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The Land of High Passes

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THIS IS THE PLACE  
THIS IS LADAKH

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# LADAKH

The Land of High Passes, Ladakh, boasts a landscape that can leave you with your jaws dropped. It is a place where the landscape changes dramatically; it is truly astonishing to see the mountains, snow, cold desert, alpine meadows and lakes at a short distance from each other. Tourism in Ladakh is an absolute delight for nature lovers as well as adventurers.

## IT ALL STARTS WITH JULLEY JULLEY

Adorned with the lofty barren mountains, Ladakh is home to some of the highest motorable passes like Khardung La (5359 m), Marsimik La (5582 m), and Chang La (5360 m), and alpine lakes like Pangong Tso (4350 m) and Tso Moriri (4522 m). Ladakh is further divided into three regions - Leh, Nubra, and Zaskar, and each region has several places to see.

Ladakh is majorly popular amongst the adventurers who feel welcomed by the number of adrenaline rushing activities offered here. The union territory is amongst the top trekking destinations in India with amazing and unmatched treks like the popular Frozen River Trek/Chadar Trek.

Ladakh has opportunities for mountaineering, motor biking, mountain biking, white water rafting and more.

Adding to its exceptional beauty are the ancient Buddhist monasteries that are mostly nestled in the mountains and are thousands of years old.

These monasteries make for the Buddhist pilgrimage destinations in Ladakh and also act as important cultural centres where major religious festivals take place.













## Grand Dragon, Leh

The Grand Dragon opened in 2007 and is Leh's first luxury hotel. It's decorated with magnificent paintings by Gulam Mustafa (the first modern artist of Ladakh).

Facilities include coffee shop, oriental restaurant, rooftop terrace and garden with mountain views, kid's activity center, health club, games and even oxygen for guests who are suffering from altitude sickness.

There are 48 guest rooms. Various packages, including an eight night honeymoon package, are offered.

## Nubra Ecolodge, Nubra

Nubra ecolodge is a family run ecotourism venture, located near Sumur sand dunes in the Nubra Valley. The landscape facing the confluence of Shyok and Nubra rivers is the natural habitat for seabuckthorn, wild flowers and desert wildlife. The 11 acre farm with our family home, has been planted with poplar, willow, apricot and apple trees, along with vegetable gardens. It commands a 360 degree view of the Karakoram mountains, the sand dunes and the nubra river.

A large open deck facing the valley near the vegetable garden is used as a lounge or for dining in fair weather. Ideal location to go for long walks along the Sumur sand dunes and the nubra river.



## Zion Ladakh, Leh

A place, where on one side you smell fresh grass, hear chirping of birds and on the other take pleasure in gushing chilly winds and trek your way to the Himalayas; Ladakh is a place where life simply pauses for pleasure.

Zion, Ladakh welcomes you in its warm embrace with radiance and style. With fifty five cozy rooms, the sense of calmness filters through the entire hotel.

Stay at Zion for an unforgettable experience.



## The Indus Valley, Leh

For a fun-filled family vacation or a romantic getaway, The Indus Valley, Ladakh is your idyllic destination.

Set in the midst of the snow-capped mountains of the Greater Himalayas of Ladakh, The Indus Valley Hotel welcomes you to a traveller's delight of the first of its kind 5-star facility luxury hotel.

Nestled at a breath taking height of 11,500 feet, these rooms have spacious wooden floored interiors with world-class furnishings and elegant crystal chandeliers.



## Saboo Resorts, Leh

LADAKH is no ordinary place and Saboo Resorts ensures that your stay is nothing less than extraordinary. Peppered with fragrant little herbs gardens and spectacular 360 degree views, the Saboo Resorts is your cradle of Luxury nestled in the quaint Saboo Village.

Step into the balcony and let your spirits soar free with the lofty mountains. Snugly wrap around the magic of the land, the innocence of the people and the warmth of the place. Love your heart to the achingly beautiful scenery as you walk along a gurgling stream guarded by tall and proud poplars on its side.

## The Maitreya Ladakh, Leh

Striving to give guests a unique experience, The Maitreya Ladakh was meticulously crafted to depict architecture and ambiance that are contemporary Ladakhi.

Set against the backdrop of iconic Himalayas and a panoramic skyline, this artfully built Ladakhi gem rests gracefully beside green lawns, local Ladakhi homes while concealing an experience of unsurpassed pampering behind her understated facade. The Maitreya Leh Ladakh is one of the Best Hotel in Leh Ladakh with modern amenities & guest facilities in Leh Ladakh.







## Pangong Retreat Camp, Pangong

The Pangong Retreat Camp is in Spangmik village on the Bank of Pangong Lake, and is located at distance of about 150 kms away from the Leh city facing the Pangong lake with a direct view of the mountains.

The remoteness of location is all the more evident when seen from my high vantage point. The few houses are scattered like dots in a landscape dominated by the long blue stretch of the lake and the barren mountain slopes. It looks like a place out of dreams that is too unreal and too beautiful to be true.

## The Kesaar Palace, Leh

Located in the heart of the ancient town of Leh, The Hotel is designed traditionally, eco friendly and constructed on the lines of a Ladakhi Palace architectural built-up.

Designed by famous Ladakhi Interior designers it has unique & excellent Ladakhi architectural structures known as Shingsag and all the rooms have been provided with Raphsal ( Balcony) as you find in the Palaces around Leh Ladakh .



## Ladakh Sarai Hotels, Ladakh

Nesting in the gratifying branch of the Great Himalayas are our luxurious resorts and camps greeting the admirers for hospitality of utmost comfort and paradise. We grant blissful service in the astonishing barren land to showcase the serenity of this wonderland. Sarai has its own quiet terrain. We have incorporated solitude of serenity in our vicinities just in the backyard of the heavenly drawing locations.

- Ladakh Sarai
- Pangong Sarai
- Nubra Sarai
- Hunder Sarai



## TUTC Luxury Camps, Ladakh

Recreate the magic of our old-world charm with luxury under canvas at quite another level at our camps in India. From the land of the lamas, Thiksey Monastery welcomes the adventurous traveller to our unique destination, the Chamba Camp, Thiksey. Continuing the expedition through dramatic landscapes of enormous glaciated peaks and arid pathways, reach the tranquil yet thriving village of Diskit.

TUTC Chamba Camp - Thiksey  
TUTC Chamba Camp - Diskit



## Nimmu House, Nimmoo

Nimmu House is a charming eco-resort nestled at 10,000 feet in the traditional village of Nimmoo. It is situated at 45 minutes of Leh, capital of Ladakh and can be reached easily by taxi. Considered as the ideal anchor sport for trekkers who want to explore the Himalayan paths or travellers who want to discover the cultural jewels of the region.

Nimmu House is also a relaxing place where one can reconnect with himself and recharge his batteries! Couples, families, groups of friends or solo travellers, everyone enjoys the traditional beauty and the exceptional setting of this little Himalayan heaven.

## Shakti Ladakh

A network of rural Tibetan villages in the off-the-beaten-parts of Ladakh make up this fantastic tailor-made experience with outposts in Sikkim, Ladakh and Kumaon. The idea that Shakti promotes is that of getting in touch with the local life, nature and culture outside of the more popular capital of Leh. You can trek between the luxury stays or head out into the wild and camp. Shakti, as one of the top luxury hotels in Ladakh, even allows you to camp in the middle of the wilderness.







## Gomang Boutique Hotel, Leh

Gomang Boutique Hotel is the first luxury boutique hotel in Ladakh offering guests a level of comfort and personal service never before available in the region. The hotel is located in Changspa, a tranquil area of Leh town, next to an icy stream with expansive picturesque views of the Stok mountain range.

Accommodations are in thoughtfully designed luxury rooms with all modern amenities. Each floor has an extremely comfortable exclusive lounge where guests can take full advantage of the hotel's unique library of over 3000 books.

