move with their flocks, their only wealth from pasture to pasture according to the changing season. Their flocks, their yaks, and goat's hair furnish the raw material of which they make their ropes, their clothes and shoes. All day long men and women are busy milking, churning the milk into butter, making ropes, weaving mats and other fabrics. These people have been completely beyond the pale of all civilising influences. Even towards the fag end of the twenty first century, they belong to a primitive pre-historic age, The Drive is scenic and Tsokar Lake is one of the best. And after spending some time we proceed further to Leh. Dinner and Overnight at Hotel in Leh.

DAY 06: LEH–NUBRA VALLEY VIA KHARDUNG LA 18,390 FT. (120 KMS / 4 – 5 HRS)

Post breakfast we drive to Nubra Valley. The road journey from Leh to Nubra Valley passes over Khardung La (The Highest Motorable Road In The World) at 5,602 Mtrs / 18,390 Ft, around 39 km from Leh. From the pass, one can see all the way south over the Indus valley to seemingly endless peaks and ridges of the Zaskar range, and north to the giants of the Saser massif. Nubra Valley is popularly known as Ldumra or the valley of flowers. It is situated in the north of Ladakh between the Karakoram and Ladakh ranges of the Himalayas. The average altitude of the valley is 10,000 Ft. above sea level. Upon arrival in Nubra we check in at our Camp / Hotel in Hunder for Overnight stay. In the evening you can walk around the tiny villages to see how the locals live in this part of the world. Overnight Stay at the Camp or Hotel

DAY 07: NUBRA VALLEY TO PANGONG LAKE (150 KMS / 5 HRS)

After an early breakfast we check out from Camp or hotel and drive towards Hunder where you have opportunity to ride on a bactrian camel (double humped) amidst the sand dunes of this high-altitude desert with snowcapped mountains on the horizon. On the return stop at Diskit which is the headquarter town of Nubra Valley. Stroll around the bazaar observing the shops and local people going about their daily chores. Later we drive towards Pangong Tso via Agham and Shyok Valley. Some of the road patches in areas are extremely tough (towards the nubra side) in terms of road conditions but no doubt the journey is very scenic! Later after crossing this adventurous part we drive further towards Durbuk and Tangtse for Pangong you pass through a few small villages of Changthang and finally you can have a sudden view of the Pangong lake situated at 14,000 feet (4,267 m). Upon arrival we check in at our Camp/Hotel Near Pangong lake. Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel

DAY 08: PANGONG LAKE TO LEH VIA CHANGLA (140 KMS / 6 HRS)

Morning at leisure to explore the beauty of lake and later we drive back to Leh via Changla Pass 5486 Mtrs en route visiting Hemis Gumpa, the largest monastic foundation of Drukpa Kagyu Order of Tibetan Buddhism. And further to Thiksey an impressive complex rising tier upon tier on a hill above the village and another 5 Kms driving through a picturesque landscape we reach to Shey Palace, The ancient capital of Ladakh and 3 Idiots Rancho School. Drive further to Leh. Dinner and Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 09: DEPART LEH (FLY OUT)

Tour concludes. Through a punctual transfer to the Domestic Airport to catch the flight for your onward destination.

THE ABOVE PACKAGE TOUR COST INCLUDES:-

1. Assistance upon arrival at Leh Hotel
2. Traditional welcome in the Hotel with Welcome Drink (Hot Tea / Coffee / Kahwa) on arrival
3. 08 Nights Accommodation twin/double sharing Basis as per the Itinerary
4. Meal Plan - 08 Breakfast and 08 Dinner
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3. Anything not specifically mentioned under the head "Prices included".
4. The Services of Vehicle is not included on leisure days and; after finishing the sightseeing tour as per the Itinerary
5. Guide fee, Camera fee and; any monument Entrances
6. Medical and; Travel insurance
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