

Day 1 <u>DELHI TO MANALI</u>

Arrive in **Delhi** and take a 2X2 Volvo AC bus for Manali in the evening.

Day 2

Arrive in **Manali** in the morning and complete the hotel check-in formalities. Free for Acclimatization and to roam around in Manali Local Market.

Day 3 MANALI TO KEYLONG (118 KMS)

The road from Manali onwards is maintained by the Army and remains through barely four to five months because of heavy snow. Though the road up to Leh is on a rugged terrain, yet the 51km long patch up to **Rohtang Pass** (3978mts.) is comparatively good. After crossing the Pass on the Pirpanjal range, the road descends up to Khoksar and crosses the Chandra River. From here onwards the road is constantly on the bank of the river up to **Tandi**, the confluence of **rivers Chandra and Bhaga**. The river gets a new name-Chandrabhaga from Tandi and flows via Kishtwar in Jammu further to Pakistan. The road is rough and bumpy but one gets the pleasure of driving on a trans-himalayan landscape. After Tandi the road crosses river Bhaga and starts winding up to **Keylong** (11,055 ft.) It is the administrative headquarter of **Lahaul and Spiti** district. Overnight stay in the hotel of Keylong.

Day 4 KEYLONG TO SARCHU (107 Kms.)

Today after breakfast we visit the enchanted **Deepak tal** on the way. Then drive up to **Suraj tal**, source of river Bhaga, occasionally gaining height and again coming back on the river bed. The route passes through Jispa, Darcha and Patseo, and gains height up to **Baralacha Pass** (4891mts.) through Zing-zingbar. Baralacha Pass is on Greater Himalayan range. After descending from the pass, we will stay at the camps of Sarchu.



Day 5

SARCHU TO LEH (251 Kms.)

Today we will start our travel on long leveled and straight road to reach magical Leh; from Sarchu we cross a rivulet and enter into Ladakh. Thereafter a climb on 21 hair pin bends brings us on to **Nakeela Pass** (4915mts.), & the **Lachungla Pass** (5066mts.)

After about 90kms of drive, we cross the second highest motor able road at **Tanglangla Pass** (5445mts.). The drive is through wonderful and awesome barren and unparallel beauty. Later we meet the meandering river **Indus** at Upshi (3380mts.). From here onwards this river gives constant company up to **Leh** (3505mts.). The Indus is historically and geographically one of the great rivers, from which Name of our country "**India**" is derived. Overnight stay in the hotel of Leh.

Day 6

LOCAL SIGHTSEEING AT LEH

Leh is the head quarter of Ladakh. Ladakh is a land like no other, bounded by two gigantic mountain ranges The Great Himalaya and The Karakoram. It is famous for its colorful festivals held in Buddhists monasteries. The main attractions of these festivals are dance-drama enacted by Lamas wearing colorful robes.

Today we will cover local sightseeing in Leh such as **War Museum**, **Shey Palace**, **Sindu Sanskriti Darshan**, **Hemis Monastery**, beautiful **Thikse Monastery** and well-known **Shanti Stupa** in the evening to understand History and Culture of Leh. Overnight stay in the hotel at Leh.

Day 7

LEH TO PANGONG LAKE (158 Kms.)

Today's 158kms drive takes us across beautiful villages of Shey and Thikse. We will cross the **Changla Pass** (5475mts.) to reach **Pangong Lake** (4267mts). Pangong Lake is the largest brackish water lake in Asia. A narrow basin of inland drainage, hardly 6-7kms at its widest point and over 130kms. Long and is bisected by International border between India and China. 1/3 part of this lake belongs to India. Overnight Stay in the camps at Pangong Lake.

Day 8

Drive back to Leh. Half day will be free to explore the local market of Leh. Overnight stay in the hotel at Leh.

Day 9

LEH TO NUBRA VALLEY OVER THE KHARDUNGLA PASS (128 Kms.)

The drive from Leh is over the world's highest road-----Khardungla Pass (5578mts.) the view from the Pass is amazing. One can see all the way south over the Indus valley, peaks and ridges of Zanskar range and north to the giants of Saser massifs. Nubra is along the foot hills of the great Karakoram Range. The main village of Nubra valley is **Diskit** (3048mts.). From Diskit one can visit **Shayok and Hundar** - an area of rolling sand dunes, their contour apparently solid yet liable to shift with every gale. A safari can be undertaken on **double humped Bactrian camels**. Overnight stay in the hotel at Deskit.

Day 10

Drive back to Leh. Half day will be free to explore the local market of Leh. Overnight stay in the hotel at Leh.

Day 11

LEH TO KARGIL (213 Kms.)



The 417kms Leh-Srinagar road was the only approach for Leh but before opening up of Manali-Leh road in 1989. After starting from Leh for Kargil, we will see **Pathher Saheb Gurudwara**, **Magnetic Hills**, **and Lamayuru Gompa**. The road from Leh is almost on the bank of Indus up to Nimmu. The Zansker River is the biggest Ladakh tributary of Indus joins it here. One can admire this spectacular sight as both the rivers (**Zansker & Indus sangam**) have different color. After Nimmu the road passes through Saspol, Khalaste and Lamayuru.