## The Indus River Camp, Leh

The Indus River Camp is owned by the Indus Welfare Society, a local organisation of 250 local Buddhist villagers from the village of Chuchot Yokma, 3 of whom fashioned the camp as it is today.

In the midst of this beautiful area of natural vegetation, and with minimum disruption to the land, we have managed to find sympathetic space for camping in 5 tents, 3 cottages, activities and a dining hall. Many small animals and over 200 hundred types of birds depend on the wild berries that grow on our land. We strive to keep in harmony with the wildlife.



## Stok Palace Heritage Hotel, Leh

Stay at the Stok Palace Heritage Hotel and experience something unique, an attempt to open up a living heritage space to guests. Whether it is the 6 gorgeously restored rooms in the palace building or the 2-bedroom villas amidst the apricot orchard.

The four-storied building is stately on the outside and mysterious inside, its shaded corridors and courtyards lead you into beautifully colourful spaces. Perched majestically on top of a ridge, the palace offers breath-taking views of the Indus valley from many of the rooms.



## Nubra Organic Retreat, Hunder

This smoke-free campsite features a restaurant, concierge services and dry cleaning. Free WiFi in public areas and free self parking are also provided. Additionally, a 24-hour front desk, tour/ticket assistance and multilingual staff are on-site. The accommodation features a balcony, room service and a shower.

Amenities also include a phone and free toiletries. This campsite offers 15 forms of accommodation which are accessible via exterior corridors and feature blackout curtains. Rooms open to balconies. Each accommodation is individually furnished and decorated.



## The Zen Ladakh, Leh

Legendary style makes it one of the most prestigious Hotel. 3,485 m above the sea level, in the Stok Kangri range of the Himalayas, stands a world-class resort, "Hotel The Zen Ladakh", that endows upon you the best of worlds - magnificent opulence & revelling comfort.

A world away from the ordinary, this 82 Keys resort is a haven of luxury! Exquisitely designed to pamper you in every way with plush interiors, fine cuisine and restorative treatment we're one of the best hotels in Leh and Ladakh having name in "LIMCA BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS".



## The Apricot Tree Hotel, Nurla

Nestled amongst apricot and apple trees and perched on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Indus river, The Apricot Tree Hotel at Nurla is a perfect getaway to explore Ladakh.

A small boutique hotel built in close synergy with traditional Ladakhi architecture and artistic styles. At the same time, the hotel offers modern facilities to make your stay comfortable. The hotel is located on the outskirts of the village of Nurla, which lies at an altitude of 2,800 metres. It is a ninety-minute drive from Leh Airport, and easily accessible along the Leh-Srinagar Highway.





# Leh - The Capital

Leh is where your adventure in Ladakh begins! The capital city of the recently formed union territory is the right reflection of what this venturesome North Indian destination is all about.

At first, you might find Leh to be a quiet destination, but with further exploration you'll find, Leh to be quite an exciting place to be for everyone. Be it a nature lover, a cultural aficionado, a history lover, an adventure enthusiast or even honeymooners, there's certainly something special for all in Leh tourism.

Inside Leh City, for history & culture lovers are some must-see places like Leh Palace, seated atop a mountain; Shanti Stupa, perched on a mountain and is widely acclaimed; Leh Market, an ideal place for shopping in Ladakh; and the War Museum that gives you a detailed insight into the wars in India and the role of Indian Army.



For a spiritual tour amidst the beautiful settings sit imposing Buddhist monasteries like Ladakh's richest monastery, Hemis Gomba; the oldest monastery, Alchi Gomba; Thiksey Monastery; Matho Monastery, Spituk Gomba and more. These monasteries are ideal for history lovers as well as culture enthusiasts who can enjoy annual festivals here and large collections of books, artifacts and more.

For adventurous souls, Leh is the base point for several adrenaline rushing activities. From the city starts numerous enthralling trekking tours, motor biking adventures, mountain biking ventures, as well as river rafting preparations.

It is in fact the place to gear up for the adventure of your choice and buy/rent all the necessary accessories. For wildlife lovers, sitting close to Leh is the largest national park in India, Hemis National Park, which is home to a large number of rare animals like snow leopards, ibex, and Tibetan gazelle.

Around Leh also sit some of the most amazing places for sightseeing in Ladakh. The confluence of Indus and Zaskar rivers in Nimmu; the sacred Sikh gurudwara, Patthar Sahib; Magnetic Hill, known for its optical illusion; are some of the major places to visit for tourists.





# EXPLORE





## Nubra Valley

Certainly one of the best places to see in Ladakh, it was featured as one of top 5 places to visit in Ladakh, Nubra valley, a tri-armed valley towards the northeast. The sand dunes of the Nubra Valley offer the tourists Arabian Nights like experience.

Nubra valley is one of the most famous tourist attractions in Leh Ladakh for its two-humped camels. So, be sure to check out this one while you're out and about in the scenic land of Leh!

One of the other famous places here is the Samstanling Monastery, which should definitely be in your list. Panamik village which is famous for hot sulphur springs is another attraction in Nubra Valley.



## Zaskar

Without a doubt, Zaskar valley is one of the best places to visit in Leh Ladakh and the best Ladakh tourist places. It is amongst the most desolate places in the Himalayan range.

The steep terrains covered with snow reflect the heavenly skies. The tributaries of the Zaskar River is one of the most famous places for river rafting in India.

The Zaskar, Ladakh places of interest are surely among those must visit places in Leh Ladakh that you just cannot afford to miss while you're in Ladakh!





## Kargil

Kargil is one of the two districts (the other being Leh) & the joint capital of Ladakh, the newly created Union Territory of India. It is located at an altitude of 8,80 feet above sea level on the banks of the Suru River. A tourist spending their holidays in Kargil will easily fall in love with its landscape, which has plenty of contrast. There are valleys, lakes & mountains, along with monasteries which offer lovely sightseeing opportunities.

Some of the most famous places in Kargil like Suru Valley lend it its marvellous beauty. Starting from Kargil, it stretches all the way to Penzi La watershed. Surrounded by mountains from all sides, it is a place of heavenly beauty with orchards of mulberry, apple & apricot trees dotting its landscape.



## Dras

Drass is a valley located in the Kargil district in the Union Territory of Ladakh. It lies on National Highway 1 (NH 1) between Zoji La & Kargil town, and is famously referred to as the Gateway to Ladakh. For most people, their information about Drass begins & ends with it being the second coldest place in the world (the first being Siberia). However, there is more to Drass than just the bone chilling temperature.

It is a place blessed with immense beauty, with enormous mountains ranges surrounding it from all sides and spectacular sunset views that win your heart. Besides natural beauty, sightseeing in Drass also includes visiting its monasteries & other religious holy sites.

