

Manali to Leh Jeep Safari



Safari: Manali to Leh Jeep Safari

Duration: 10 Days

Altitude Ranging from about 9,000 to 18,500 feet at Khardung La Pass

Grade Moderate

The 472 km overland journey is open for just three months in a year i.e. from June to end of September. The jeep safari trip from Manali to Leh can be extended to Nubra valley across Khardung La pass, the highest motorable road in the world or to Srinagar after crossing Zojila Pass. The Manali to Leh drive can be completed in two days with an overnight stay at Sarchu or Darcha. Another option is to drive to Leh via Tsokar and Tsomoriri Lake. For undertaking this tour you will have to arrange your tour through tour operator from Leh, who can send you a permit to enter Tsomoriri Lake with a local taxi. The journey starts from Manali driving through the lush green and foggy hills offering a splendid view of Manali on the way.

Day 01: Delhi - Manali (2050 M)

In the evening drive to Manali by AC Volvo Coach at 18:00 hrs. Overnight journey.

Day 02: Manali

Arrival at Manali by morning and then transfer to hotel. At leisure or a tour of attractive places like Hadimba Devi temple, Vashisht Hot Springs, Club house etc. can be taken. Overnight in the hotel.

Day 03: Manali - Jispa (3142 mts/147 Kms) - Sarchu (4253 mts/75 Kms)

Early in the morning met Peak Adventure Tours Guide and Jeep; briefing about the safari and then drive towards Jispa via the Rohtang Pass. This high altitude

road beyond the great Himalayan range connects the densely fertile and green Kullu valley to the stark barren region of Ladakh. The drive starts at Manali



slowly winding up mountain roads till Rohtang Pass at 3,950M which connects the Kullu to the Lahaul valley. On entering the Lahaul valley we see a distinct change with the Hindu influence being replaced with the Buddhist religion. Continue drive to Sarchu.

Leisurely drive over the scenic Baralacha Pass (4880 M). Plenty of stops to capture the scenic grandeur of this majestic landscape dotted with snow capped peaks and high altitude lakes. After crossing the pass drop down to the vast Sarchu plains. Dinner and overnight in tents.

Day 04: Sarchu - Leh (245 kms/7-8 hrs)

Early morning drive to Leh gives you a feeling of being in the high Tibetan Plateau. One climbs a series of Galta loops consisting of 32 hairpin bends on the way up from Sarchu and come out in Pang valley. Cross to the other side of the Pang, Tzanspo River to continue drive up to yet another plateau for a long traverse on the legendary Moore plains. The highest of the Tibetan Plateau at 4200 Mts. Continue driving Tanglang La (5280 Mts.) the second highest motorable pass in the world that commands breath taking views of the Zaskar range. A pleasant drive about 20 Kms brings you to the Ladakhi hamlet, Gya, heralded by prayer flags. After crossing few more villages one reaches the great Indus River. Further drive to Leh town, over night at hotel.

Leh: Leh is the fascinating capital of the Autonomous Hill Council of Ladakh, also known as Little Tibet. The important monasteries to visit in and around Leh are Shey, Thiksey, Hemis, Spituk, Shakar as well as the Shanti Stupa, Stok Palace and main Bazaar. The Leh palace dominating the town was the former home of the Namgyal Dynasty. The monastic festivals are very popular and Hemis,

Phyang and Lamayuru festivals in summer are visited by lot of tourists who throng to see the Cham Dances.



Day 05: Leh - Shey - Thiksey - Hemis

On this day you will go a sightseeing trip to some ancient monasteries in this area.

Shey Gompa is about 15 kms from Leh. It used to be the summer palace of the kings of Ladakh. There are lots of Stupas and Gompas built around the palace. Shey palace was built by Deldan Namgyal in the beginning of 17th century AD. Main attraction in Shey is the 12m Shakyamuni Buddha statue inside the Dresthang Gompa.

Thiksey Gompa, close to Shey is about 17 kms from Leh. The monastery is considered to be one of the most beautiful in Ladakh and belongs to the Gelukpa order.

Hemis, about 45 kms south of Leh it is one of the most famous and largest monastery in Ladakh. It belongs to the Drukpa order and was founded in the early 17th century. The setting is perfect with the monastery cradled in a lovely valley, surrounded by streams and fronted by long Mani walls. Overnight stay at the guest house.

Day 06: Leh - Diskit via Khardung La

Early morning, drive from Leh to Nubra (7 hrs drive), The Nubra Valley lies in the north of Leh and is accessible over the Khardung la (18,380 ft.) one of the highest motorable roads in the world. The valley is on the trade route from Leh to Khardung via Saser and Karakoram passes. Apart from unparalleled trekking opportunities, the valley houses several Buddhist monasteries such as Sumur (Khagar) and 350 years old Diskit Gompa famous for its murals. From Khardung

la, drive to the village of Khardung and then through starkly beautiful countryside to the TCP at Khalsar where permits have to be registered/checked.



From here, one has to turn to the left of Shyok River and drive for about 15 miles over a narrow steep road to Diskit where one has to stay in camps.

Day 07: Diskit - Leh

After breakfast, drive downward Shyok River. An extremely rough and rocky stretch of flat ground. Cross the river over a bridge and arrive at the first village of Tirth. The road from here is extremely bad all the way upto Panamiki. The scenery however is spectacular with the snow-capped Karakoram Mountains in the background. The weather being much warmer in comparison to the Indus Valley, vegetation is thicker with a variety of trees and flowers. Visit the 150 years old Samasthanling Gompa at Bumur/Khagar. It is a big complex of 7 temples including the Ricpoches room. Walk half an hour from the gompa to Tegar village where there is another small gompa. Walk through the village and explore the surroundings. Also a small lake lies there. Later, transfer to Leh (106.8 miles). Dinner Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: Leh - Full Day Tour Alchi + Phyang

After breakfast, we start our drive to Alchi and Phyang, 43.5 miles west of Leh, south of the village of Alchi village & the monastery. Alchi's large temple complex founded in the 11th century is regarded as one of the most important Buddhist centers in Ladakh and a jewel of monastic skill. You will also have an opportunity to witness villagers using primitive methods to grind the wheat along the road side. After our visit to the Alchi monastery.

Day 09: Leh - Pangong - Leh

Full day excursion to Pangong Lake, (199 miles) 06:00 hrs drive to Pangong Lake via Changla Pass. Lunch at Tangtse. Visit Pangong Lake and drive back to Leh. Arrive Leh by evening. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10: Leh - Delhi

Transfer to the airport for the spectacular flight across the main chain of the Himalaya to Delhi.

Trip & services end.



Cost of the Trip

USD 835/- per person (For a minimum of 2-4 people)*

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*4.9% service tax extra

Cost Include

- **Transport:** AC Volvo Coach from Delhi - Manali and Toyota Qualis/Scorpio car from Manali to Leh & all sightseeing and drop to Leh airport
- **Accommodation:** Hotel in Manali, Leh and Nubra Valley on twin/DBL sharing basis with bed and breakfast. Deluxe camp at Sarchu with all meal.
- **Meals:** At Manali, Leh & Nubra Valley only breakfast will be serving. At Sarchu all meals will be provided. The meals will be a mix of Indian, Chinese & Continental.
- **Experienced driver cum guides from Manali - Leh and local guide at Leh for the sightseeing.**
- **Driver Allowance**
- **State Tax, Toll Tax**

Cost does not include

- Airfare, Any charges for carrying still/video cameras etc.
- Alcohol, soft drinks, bottled water, beverages, etc.
- Personal expenses like tips, telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Any meals/services not mentioned above
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.
- Travel insurance