

# Leh Ladakh — Himalayan High Desert

Monasteries, motorbike-friendly mountain passes and the brilliant blue Pangong Tso.

Duration	8 Days · 7 Nights
Country	India
Locations	Leh, Sham Valley, Nubra Valley, Pangong Tso
From (USD)	\$904 per person
Difficulty	Challenging
Max group	12

## Overview

8 days in the Indian Himalayas at altitudes of 3,500-5,300 m. Visit centuries-old Buddhist monasteries (Thiksey, Hemis, Diskit), drive over Khardung La pass, sleep beside the surreal blue waters of Pangong Tso lake, and experience the silent surreal beauty of Nubra Valley's white sand dunes.

## Highlights

- Pangong Tso lake — surreal blue
- Khardung La pass (5,359 m)
- Thiksey Monastery sunrise prayer
- Diskit Monastery + Nubra valley
- Magnetic Hill optical illusion

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 — Arrive Leh — Acclimatisation

Flight from Delhi. Rest day for altitude (3,524 m). Hydrate. NO sightseeing.

**Stay:** Stok Palace / Grand Dragon Ladakh | **Meals:** Welcome dinner | **Transfer:** Airport pickup | **Distance:** Airport → Leh · 5 km

### Day 2 — Leh — local sightseeing

Easy day. Leh Palace, Shanti Stupa sunset.

**Stay:** Grand Dragon | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC vehicle | **Distance:** Local

### Day 3 — Sham Valley

Drive Magnetic Hill, Sangam (Indus-Zaskar confluence), Alchi Monastery (11th century).

**Stay:** Grand Dragon | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC vehicle | **Distance:** ~150 km RT

### Day 4 — Leh → Nubra Valley via Khardung La

Highest motorable pass in the world (well, debated). Descend to Nubra. White sand dunes, double-humped Bactrian camels.

**Stay:** Lchang Nang Retreat / Camp | **Meals:** Breakfast, dinner at camp | **Transfer:** AC SUV (mandatory) | **Distance:** Leh → Nubra · 150 km · 5-6 hrs

### Day 5 — Nubra → Pangong Tso

Drive via Shyok river route to Pangong. Lake check-in tented camp. Sunset over blue water.

**Stay:** Pangong Tso Camp | **Meals:** Breakfast, dinner at camp | **Transfer:** AC SUV | **Distance:** Nubra → Pangong · 160 km · 5 hrs

### Day 6 — Pangong → Leh

Sunrise over lake, drive back via Chang La pass.

**Stay:** Grand Dragon Leh | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC SUV | **Distance:** Pangong → Leh · 230 km · 6 hrs

### Day 7 — Leh — monasteries

Hemis, Thiksey (sunrise prayer), Shey Palace, Stok Palace museum.

**Stay:** Grand Dragon | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC vehicle | **Distance:** ~80 km

### Day 8 — Leh → Delhi

Morning flight back to Delhi. Tour ends or continue to onward.

**Stay:** — | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** Airport drop | **Distance:** —

## Inclusions

- ✓ 4★/5★ Ladakh hotels + 2 night premium camps
- ✓ AC SUV (Innova/Scorpio)
- ✓ Inner Line Permits for Pangong/Nubra
- ✓ Daily breakfast + camp dinners
- ✓ Oxygen cylinder in vehicle
- ✓ Monastery entries

## Exclusions

- X Flights to/from Leh
- X Visa
- X Lunches
- X Travel insurance (MANDATORY)