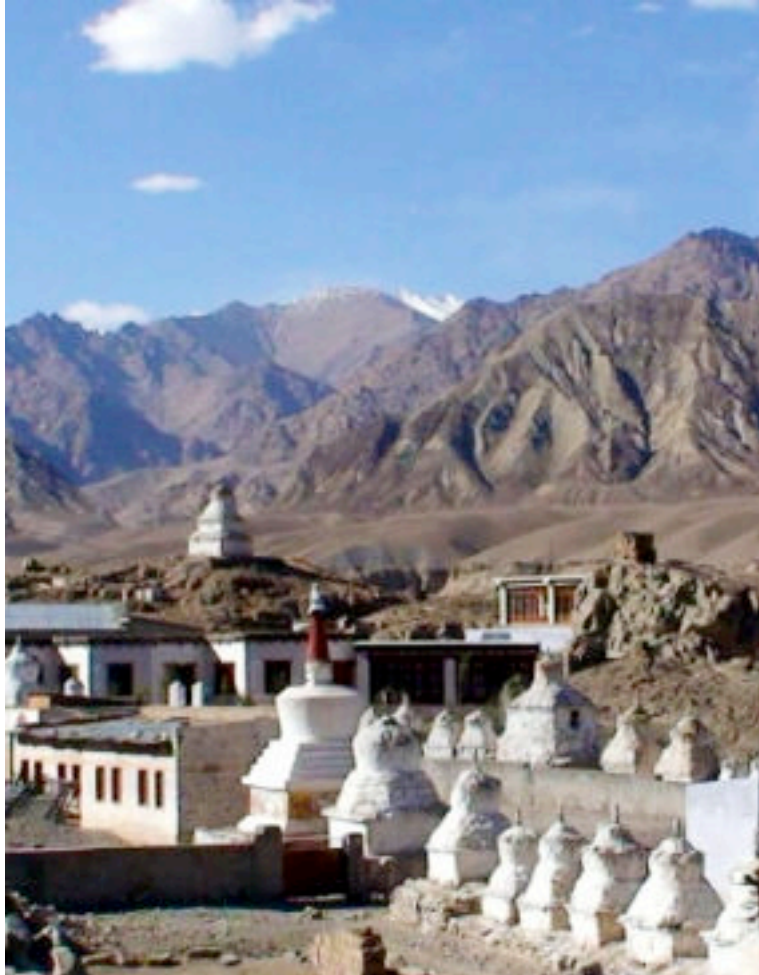




# Pangong Tso Lake

Remember the breathtakingly beautiful lake from 3 Idiots where Kareena Kapoor confessed her love? It's Pangong Tso, a lake amongst the popular tourist attractions in Leh Ladakh is situated on the Changtang plateau in eastern Ladakh region.

The lake offers an awesome site for camping and is the current hotspot for all people making it one of the best Ladakh tourist places. To avoid the crowd, you can visit this place during the off-season!



## Alchi

Alchi is a busy village located in the Himalayan region of Ladakh, in the valley of Indus River. The model town of Alchi is home to an ancient Buddhist monastery which dates back to 900 years. The monastery proudly bears the 11th – 12th-century Indo-Tibetan paintings done in bright green, gold, ochre and azure shades.

The painted state of Bodhisattva Maitreya is a major highlight of the monastery. You are suggested to spend a night Alchi to discover the real Ladakhi village life. You can also enjoy river rafting at the Alchi Nyemo.





## Tso Kar

The oscillating salt lake in Ladakh valley, Tso kar is one of the most popular destinations in Ladakh. It is more often known as the white lake, and the Tso Kar Lake is a seren retreat for many travelers. Surrounding areas of the lake include a couple of nomadic families, few yak sheds, and a monastery.

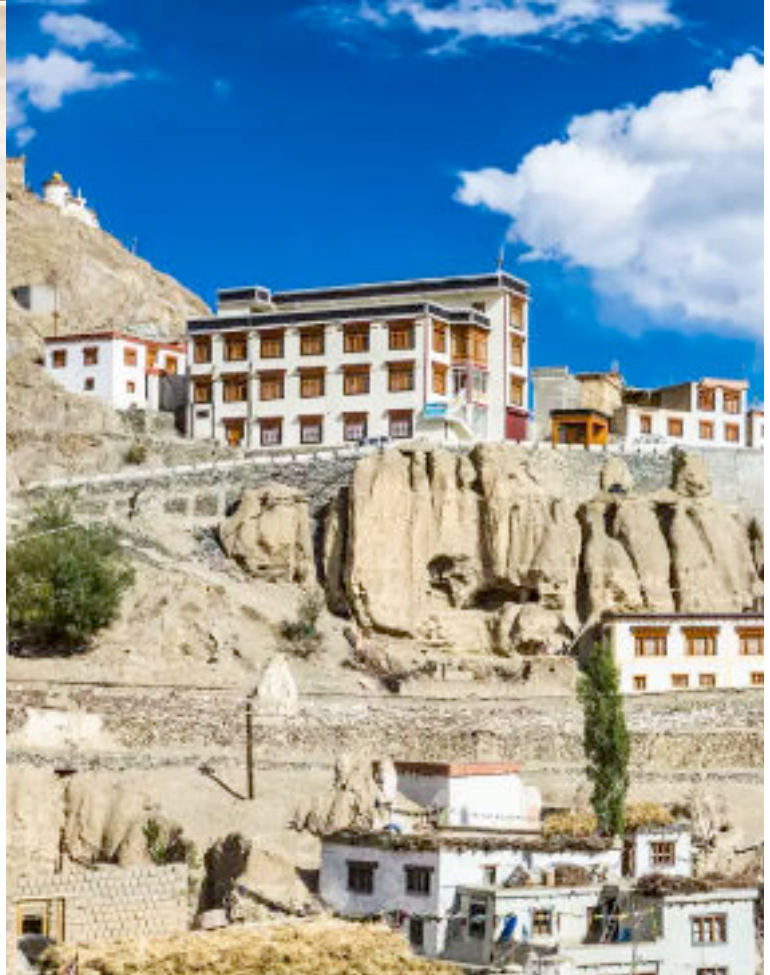
It is suggested to camp overnight in Tso Kar for a completely different experience. It is also an amazing place for birdwatching.



## Lamayuru

Lamayuru is a small hamlet in Ladakh. It is famous for its moon-like topography and craggy terrain, which inspires photographers to capture the amazing photos in their cameras.

Lamayuru has the oldest monastery in Ladakh, the Lamayuru Monastery. It has murals, Buddhist paintings, and frescoes on the walls. In the midst of the unusual terrain, the monastery looks beautiful and is a visual delight.





# Tso Moriri Lake

A twin to the popular Pangong Tso Lake, Tso Moriri Lake is a lesser-known lake located in the Changtang Wildlife Sanctuary. Its location contributes to the scenic beauty of this lake. Barren hills with snow-capped mountains in the backdrop make the sight simply breathtaking.

The attribute of being a “lesser known” makes this place less crowded so you can be sure of having a place to yourself at the lake. The open sky at Tso Moriri Lake makes it a perfect place for star gazing at night. Moriri Tso, also known as a ‘Mountain Lake’ was declared as a wetland reserve.

Various kinds of species including the Brahmin duck, bare-headed goose, the brown-headed gull, and the great-crested grebe are found here, along with Himalayan Hares that are present in large numbers. The peaks that surround this lake are so high that they shut-off this place from the outer world.



