

# INCREDIBLE LADAKH

(7 nights 8 days)



**DAY 1: Arrival and rest:** Arrival Leh Kushok Bakula Rinpochey airport at 3500 meters above sea level. We recommend a full rest to fully acclimatize to the altitude of Leh and environment. You can have an evening walk to the market if your body permits. Visit **Shanti Stupa** and **Leh Palace**.

**Overnight stay:** *Hotel in Leh*

## **DAY 2 : Explore Sham valley:**

Sightseeing towards Sham valley Visit **Hall of Fame** an army museum in memory of soldiers. While going towards sham valley you will be passing **Magnetic hill** and **Sangam confluence** (meeting of Zaskar and Indus river)

You will continue your journey towards west of Leh known as Sham valley. Visit **Alchi monastery**. Alchi monastery is a monastic complex consists of multiple temples of Indo-Himalayan style with unique murals and statues dating back to 11<sup>th</sup> -12th centuries.

**Duration:** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight stay:** *Hotel in Leh.*

### **DAY 3 : To Nubra valley, Disket, Hunder:**

Leave early morning to *Nubra valley* via **khardong la** (17,982 ft/ 5,359m *Nubra valley* literally “means the valley of flowers” is popularly known for the beautiful white sand dunes, old monasteries and beautiful landscape of villages along **Shayok river**.

Visit **Disket** monastery on top of hill and the 32mtr giant **Maitraya Buddha** statue nearby the monastery.

After Disket continue traveling towards the **Hunder valley** with breathtaking views of white sand dunes on the side.

In the evening visit Sand dunes and a ride on Bactrian double humped camels.

**Duration:** 5 hrs. drive.

**Overnight:** Hunder

### **DAY 4 : Explore Turtuk valley :**

Post breakfast you will drive towards **TURTUK** *Turtuk* is a small village located on the banks of *Shayok river*. It is one of the few places in India where one can witness **Balti** culture.

*Turtuk* is one of the northernmost villages of India and it was open to tourists in 2009 only.

*Turtuk* was the part of *Baltistan* region control by Pakistan until the war of Indo-Pak in 1971.

*Turtuk* **THANG** village is the last outpost of India after captured by Indian army in 1971.

After Lunch we will visit *Turtuk* village by walk through the green fields of barley, wheat and mustards. Apart from that we will interact with the senior citizens of villages and hear about the stories before 1971. *Turtuk* valley is very famous for the fruits like variety of Apples, walnuts and specially for the best quality of Apricots.

**Duration:** 2 hours one way

**Overnight:** Hunder village



**DAY 5: Pangong lake (4,225m) via Shayok valley:**

Start early after breakfast towards **Pangong lake** via *shayok* valley. One of the best places to enjoy stars gazing at night and of course the beautiful high-altitude saline and clean water lake. You may see some wildlife's on the way towards *pangong* lake like *blue sheep, wildass, wolf and red fox*. The road to Pangong via Shayok is quite rough at some places in between.

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight stay:** *At pangong, Mann or Merak village near lake.*

**DAY 6: Pangong to HANLE village via Tsagala pass (4,641m)**

Today you will start early morning to reach the destination on time. Visit REZANG LA war memorial in Chushul village on the way. The travel will be quite long as compare to other days but the drive through Planes of CHANGTHANG Plateau is breathtaking. On the way you might see some wildlife's and lots of birds like wild ass, wolf, foxes and Black necked cranes, the state bird of Ladakh. HANLE village is one of the famous places for wildlife and breeding place for migratory birds. You can see the Indian Astronomical observatory located in the middle of the village and the HANLE monastery.

*(If time permits then drive to Umling La. The highest motorable road in the world with additional price of 4000 rupees)*

**DAY 7: Back to Leh via Tsokar lake and Taglang pass:**

Today you will return back towards Leh from **TAGLANG pass (5,200m)** and on the way passing two beautiful and famous wetlands in eastern Ladakh **PUGA pastureland** and **TSOKAR lake**. These wetlands are important breeding spots for migratory birds and wildlife's.

On the way before arriving Leh visit **Thiksey** monastery

**Thiksey monastery** one of the famous and oldest monastery of Ladakh is on the top of hill in the middle of *Thiskey* village. This monastery of **GYELUK PA** sect of Tibetan Buddhism was founded around 540 years ago by the monk **PALDAN SHESRAB**.

**Duration** 5 hrs.

**Overnight stay:** *Leh hotel*

**DAY 8 : Airport drop (Tour ends with wonderful memories of Ladakh )**

**Inclusion:**

- Cab Service (Toyota Crysta, Scorpio N, Toyota Innova, Maruti Ertiga, Mahindra Xylo)
- Oxygen cylinder throughout the tour for safety purpose on high altitude passes.
- Inner line permit

**Exclusion:**

- Any kind of expenses in personal nature like soft drinks, hard drinks and any toiletries.
- Any extra expenses due to delays arising from bad weather and any unforeseen circumstances.
- Any kind of insurance
- Foods while travelling.
- Entry fees of places like monasteries and other.
- Any tips to driver
- Any expenses of any kind not included in the *inclusion* section.

**Suggested things to bring:**

- A valid govt photo identity proof addhaar or election id proof or passport.
- Comfortable walking shoes and flip flops.
- Sunscreen above SPF 30 as the sun is scorching in Ladakh.
- Sunglasses and hats to avoid direct contact with the sun.
- Bring your medicine if you are on any medication or any issues.
- Bring warm clothes like sweater, jackets. (At some places like pangong and Korzok valley is so cold in the evening and morning. So fully prepared for cold weather.)
- And your curiosity to explore and know about places, culture, and people deeply.

