

Road to Shambhala - Ex Chandigarh
(09 Nights | 10 Days)

Destinations Covered: Starting from Chandigarh, Manali, Sarchu, Leh, Monasteries, Pangong Lake, Khardungla Top, Nubra Valley & Sham Valley

Astonishing vistas of the freezing gorges, bushy pine woodland, open pastures, adrenaline thrusting watercourses, and audacious voyages of a high elevation pass, are what any swashbuckler can dream off. The Boulevard to Shambhala, lying between the northern Himalayas will accomplish those holidaymaker imaginings that are beholding to experience such elevated Himalayan capers.

Sited at an average pinnacle of 13000 feet the 479 km route from Chandigarh to Manali to Leh takes you through the overdramatic panoramas of the fertile woodlandslopes to the gasping foothill deserts. Enroute you will be adventuring the gusty brooches, dazing freezing torrents and the lonely villages enclosed by Leh berry woodlands. Plummeting ravines scattered with the herds of sheep and gushing rivers that are going to be persistent companions to the exhilarating junkies. Jaunt with us to have enchanting and striking jiffies.

DAY 01: CHANDIGARH/ AMBALA ARRIVAL - MANALI (300 KMS / 9 HRS)

Meals: Dinner

On arrival at Ambala/Chandigarh Railway Station / Airport you will be met, get assisted and drive to Manali, the lush green valley surrounded by the snowy clad mountains, sited at an elevation of about 6726. On arrival at Manali checkin your hotel and overnight stay there.

DAY 02: MANALI LOCAL SIGHTSEEING

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast proceed for the Local sightseeing of Manali and visit the Hadimba temple (much-revered wood-and- stone shrine, built in 1553, situated in a defrayal of the cedar forest and was about 2km from west of central Manali), then you can visit to Museum of Himachal Culture & Folk Art (opposite to Hadimba Temple, where all religious relics, household objects, instruments, artillery, architectural wood-carvings and scale sculpt of Himachal temples can be found). The hot sulphur springs of Vashisht Village, old Manali and Manali Sanctuary are also some good places to trip around to hill parish.

In the evening back to hotel and overnigt stay there.

DAY 03: MANALI TO SARCHU (222 KMS)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast checkout from the hotel and get driven to Sarchu. Continuing on, we cross a mountain Rivers, which will take you towards our campsite Sarchu. Enroute vista the massive Dhauladhars on one side, the vast pin valley on the others, and reach to Rohtang Pass, located more than 13000 feet above sea level and was known for its gripping beauty around the world. Explore the vicinity and then continue your journey further to Baralacha La Pass (4810 m), a mountain pass in Zaskar range. Though the sturdy equestrian is rich in its plunders as we tour through the wild, scenic country with high foot hills on either side. This is the isolated Trans Himalayan region where you will also feel the pressure on your lungs. The pass itself is parched with no vegetation; the slope resembles a pit, covered with slate, loose rocks and gravel. Later in the afternoon you will reach the campsite, checkin to the camp and overnight stay there.

DAY 04: SARCHU TO LEH (255 KMS)

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast checkout from the Sarchu camp and get driven to Leh via Lachulung La pass, sited at the 16600 feet above sea level. The road here is likely to be the roughest of the trip with a diverse lack of terrain, it's very croaky and there are many roads that loose stones. From the pass, you will trip downward to Ghata Loops, a zone that is super parched and barren. Get relax for while and then ride down to the hill to Pang, located at an approximate height of 15100 feet in the Ladakh region. Have a relish lunch over here, later on drive to Leh passing through SkyangchuThang (Biggest and Highest Plateau on Earth on Stretch of 42 Kms), and towards the world's second highest motorable pass, the Tanglang La at 5,260m. This is the toughest route, on same time breathtaking too, as it will take you to the top of the hill. Drive further to the Indus valley, where the overwhelming multi-hued crags around us will add the loveliness and fruitfulness to our environment. Crossing the Indus River the road improves as we head towards Leh. This is a laidback stretch as here we pass the Shey Palace, Thiksey Monastery and the Chortens Gardens.

On arrival at Leh checkin your hotel and overnight stay in Leh hotel.

DAY 05: LEH-NUBRA VALLEY VIA KHARDUNG LA 18,390 FT. (120 KMS / 4 – 5 HRS)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast checkout from the camp and get driven to the valley of flowers mainly called as **Nubra valley**. The road will go through the Khardung La – uppermost motor-able pass in the world at a height of 18390 feet. Click the pictures of panoramic pass and proceed further to reach Nubra valley. On reach explore the Nubra valley your own. Here you will be sighting the rocky to snowy mountains, rivers, sand dunes, deserts and many more.

In the evening checkin your camp at Nubra and overnight stay there.

DAY 06: NUBRA VALLEY – LEH (120 KMS / 4 – 5 HRS)

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast checkout form the camp and get driven to Leh visiting Hunder where you can ride on a double humped Bactrian camel, which still exists in the middle of the sand dunes of a high altitude desert with snowcapped mountains in the forefront. The scenery between Deskit and Hunder presents you both the harsh parched tons with rocky fields to snowcapped ton and rolling sand dunes.

Later visit to the Deskit monastery, which is lying at a peak from where you can take pleasure of the bird's eye view of the Nubra valley. Late in the afternoon, you will be returning to Leh and in the evening if you are still thrilled then you can go out to the local market where you can explore the Leh cultures.

In the evening back to Leh hotel and overnight stay there.

DAY 07: LEH TO PANGONG LAKE (140 KMS / 4 - 5 HRS – ONE WAY)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after your breakfast get driven towards the Pangong Lake and Enroute visit the Shey Palace , an ancient capital of Ladakh a place where Film '3 Idiots' has famed its Rancho school. On further drive, you will be halting at Thiksey monastery. As you will pass through the Chang La, so this gives you a chance to sight the stunning sceneriesof 'pass of the south'. You will be planking through various small hamlets, which will lead you to reach the extravagant Blue Pangong Lake. On reach, check into your campsite and explore the vicinity your own. In the evening checkin to the Pangong camp and overnight stay there.

DAY 08: PANGONG LAKE TO LEH (140 KMS / 6 HRS)

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast checkout from the pangong camp and get driven to Leh. Today you are going to explore the beauty of pond one last time and then depart for Leh. Enroute visit Hemis Gompa one of the largest solitary basis of Drukpa Kagyu sort of Tibetan Buddhism. On arrival at leh, visit the market place for some last minute memen to shopping and then return to the hotel for overnight stay. **Overnight at Leh.**

DAY 09: LEH - EXCURSION TO SHAM VALLEY

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast get driven to Sham valley and in the evening after all your sightseeing back to Leh hotel and overnight stay there. You will be driving downhill along the Indus stream on Leh – Kargil Highway. From here you will be sightseeing the Hall of Fame (Museum erected by the India Army) near Leh is appeal to visit for every Indian, and continue further to Gurudwara Patthar Sahib snuggled bottomless in the laps of Himalayas. Another drive of 4 km will take you to the charming peaks, which confront the law of gravity, & further heading through an appealing panorama will take you towards the convergence of The Indus and Zaskar streams. Before returning back to the Leh, visit the Spituk Monastery, built in 15th century during the reign of Grags 'bum-lde, these new Gelug-pa monastery was built like citadel on the peak of cliffs. In the evening you will be free to stroll around the souk place for some last minute memento shopping.

DAY 10: DEPART LEH (FLY OUT)

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast checkout from the hotel and get driven to Leh airport to catch your onwards journey.