## Nyoma

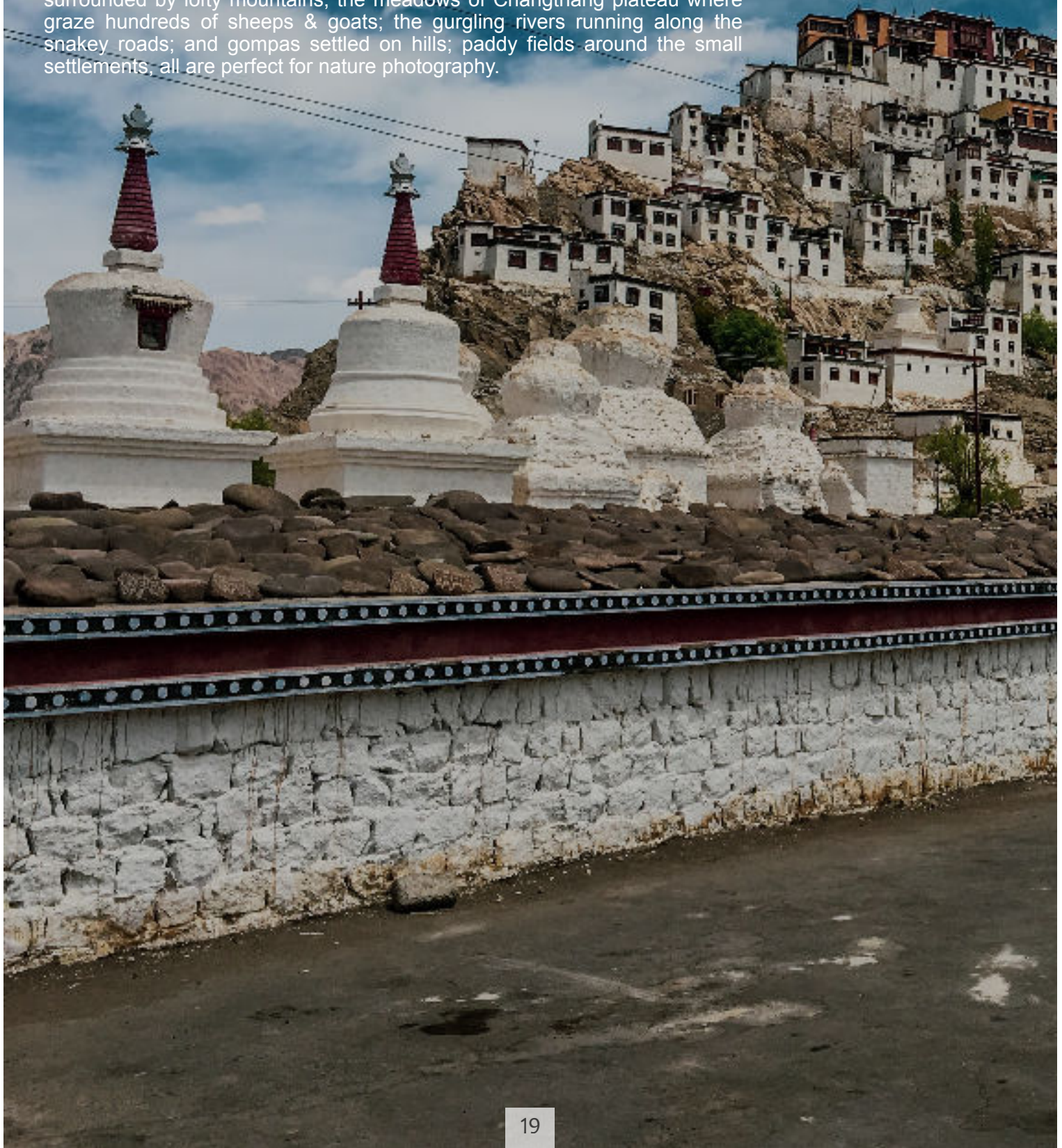
A quaint town, Nyoma is located in the district of Leh, 370 km from Srinagar. The most striking attribute of Nyoma is that it is located on the Indus banks. If you have a permit of inner line, you can also visit the small Buddhist monastery in the town which is known as Gompa.



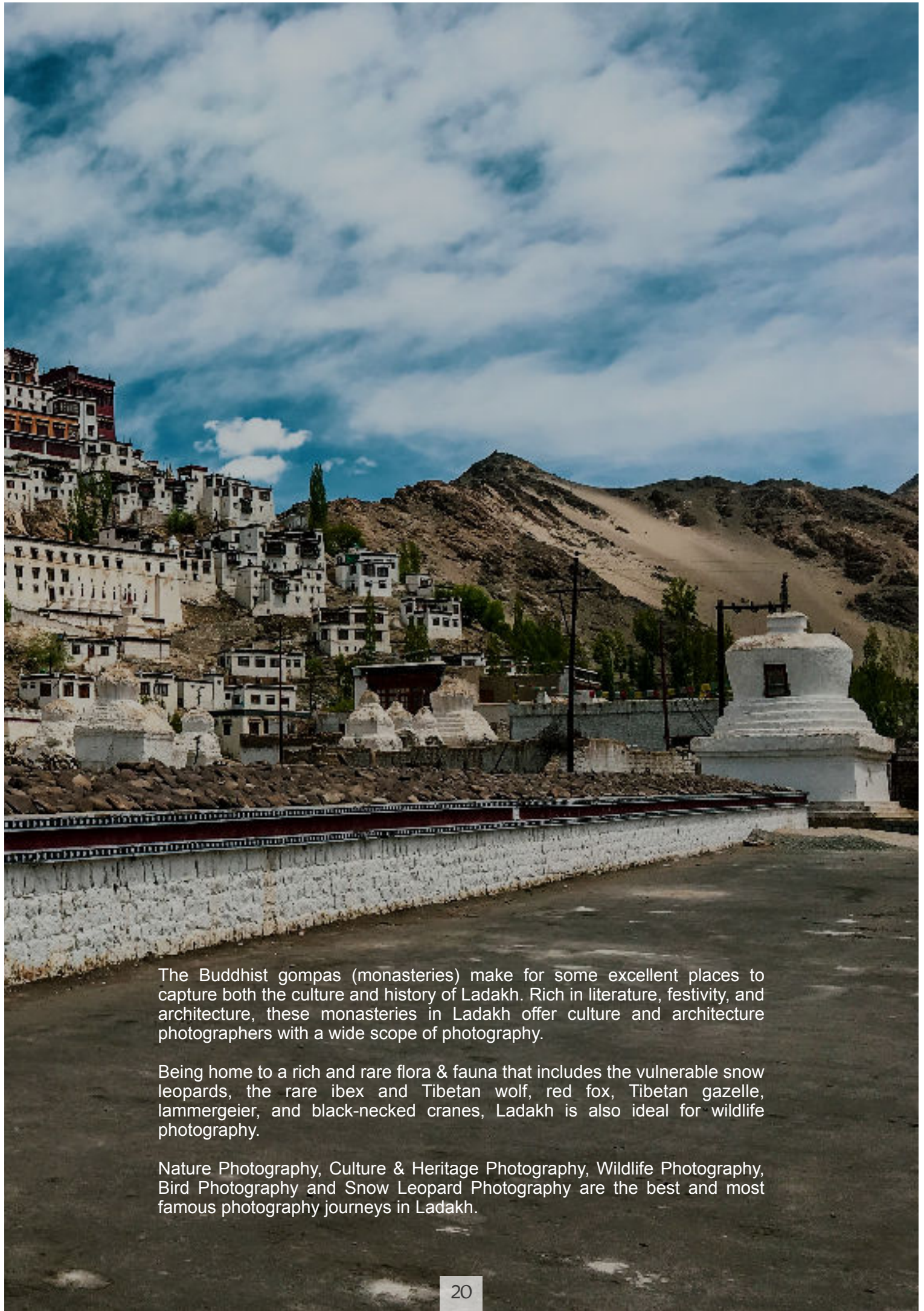
# PHOTOGRAPHY

Ladakh is unarguably, a photographer's delight as it has multiple beautiful aspects to be covered by nature photographers, culture photographers, wildlife photographers and those interested in taking portrait shots and even enjoy street photography.

The natural beauty is absolutely evident in Ladakh. The azure alpine lakes surrounded by lofty mountains; the meadows of Changthang plateau where graze hundreds of sheeps & goats; the gurgling rivers running along the snakey roads; and gompas settled on hills; paddy fields around the small settlements; all are perfect for nature photography.







The Buddhist gompas (monasteries) make for some excellent places to capture both the culture and history of Ladakh. Rich in literature, festivity, and architecture, these monasteries in Ladakh offer culture and architecture photographers with a wide scope of photography.

Being home to a rich and rare flora & fauna that includes the vulnerable snow leopards, the rare ibex and Tibetan wolf, red fox, Tibetan gazelle, lammergeier, and black-necked cranes, Ladakh is also ideal for wildlife photography.

Nature Photography, Culture & Heritage Photography, Wildlife Photography, Bird Photography and Snow Leopard Photography are the best and most famous photography journeys in Ladakh.



# EXPERIENCES







# WILDLIFE

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Like its unique landscape, Ladakh also boasts being home to some unique and rare species of flora and fauna making it an interesting wildlife destination in India. The fauna of Ladakh has much in common with that of Central Asia and Tibet, the flora also matches that of the Tibetan Plateau.

However, what makes Ladakh a bit different from Central Asia is the variety and number of birds it receives from the warmer parts of India in the summer season. Ladakh is noted for being home (permanent and temporary) to as many as 318 species of birds.

