

19 August 2023: Arrive Delhi

Arrive in Delhi with intercontinental flight. After customs formalities, baggage claim, meet with the representative of MoreIndia travels to transfer to hotel (check-in at 12:00).

20 August 2023: Delhi-Leh-Uleytokpo (*Leh to hotel is approx 1hr30min drive*)

In the early morning, we will fly to Leh (approx 1hr30min) and upon arrival, you will be driven to Uleytokpo. Uleytokpo lies on the Indus river at an altitude of 2,800 meters. It is one of the most beautiful camping sites in Ladakh region. The rest of the day is for rest and for high altitude acclimatization. Dinner and overnight at Ule ethnic resort.

21 August 2023: Uleytokpo-Alchi-Uleytopko

After breakfast, we will drive to visit the Alchi monastery. There are great temples, caves, and stupas built in Ladakh by Rinchen Zangpo. Alchi Choskar is the largest and most famous of all of them. Alchi Choskar was constructed by Rinchen Lhakang. These temples having 1000-year-old mural paintings, elaborate artwork along with wood carving and the amazing huge ancient statues of Buddha are the best possible answers. Tourists across the globe explore this place just to enjoy the heavenly beauty and to experience the ancient architecture of the monastery temples. Drive back to the resort for lunch and afternoon small trek to Mangu Village. Dinner & overnight at resort.

22 August 2023: Uleytokpo-Padum

In the early morning, after breakfast, we will drive to Zanskar (Padum). This will be a tough drive mostly on unpaved roads for approx 7-8hrs. Padum is named after Padmasambhava (also known as Guru Rinpoche) the founder of Tibetan Buddhism, located at the center of the tri-armed Zanskar valley, the average elevation of Padum is 3,657 meters and there are several villages to its north east leading to Karsha Monastery. Overnight at the hotel.

23 August 2023: Padum

After breakfast, this day is devoted to visiting monasteries and schools. In the morning, we will visit Jamyang school and later visit Karsha Monastery, the most important Monastery in Zanskar dedicated to Padmasambhava, under the control of the younger brother of the Dalai Lama. With a number of shrines embellished with beautiful paintings done by Lama Dzadpa Dorje, the monastery is the largest in Zanskar, housing 100 monks. After that, we will visit Stongdey Monastery. It has seven temples amongst which the Tshogs-khang is decorated with exquisite paintings of the deities. The art in the temple is made on a black background which is outlined with gold. Overnight at the hotel.

24 August 2023: Padum

After breakfast, we will visit The Phuktal monastery, which is perched on the cliffside close to the River Lungnak, and is one of the only Buddhist monasteries in Leh Ladakh that is only accessible by foot. Made up entirely of mud and wood, Phuktal is one of the most isolated monasteries in the world. Later we will visit Bardan Monastery, an important monastery of Ladakh. It has a large Dukhang Assembly Hall, which has some exquisitely crafted statues of Buddhist deities along with some Stupas, made of clay, bronze, wood, and copper. Built in the 17th century, Bardan Monastery belongs to the Dugpa-Kargyud monastic

order, which was also its first center. In the afternoon, we will drive to Pota for overnight stay at the hotel.

25 August 2023: Padum-Pota-Ule *(approx 7-8hr drive)*

In the morning, we will visit Rainbow school. After lunch we will drive to Ule via Kargil (a mostly uphill drive). Late in the evening, we will reach Ule. Overnight at the resort.

26 August 2023: Ule-Leh *(Likir to Lehi approx 1hr drive)*

After breakfast, we will check out at 10am and drive to Leh. We will visit Likir monastery in Likir village which had been in existence from the 11th century onward. What makes Likir so special is the serenity it shows from the height and a 75-foot tall statue of Buddha. Later, we will be in Leh for lunch. Overnight at the hotel.

27 August 2023: Leh-Nubra

After breakfast, we will drive to Nubra Valley crossing the Khardungla and passed 18300 ft (the highest motorable road of the world). It will be approximately a 6hr drive. We will have lunch at Khalsar. We will then check in at the hotel and spend the evening at the sand dune where tea will be served in nature. You can also see the double-hump bactrian camel and can try a short ride on them. Dinner & overnight at the hotel.

28 August 2023: Nubra-Pangong Lake *(approx 5-6hr drive)*

After breakfast, we will drive to Pangong Lake via Shyok valley. Perhaps one of the most amazing lakes in Asia, changing its color 4-5 times a day. We will have lunch at Tangtse and the afternoon will be spent walking around the lake. Evening dinner and bonfire. Camping near Pangong lake.

29 August 2023: Pangong-Leh *(approx 6hr drive)*

In the morning, we will enjoy the picturesque view of the sunrise on the lake. After breakfast, we will drive back to Leh, crossing Chang La Pass (17,500 ft), the third highest motorable road in the world. Arrive Leh, there will be free time for shopping. Dinner & overnight at the hotel.

30 August 2023: Leh

After breakfast, we will visit the 17th century shrine of Hemis Monastery that belongs to Buddhism's Drukpa lineage. We will also visit Thiksey monastery, the largest monastery in Central Ladakh. It comprises several buildings of varying heights starting from the base of the hill to the hilltop arranged according to the importance of each building. Later we will enjoy the sunset at Shanti Stupa. Farewell dinner and overnight at the hotel.

31 August 2023: Leh-Delhi-Home

On time transfer to the airport to board your flight for Delhi (approx 1hr30min); departure assistance to international airport.

Cost Inclusions:

- Airport transfers at arrivals and departures
- Meet and greet assistance of our representative at airports
- Welcome garlanding & a bottle of mineral water every day per person
- Accommodation on twin sharing basis in best possible hotels, resorts & tents
- Daily breakfast & dinner in Delhi Hotel
- All meals included in Ladakh
- All transport services by AC Innova cars (4 pax per car) with English speaking driver
- All permit charges
- 1 lunch with Ladhaki family
- 1 day trekking
- English speaking tour escort/guide
- All monument entrance fees
- Government Service Tax @ 9.0%

Cost Exclusions:

- Expenses of personal nature like tips, laundry, drinks, etc.
- International airfare and visa fee
- Anything not mentioned in the Inclusions column
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenses or other expenses incurred beyond our control such as bad weather, flight cancellation, road closure, landslides, political disturbances, etc.

Terms & Conditions:

To ensure that all participants get the most out of the tour, it is important that you are fully aware of the level of activity, fitness, and medical health required to successfully complete this itinerary. Please read through the entire itinerary and retreat waiver carefully prior to confirming your place on the tour. Having established the facts, it is your responsibility to contact us with any concerns regarding individual levels of fitness, health, or ability.

Standard check-in/check-out times at all hotels will be 12 noon. The duration and specifications of the package can be modified as per requirement. Moreindia Travels reserves the right to re-arrange itinerary to suit hotel availability without changing the total number of days in each destination and without compromising any services.