

Majestic Himalayas



Day 1	Company representatives will receive you on arrival at the international airport in Delhi and take you to your hotel.
Day 2	We take you on a tour of Old and New Delhi. As we show you the sights and sounds of this buzzing city with over 17 million residents, you sample street food, visit the presidential residence and heritage monuments of Delhi.
Day 3	We drive 8 hours to reach Simla, the pre-independence summer capital of India. Simla is a pristine hill station located at 6,000 ft. above sea level.
Day 4	We explore the town of Simla. We visit the viceroy lodge, Annandale war museum and the bustling mall road of Simla. We enjoy good food at the Spars lodge in the forested & colonial part of Simla, not yet disturbed by the modern construction.
Day 5	We drive 8 hours to reach Naggar town in the Kullu valley. Naggar was the ancient capital of the Kullu kingdom and is home to the Naggar castle and the Roerich art gallery.
Day 6	We explore the beautiful town of Manali, located at a distance of 20 Kms from Naggar at an altitude of 6500 ft. Manali was a significant town in the ancient trade route to Ladakh and is the final frontier of the hills. Beyond Manali lie the mighty Himalayan ranges that we will be crossing to reach our destination. In Manali, we visit the Temple of the goddess Hadimba and we take a dip in the sulphur springs at the adjoining village of Vashishta.
Day 7	We drive from Manali to Jispa. Jispa is an important stop in our journey. Our high altitude experience begins today. Located at an altitude of 10,900 ft. the night halt here proves to be very helpful in the acclimatisation process. This journey takes 5 hours and takes us across our first mountain pass – Rohtang (13,050ft.). The views you get to see are simply breathtaking. With a population of just 332 people, Jispa village has a helipad, a monastery and even a post office.
Day 8	We move forward from Jispa to Sarchu at a leisurely pace. We leave the greenery behind, the fertile hills end and the high altitude cold desert begins. Today's journey takes 5 hours. We cross the mighty Baralacha pass (16,500 ft.). Baralacha means - cross roads on summit. The summit of Baralacha pass was part of the ancient trade routes of Spiti valley, Ladakh, Zaskar and Lahaul regions of the Himalayas. Baralacha's Suraj Tal lake is also the source of the Bhaga river. Sarchu is a camping site located at 14,000ft. and is a strategic stopover for the onward journey to Leh. Beyond Sarchu lies the Region of Ladakh.
Day 9	We leave Sarchu early morning and head to Leh, the capital of Ladakh. En route, we will cross 3 mountain passes, including Tang Lang La, the second highest motorable road in the world (17,800 ft). Today's journey will take 9 hours, but will provide breathtaking views. You would want to stop at every turn to bring out the photographer in you.

Day 10	Post breakfast, we visit Spituk -the fortress like monastery built in the 15th century. Post lunch we visit the Sankar monastery, located at a distance of approximately 3 km from the town of Leh. We also visit the Leh Palace, which is one of the most captivating architectural ruins that attracts the attention of the tourists almost immediately with its majestic setting at the edge of the Namgyal hill overlooking the town. This is like a reminiscent of Lhasa's Potala Palace (The chief residence of the Buddhist spiritual leader of Tibet, The Dalai Lama).
Day 11	We take a 2 hour drive on the Leh-Kargil road. En route, we visit Gurudwara Pathar Sahib, the holy shrine of the Sikh religion. Later we cross the gravity defying magnetic hill and head onwards to visit the Likir monastery and Ladakh's most loved monastery at Alchi. After visiting Alchi, we drive to Uleytokpo at our Campsite for overnight stay.
Day 12	Post early breakfast, we drive further for 2 hours, to visit the 800 year old Lamayuru monastery. After visiting Lamayuru we drive back to Leh (4 hours). En route visiting Rizong Monastery, known as the paradise for Meditation.
Day 13	After an early breakfast we drive to Nubra Valley (6 hours). The road passes through Khardung La (the highest motorable road in the world) at 18,390 ft. Nubra Valley is situated to the North of Ladakh between the Karakoram and Ladakh ranges of the Himalayas and is situated around the Shyok river basin at an average altitude of 10,000ft. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the beautiful village of Hundar. En route, we visit the ancient Diskit Monastery. Overnight, we stay at the camp situated amongst lush green willow and apricot trees.
Day 14	We visit the Sand Dunes of Nubra to enjoy a camel safari. Later we drive to Leh by the same route crossing Khardung La. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the local Ladakhi culture.
Day 15	After an early breakfast we leave for Pangong Lake (6 hours). En route we visit Shey Palace, The ancient capital of Ladakh & Thiksey, an impressive monastery rising tier upon tier on a hill above the village. We carry on further towards Pangong through Changla pass at an altitude of 5360 m (17590 ft) above sea level. Chang La is the third highest motorable road in the world. Pangong is a salt water lake and is situated at 14,000 ft. above sea level. It spans a total of 155 kms partly in India and partly in China. Overnight, we stay at camp on the lake shore.
Day 16	Morning at leisure to explore the beauty of the lake and later we drive back to Leh. En route we visit Hemis monastery, one of the key Monastic Foundations of Tibetan Buddhism.
Day 17	We fly back to Delhi.

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