Amongst the species of animals found in Ladakh, the ibex is a major attraction. Other than this, Ladakh is amongst few places in India for snow leopard sighting. Bharal (blue sheep), Tibetan urial sheep (shapo), marmot, Tibetan argali sheep (nyan), and Tibetan wild ass are some of the commonly seen species in Ladakh. On the other side, Tibetan gazelle, Tibetan antelope, red fox, lynx, Pallas's cat, and Tibetan Wolf are some of the rare animal species seen in Ladakh.

The most popular wildlife destination in Ladakh to sight these animals is Hemis National Park, which is the largest national park in India.



# LAKEs

Inarguably, Ladakh is home to some of the most spectacular landscapes in the world. In fact it is the prime driving force that draw wanderers and explorers from far and wide to visit this surreal land. Complimenting the surrounding high and barren mountains, these lakes certainly contribute to Ladakh's paradisiacal appearance, and they truly make one fall in love with them instantly.

What makes these beautiful lakes in Ladakh even more attractive is their high altitude location. Often referred as alpine lakes, these water bodies are situated at a height of 3000 meters and above. Mostly endorheic and oligotrophic in nature, these lakes freeze forming a thick sheet of ice on which walking is possible during the winter season.

Amongst the popular lakes in Ladakh are Pangong Lake, which is a trans-border lake that sprawl between India and China; Tsomoriri and Tso Kar, which are a little less explored than the former one; and Yarab Tso, which is completely offbeat. Since Ladakh is still an unexplored land, chances are there are innumerable hidden lakes that are even more gorgeous than the known ones.





# PILGRIMAGE

Home to hundreds of Buddhist monasteries, Ladakh is undoubtedly one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage destinations in India. Centuries old monasteries are nestled in the lofty mountains of Ladakh.

There are pilgrimage destinations situated not only at the popular places to visit in Ladakh but in the remote corners as well. Amongst the top pilgrimage places in Ladakh is its acclaimed Shanti Stupa in Leh City.

Even though the devotees can pay obeisance throughout the year at the Buddhist monasteries in Ladakh, planning a pilgrimage tour around the religious festivals is deemed an ideal plan.

Amongst the most important religious places in Ladakh are Hemis Monastery where the Hemis Festival takes place; Lamayuru Monastery where Yuru Kabgyat is celebrated; and Phyang Monastery where Phyang Tsedup takes place. Thiksey, Spituk, Karsha, Likir, and Diskit monasteries, all have an annual festival that can be planned to be witnessed on your spiritual tour in Ladakh.



# CAMPING



There's nothing better than camping under the star-lit sky on your holiday in Ladakh. The unmatched landscape of lofty barren mountains make for the perfect background and the alpine lakes create the ideal views for enjoying the best camping experience in Ladakh.

There are two types of camping that one can enjoy immensely in Ladakh - leisure camping and adventure camping. Leisure camping can be relished at some of the most beautiful places in Ladakh like along the Pangong Tso, Tso Moriri; in the beautiful Hunder Village of Nubra Valley; and areas around Leh.

On the other side, adventure camping has a wider scope in Ladakh. Adventurers can camp at lesser-known yet gorgeous places. The best experience of adventure camping is during trekking in Ladakh, where you get to pitch your tent at some of the most picturesque places that include confluences of rivers, alpine meadows, amongst the nomadic tribes and even at places in Zaskar Valley that have views to die for.



# HORSE RIDING

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Ladakh is a paradise for adventure seekers and nature explorers. From thrilling trekking trails to mountain biking, there are multiple adventure activities that travelers can enjoy in Ladakh.

Among the many exciting things to do in Ladakh, horse riding is particularly exciting because of the fun, excitement & adventure associated with it. It is one of the best ways of exploring the rugged landscape of Ladakh while getting access to both paved & unpaved routes.

Apart from the landscape, other famous tourist places in Ladakh which you can visit with a horse ride are Zongkhul Gompa, Stongdey Monastery & Penzila Pass, all of which are located in Zaskar.





# CAMEL SAFARI

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There are several activities which you can try during your holidays in Ladakh which are fun & entertaining. One of them is Camel Safari, which is fun, entertaining & adventurous. While most domestic tourists think that bike tours in Ladakh is the best way of exploring its landscape, wait till you have experienced a camel safari. Foreign tourists, too, think about the Thar Desert in Rajasthan when they think about camel rides in India, but Ladakh has its own share of them.

In fact, camels have been one of the major modes of transportation in Ladakh for centuries, and were used for transportation in the 17th, 18th & 19th centuries in the historic Silk Route. Today, they thrill tourists with their peculiar features and the excitement they provide.

Unlike the rest of India, where you will come across single hump camels, the camels in Ladakh are double humped, and are popularly known as Bactrian Camels. They are one of the two surviving species of camels, and are recognised as critically endangered.

These shaggy camels have a coat of thick hair, and are believed to have originated from Central Asia.





# BIRDING

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Ladakh is home to around 300 species of birds, and birdwatching can be one of the many exciting things. Most of these are migratory species & breeding migrants who cross the Himalayan Range during their spring & autumn migrations.

Birdwatching in Ladakh can be very exciting, as you get to spot a variety of both residential birds as well as migratory ones. The pristine landscape complements the beauty of these birds too, and what you get is a memorable experience.

Ladakh is located on the boundary of the Palearctic-Oriental zoogeographic regions, and also partly within the Tibetan biome. There are a variety of bird species that can be spotted in Ladakh.





# MOUNTAIN PASSES

Ladakh is known to many people as the “land of high passes”, and naturally so, since there are numerous high altitude passes which are as sought after by tourists as they are by locals, although for different purposes by both.

Today, the famous mountain passes in Ladakh are as much a sought after tourist attraction as the monasteries, lakes and gompas. Crossing them is a one of its kind experience, as you are treated to gorgeous views, loads of adventure & exciting memories.

Most of the mountain passes in Ladakh, at one point in time, occupied an important position in the ancient Silk Route. Traders from today's South Asian countries would make a stop there before proceeding further. These passes also connected us to the rest of the world, particularly the countries in Central Asia. For the locals too, the passes still play an important role.



# CUISINES

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If the landscape of Ladakh is barren and rugged, though beautiful, then its cuisine is rich, colourful, flavoursome & nutritious. Mention the words Ladakhi food though, and most people's answers end with momos & noodle soup.

While those are an essential part of Ladakh's cuisines, there is a wide range of dishes which are varied in their looks, taste & preparation methods. Going to Ladakh & not trying out its amazing sumptuous local food would be a big mistake.

The soil of Ladakh is not particularly conducive to agriculture. It is after all, a vast cold desert, and most of the farmers are dependent on snowmelt water for irrigation. Despite the adverse conditions, the people grow most of their grains & vegetables.

Some of the locally produced vegetables are beetroot, potatoes, beans, pumpkins, barley & beans. Non vegetarian food such as yak meat, mutton & chicken is also greatly enjoyed by the people, although these are mostly limited to the winter season.

The influence of Tibet on its cuisine, as on its culture, is also quite strong. This is natural, since Ladakh was a stopping point for traders from Tibet, China & Middle East on the Silk Road.



# SHOPPING

Going to Ladakh and coming back empty handed is just not done! Holiday Shopping in Ladakh is an experience unlike anywhere else in India. In its bazaars, you come across a variety of items, from souvenirs to handicrafts, that reflect excellent artistic & craftsmanship skills are available in a wide range of options.

From Pashmina shawls to prayer wheels, every item captivates you as much as the other while holiday shopping in Ladakh. Further, there are shops which arouse your curiosity like no other. One example is the Women's Alliance of Ladakh Shopping Hub, set up in 1991 and managed completely by women.

MORE JUNK UPSTAIRS





# MONASTERIES

The monasteries in Ladakh complement the beauty of its rugged landscape, and are the centre points around which the spiritual and religious life of its Buddhist population revolves.

