

LEH & LADAKH · CLASSIC ITINERARY

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The itinerary most of our groups take: two full days to acclimatise in and around Leh, two days across Khardung La into Nubra, one night at Pangong, then back to Leh with a buffer day before the flight home.

6 nights / 7 days Route: **Leh – Sham Valley – Nubra (via Khardung La) – Pangong (via Shyok road) – Leh**

From **₹42,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

DELHI → LEH

Arrive and do nothing

Fly Ahmedabad–Delhi–Leh, landing by late morning. This is the single most important day of the trip for altitude: go straight to the hotel, rest, drink plenty of water, and avoid any exertion or alcohol. A short walk to a nearby market in the evening is fine if you feel well; anything more can wait.

Stay: **Leh** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

LEH

Sham Valley and monasteries

A low-altitude day to keep acclimatising while still sightseeing. Visit Magnetic Hill, the Sangam of the Indus and Zaskar rivers, Gurudwara Pathar Sahib, and the monasteries at Likir and Alchi. Back in Leh by evening for a visit to Leh Palace and Shanti Stupa at sunset.

Stay: **Leh** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3

LEH → NUBRA VALLEY

Over Khardung La

Drive to Nubra via Khardung La (5,359 m, about 40 km/2 hours from Leh), stopping briefly at the pass for photos and tea. Descend into the valley to Hunder or Diskit (total drive about 120 km, 5 hours). Afternoon at the sand dunes with a double-humped camel ride, and a visit to Diskit Monastery's giant Maitreya Buddha statue.

Stay: **Nubra (Hunder/Diskit)** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

NUBRA → PANGONG TSO

To the lake via Shyok

Take the Shyok river road from Nubra to Pangong Tso (about 150 km, 5–6 hours) — a longer but lower and generally smoother route than crossing back over Khardung La and Chang La. Arrive by late afternoon to watch the lake change colour at sunset. Nights here are cold (near freezing even in summer) and camp facilities are basic.

Stay: **Pangong Tso (camp)** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

PANGONG TSO → LEH

Back over Chang La

Sunrise at the lake before the tour buses arrive, then return to Leh via Chang La (5,360 m, the third-highest motorable pass), about 160 km and 5–6 hours with stops. Rest on arrival; a free evening in Leh market for shawls, apricots and souvenirs.

Stay: **Leh** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

LEH

Hemis and Thiksey, buffer day

A relaxed day serving as a weather buffer for the road trip just completed. Visit Thiksey Monastery for the morning prayer session and Hemis Monastery in the afternoon. Those who prefer to rest can simply stay in Leh — this day is deliberately unhurried before the flight out.

Stay: **Leh** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
7

LEH → DELHI → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Morning flight from Leh (flights depart early due to wind patterns, often before 9 am) connecting through Delhi to Ahmedabad. Leh airport security is slow for a domestic airport; report at least 2.5 hours before departure.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Delhi–Leh flights
- + 6 nights: hotels in Leh, guesthouse/camp in Nubra, Swiss tent camp at Pangong Tso
- + Private SUV (Innova/Xylo/Scorpio) with driver for the full circuit
- + Inner Line Permit arrangement for Nubra and Pangong
- + Daily breakfast and dinner throughout
- + Airport pickup and drop, oxygen cylinder kept in the vehicle

Not included

- Lunches (paid at dhabas/camps en route, ₹250–400 per person)
- Camel ride at Hunder and any optional activities
- Travel and medical evacuation insurance (strongly recommended)
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹42,000–50,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹62,000–78,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights at normal fares booked 6–8 weeks ahead. Peak season (June–August) and any last-minute booking run 15–25% higher; road closures due to weather can add unplanned hotel nights. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: There is no direct Ahmedabad–Leh flight. Fly Ahmedabad–Delhi (about 2 h) and connect to Delhi–Leh (about 1 h 20 m); total travel time including the layover is usually 4–5 hours. Book Delhi–Leh for a morning slot — afternoon flights are more prone to weather cancellation as winds pick up over the Leh valley.

Food. Leh town itself is comfortable for vegetarians — several Punjabi- and Gujarati-run dhabas and restaurants operate through the season, and most hotels can arrange a simple Gujarati-style thali on request. Nubra Valley guesthouses and camps offer simpler thali-style vegetarian meals; choice narrows but pure-veg is generally available with advance notice.

Permits and rules. An Inner Line Permit (ILP) is required for Indian nationals to visit Nubra Valley, Pangong Tso, Khardung La beyond a point, and Tso Moriri/Hanle; foreign nationals need a Protected Area Permit through a registered agent. Permits are applied for online (the Ladakh administration's ILP portal, or through us) using a scanned Aadhaar card and passport-size photo for each traveller; the fee is nominal, roughly ₹30–40 per person per permit plus a small environment fee, and processing normally takes a few hours to a day. We handle this for every group and carry printed copies, since photocopies are checked at multiple army and police checkpoints along the way — carry original Aadhaar cards too, not just the copies.

Pack

- Warm layers even in summer — fleece and a windproof jacket for evenings and passes, thermal wear if travelling before June or after mid-September
- Diamox (acetazolamide) only after consulting your doctor before travel, especially if anyone in the group has heart, BP or breathing conditions
- High-SPF sunscreen and lip balm — UV at this altitude is far stronger than it feels, even on cool or cloudy days
- Sufficient cash in small denominations — carry more than you think you need (see Food and FAQs)
- A refillable water bottle and electrolyte sachets to help with hydration and acclimatisation
- Sunglasses with UV protection and a warm cap or monkey cap for wind at the passes
- Personal medication in original packaging with a doctor's prescription, plus basic motion-sickness tablets for the mountain roads

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