The climb to **Fatula Pass** (4147mts.) is of about 1200 Mts. The road has serpentine length of bends, loops and whorls. Some people call them hairpin bends and others jalebi bends. From the top of Pass the view opens out into a panorama of ridge, peak and valley. From here onwards the road is through Zanskar range of mountains. While descending the road is on the ridge of Kanji river and a zigzag ascent takes us to yet another pass known as **Namik-la** (3700mts.). Before reaching **Kargil**, **Mulbek** is the last predominantly Buddhist area. **Kargil** (2750mts.) has less snowfall than other parts of Ladakh. Overnight stay in the hotel of Kargil.

Day 12

KARGIL - SRINAGAR (204 Kms.)

From Kargil the drive up to **Drass** the **coldest inhabited place** temperature during winter touches up to **minus 45°C**, is through narrow gauge. From Drass the valley opens up and then we descend on the last pass of our journey, **Zozila Pass** (3450mts.) up to **Baltal** in Kashmir valley. From here is a short trek of about 14Kms up to Holy Amarnath cave. After crossing the Sind River, a tributary of Kashmir's main river Jhelum, we touch **Sonamarg** the last tourist point of Kashmir on Srinagar–Leh road. From here it is about 2hrs (80kms.) drive to **Srinagar**. Overnight stay in the hotel of Srinagar.

Day 13

Departure from Srinagar after breakfast.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:-

- Please note air/train fare in not included in participation fee. We can arrange the same at an actual cost.
- If participant is making any separate travel arrangements, he/she need to inform organizer well in advance, he/she has to be present on mentioned date & place as per the program.
- Participants should bring minimal possible luggage, which could be easily carried by the participants themselves.
- All participants have to take care of their valuables. Organization will be not responsible for any loss during the tour.
- Package price does not include any kind of personal expenses like telephone calls, laundry, tips, personal sightseeing, and additional hotel stay other than included in the itinerary.
- Lunch, breakfast, snacks and dinner will be common for all as per prefixed menu, any participant wishes to eat anything other than the prefixed menu, has to bear the cost.
- Alcohol consumption and smoking is prohibited during the tour.
- The organizer has the right to change the program in case of contingencies or unforeseen circumstances & such decisions shall be obligatory on all members.
- In case of any illness during the tour, the expenses for medical treatment, transportation and porter etc are to be borne by the concerned individual.
- Instructions given by organizer from time to time are to be followed by participant, more detailed instructions will be given at the time of program.
- Refund if any after registration due to cancellation or non-participation, will be send to participant after deduction of cancellation fee.

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APPROXIMATE DISTANCES FROM MANALI TO LEH TO SRINAGAR

MANALI	8	ROHTANG PASS	52KMS	LEH	7 8	THIKSE GOMPA	17KMS
ROHTANG	at .	GRAMPHOO	16KMS	LEH	58	HEMIS GOMPA	41KMS
GRAMPHOO	21	KHOKSAR	05KMS	LEH	26	SHEY PALACE	13KMS
KHOKSAR	186	SHISHU	15KMS	LEH	- 38	SHANTI STUPA	03KMS
SHISHU	26	TANDI	22 KMS	LEH	58	WARMUSEUM	04KMS
TANDI	23	KEYLONG	08 KMS	LEH	-5	CHANG LA PASS	76KMS
KEYLONG	75	JISPA	23 KMS	CHANG LA	•	PANGONG LAKE	82KMS
JISPA	芝	DARCHA	10 KMS	LEH	<u>15</u> 6	KHARDUNG LA PASS	40KMS
DARCHA	8	PATSEO	11 KMS	KHARDUNG LA	- 5	DISKIT	77 KMS
PATSEO	20	BARALACHA PASS	32 KMS	DISKIT	73	HUNDER	11KMS
BARALACHA	23	SARCHU	31 KMS	LEH	- 5	NIMMU	28KMS
SARCHU	75	LACHUNG LA PASS	55 KMS	NIMMU	•	LAMAYURU GOMPA	81KMS
LACHUNG LA	签	PANG	22 KMS	LAMAYURU	<u>156</u>	FATU LA PASS	15KMS
PANG	8	TANGLANG LA PASS	66 KMS	FATU LA	48	NAMIKA LA PASS	37KMS
TANGLANG LA	墓	RUMTSE	32 KMS	NAMIKA LA	58	MULBEKH	15KMS
RUMTSE	<u> </u>	RANG	08 KMS	MULBEKH	€8	KARGIL	37KMS
RANG	8	UPSHI	21 KMS	KARGIL	1 8	DRAS	60KMS
UPSHI	26	KARU	14 KMS	DRAS	5%	ZOJI LA PASS	40KMS
KARU	8	THIKSE	15 KMS	ZOJILA	48	SONAMARG	24KMS
THIKSE	8	LEH	18 KMS	SONAMARG	53	SRINAGAR	80KMS