There are many things that go into making the Ladakh monasteries famous, including architecture, legend and location. Some rest precariously on rocks beside unimaginably deep cliffs, while others are overlooked by craggy peaks and barren mountains, for which Ladakh is famous.

Visiting the famous monasteries of Ladakh is not something that you should miss out on during your trip to Ladakh, as it's one of the best ways of gaining an insight into its rich history and heritage.

Thiksey Monastery, Karsha Monastery, Hemis Monastery and Alchi Monastery are the most famous monasteries of Ladakh.



# HONEYMOON

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The combination of romance and thrill on a honeymoon in Ladakh is truly an experience to cherish forever. With an incredible landscape, an interesting vibe, and experiences you can't find anywhere else, Ladakh bids itself as the most promising honeymoon destination in India for romantic couples.

While its true, Ladakh is the first choice for adventure lovers, this Himalayan destination however has some beautiful experiences to impart to honeymoon couples as well. The romantic couples on their first vacation together can enjoy the experience of camping at the serene Pangong Lake under the star-lit sky; they can also relish the beauty of the cold desert of Hunder while camping at remote Hunder Village.

The adventure loving couples can also opt for motor biking on the meandering roads of Ladakh and explore the tiny hamlets, high mountain passes like Khardung La, and alpine lakes like Tso Moriri on them. Jeep safaris are always at the disposal of the honeymooners who can choose to explore Ladakh inside out. For the couples who take interest in exploring the wildlife, Hemis National Park is the best place to visit to sight some native, rare and unique wildlife species.







# TREKKING

Ladakh, the land of high passes, monasteries, deep blue lakes, brown mountains, challenging passes & quaint villages, in addition to its Buddhist culture & lifestyle. Go on an adventure trekking tour with our Ladakh trekking tour packages that are available at unbeatable prices & best suited for both amateur & advanced level trekkers.

Unlimited adventure awaits you with adventure filled treks like the Chadar Trek where you cross the frozen Zaskar River, or the Stok Kangri Trek, which offers incredible views of Indus & Zaskar Valleys. Come, join us in a trekking tour to Ladakh at prices & facilities which you won't find anywhere else.

A trekking tour in Ladakh also offers you the wonderful opportunity of observing the unique culture & lifestyle of the Ladakhi people, which is strongly influenced by Buddhism and Tibetan culture.

Listening to the Ladakhi language is a delight, as is enjoying some exotic cuisines like Chutagi, Skew, Paba & others. Some of the famous festivals of Ladakh like Hemis Festival & Sindhu Darshan & Losar, is marked by masked dances called Chham, which fascinates visitors a lot.



# MOUNTAIN BIKING

Unarguably, Ladakh is the paradise for mountain bikers. The meandering roads cutting their way through the awe-inspiring scenery is where all the mountain biking inspiration can be found. Cycling in Ladakh is about riding through the rugged trails or along the rushing Indus and Zaskar Rivers or to some high mountain passes like Khardung La.

Mountain Biking in Ladakh is not only about adrenaline rush and facing the challenges, it is also a great way to witness the culture and traditions of varied regions. This adventure activity in Ladakh is also perfect to explore the offbeat Buddhist Monasteries and relishing the lesser-known side of this beautiful Himalayan destination in India.





# PEAK CLIMBING

The adventure of peak climbing cannot get any better than in Ladakh. Nestled between the Himalayas, Zaskar, and the Karakoram Ranges, Ladakh is an ultimate base for mountaineers looking for some of the most challenging and adrenaline rushing climbing experiences in the world.

For mountain climbing in Ladakh, there are 7-thousanders and 6-thousanders that keep this adventure activity worth your while. But then, there's also some challenging 5-thousanders which make Ladakh quite an interesting destination for peak climbing.

Amongst the most popular peaks in Ladakh are Stok Kangri (6,150m) in Zaskar Range, Nun (7,135m) and Kun (7,077m) in the Himalayan Range, and Saser-I (7,415 m), Saser -II (7,513m) and Saser III (7,495 m) in Karakoram Range.

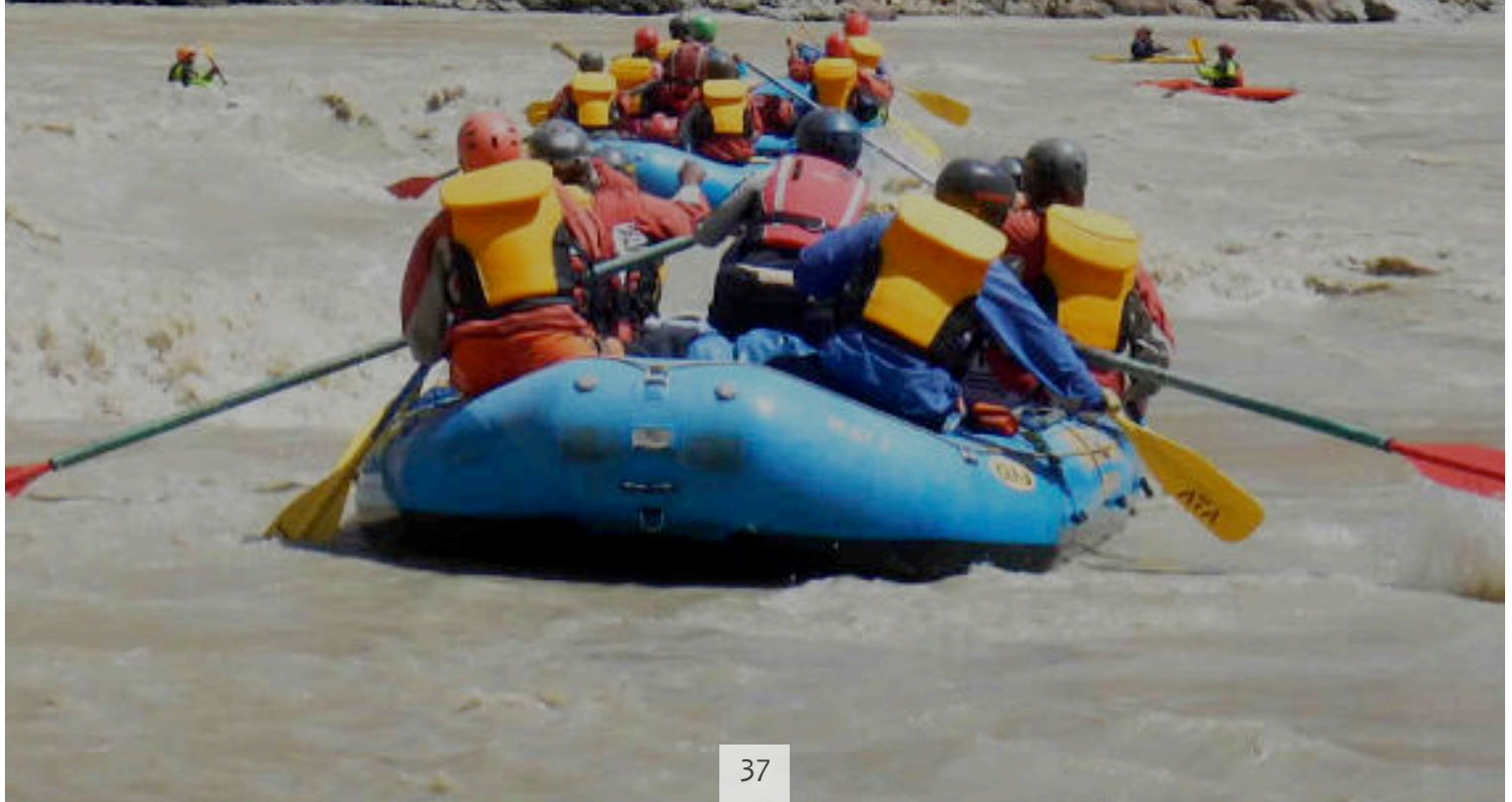


# RIVER RAFTING

In the land of adventure, river rafting adds to another top experience you don't want to miss in Ladakh. The best places to enjoy river rafting in Ladakh are its two popular rivers - Indus and Zaskar that have rapid grades ranging from I to V.

However, most of the stretches of these rivers have Grades I to III. The rapid range in Ladakh indicates that the adventure of river rafting can be enjoyed by beginners as well as experienced ones.

Adding to this adventure activity is the unparalleled views of remote villages and the lofty barren mountains which make it an experience to remember forever.





# JEEP SAFARI

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The adventure of jeep safari in Ladakh is both thrilling and comfortable at the same time. But it mostly promises an enthralling experience of witnessing the wild and amazing Ladakh from close quarters.

The expansive valleys, through which runs rivers and streams; the endless snakey roads; the dirt trails; remote villages and hamlets; the sacred monasteries; and some of the world's highest mountain passes, all these can be explored in the best way in your 4X4 vehicle in Ladakh.

Even though, jeep safaris in Ladakh make almost all the destinations in the union territory accessible, the adventure activity is mostly preferred on routes like Leh-Khardung La-Nubra Valley, Manali-Leh Highway via the popular Gata Loops; Leh -Pangong -Tso Moriri; and Kargil-Suru Valley-Zaskar. Jeep safari in Ladakh is an experience to remember forever.






# FAIRS & FESTIVALS







The fairs & festivals of Ladakh, marked by beautifully synchronised masked dances, Buddhist rituals, ceremonies of various types & vigorous celebrations, are an integral and important part of Ladakh tourism. They offer an extremely useful insight into the heritage & culture of the people of Ladakh.

The influence of Tibetan Buddhism on this region is especially strong, and naturally, this is reflected in the festivals which are celebrated. Domestic as well as international tourists attend these festivals during their holidays in Ladakh in large numbers, since they offer an experience which is exclusive to this region. Attending the festivals in Ladakh also gives you an idea of the cultural diversity of Ladakh.

Some of the fairs & festivals held in Ladakh attract tourists from both India and abroad. They are extremely famous because of their grand celebrations, cultural significance & also because they attract people from all over the region.

Losar Festival, Hemis Tsechu, Sindhu Darshan Festival, Ladakh Harvest Festival and Saka Dawa Festival are the famous festival journeys in Ladakh.











# ATTRACTIONS

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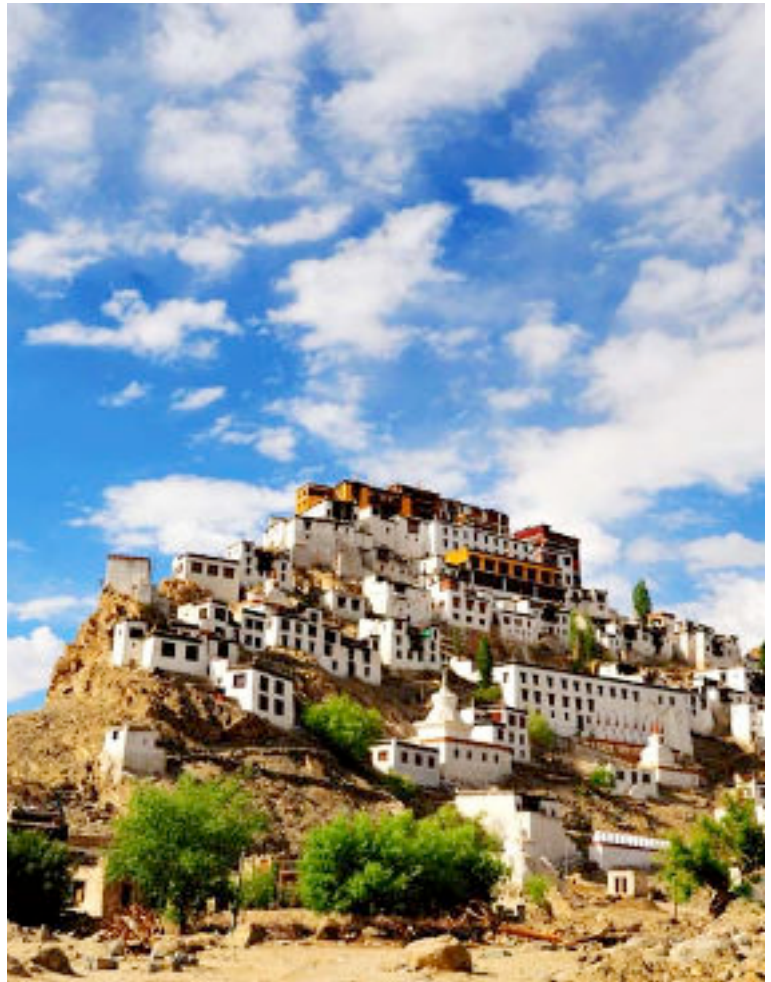




# Thiksey Monastery

Resembling the Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet, Thiksey is one of the beautiful Buddhist monasteries in Ladakh. Snuggled at an altitude of 11,800 feet, this monastery is looked after by the people of Yellow Hat (Gelugpa) sect.

It comprises a 12-story building complex and houses more than 500 monks. Thiksey has a large and precious collection of Buddhist books, journals, statues, scripts, stupas, swords, and Thangka paintings.



## Khardung-la Pass

Khardungla Pass is a gateway which leads to Nubra and Shyok valleys and one of the best tourist places in Ladakh.

While this might not be a typical tourist attraction Leh Ladakh, it is definitely amongst the must-visit places to visit in and around Leh Ladakh for adventure junkies.

Managed by the Border Roads Organization, Khardung-la Pass is the gateway to the north and one of the most difficult yet thrilling passes to ride on.





## Magnetic Hill

One of the best places to visit in Leh Ladakh is Magnetic Hill.

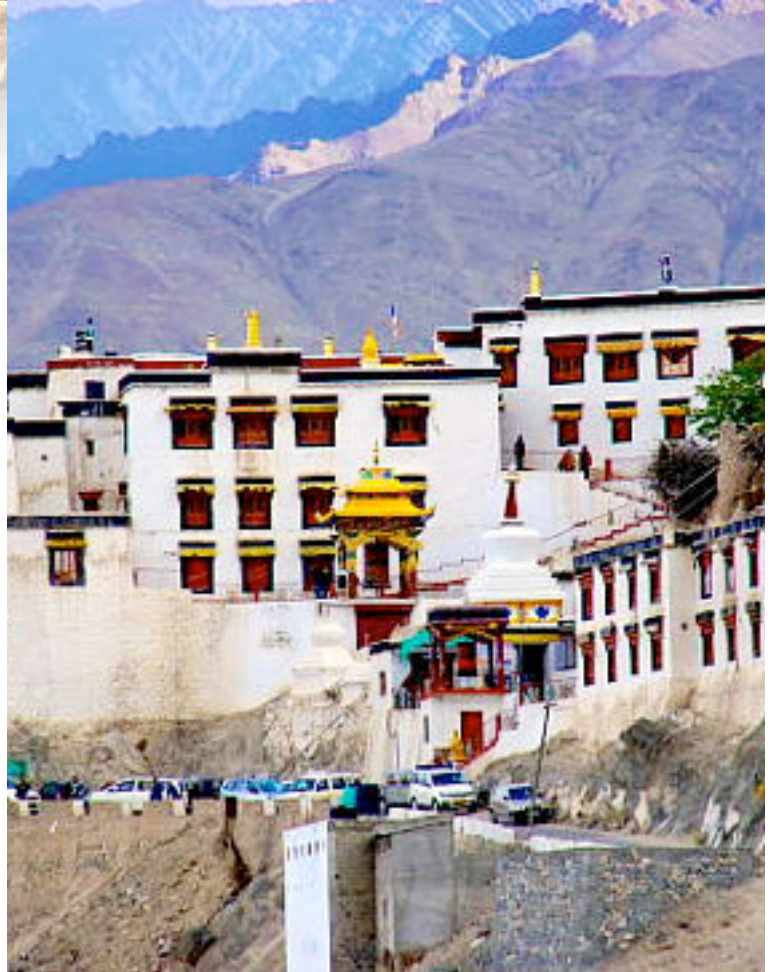
The science behind the phenomenon is unknown but it has been observed that if you leave your vehicle at the base of the hill with the brakes unlocked, it will start moving uphill slowly on its own. Magic?

Definitely not. It's simply the superpowers you get when you reach this place. This makes it really important to be included in your list of places in Leh Ladakh!



## Spituk Gompa

Ladakh is known as the land of the monks and monasteries. Spituk is one of the many tourist places to visit in Ladakh and one of the best places to see in Ladakh. This is famous for its beautifully carved location at the top of a hill. The winds at the night, however, may chill you to the bones. Make sure you pack a few extra warm clothes to be comfortably cozy to visit one of the most serene places to go in Leh Ladakh.





# Hemis National Park

If you want to get the best of Ladakh sightseeing, visit the Hemis National Park has the distinction of being the largest national park in South Asia.

The park is protected home for endangered mammals like leopards, Asiatic ibex, Tibetan wolf, the Eurasian brown bear, and the red fox.

For nature lovers and bird watchers, this has to be on your list of places to see in Ladakh.

Pollution free environment and noise free surroundings make bird watching a joyful experience. Your Leh sightseeing experience stays incomplete without this one in the itinerary.



## Shanti Stupa

What better place to invoke some thoughts from within than this? Located on a hill in Chanspa, Leh, the Shanti Stupa is one of the most magnificent and peaceful Buddhist monuments you could possibly see in the extreme north of India for the best of Ladakh sightseeing. Take the steep slights to reach the Stupa that offers beautiful sunrise and sunset views. Also, the panoramic views of the landscape around it make the Shanti Stupa one of the best tourist places in Ladakh.





## Hemis Monastery

One of the most famous Buddhist monasteries in India, Hemis Monastery is known for its annual mask festival.

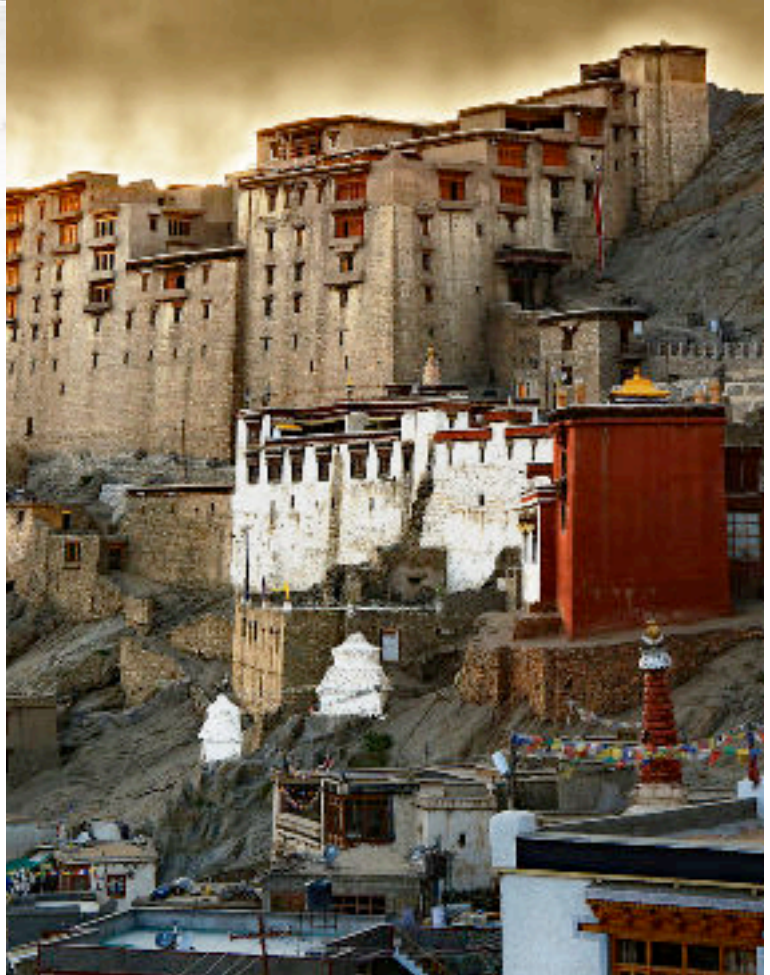
This is a two-day spiritual celebration taking place on Tse Chu, the tenth month in Tibetan calendar. The festival is celebrated in the memory of Guru Padmasambhava, who is believed to be the Gautam Buddha's reincarnation.



## Royal Leh Palace

Resembling the essence of the Potala Palace in Lhasa, the Royal Leh Palace is situated on a cliff overlooking the charming town of Leh.

A prominent symbol of the royal family's glory living in this town in the old days, this place cannot be missed by any explorer out there! The stunning statue of Buddha at the back of this palace adds more to the charm of this place.



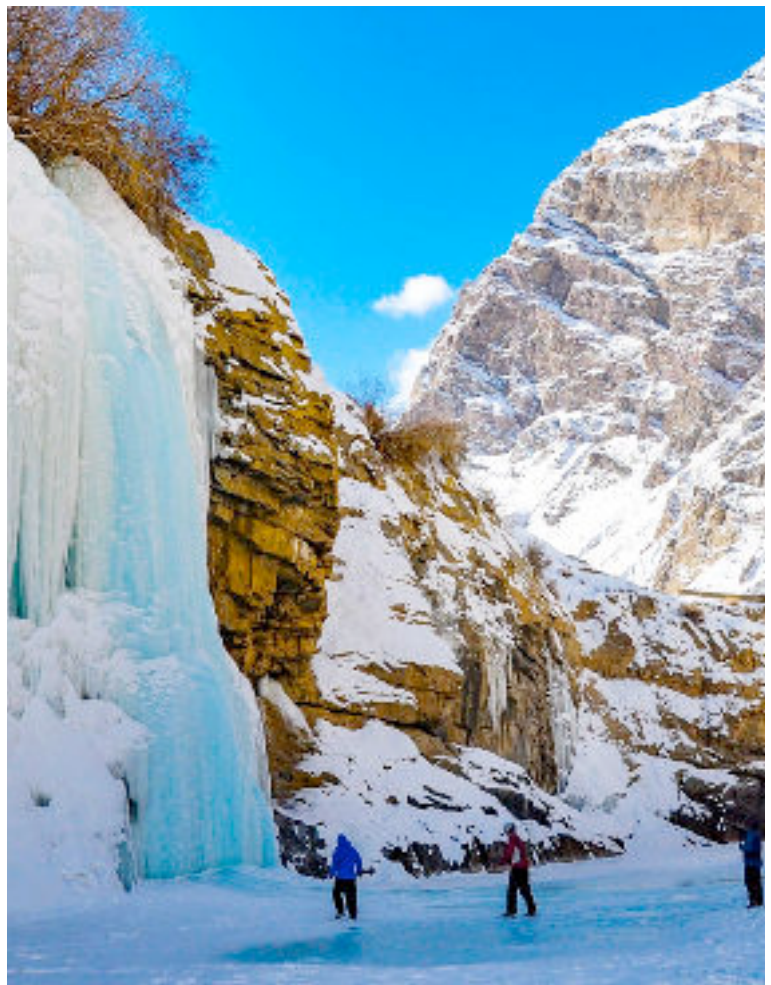


# Chadar Trek

How about walking on a frozen lake?

Chadar Trek is one of the beautiful places to visit in Ladakh such unbelievable and exciting experience. 'Chadar' refers to a blanket, because in winter the popular Zaskar River in Leh Ladakh freezes to a blanket of ice. Come to witness the transformation of colors of this frozen river while you trek on it.

The mild blue color changes to light yellow when the sun shines directly on it for a few hours in the day. It looks milky white on a moonlit night. The Chadar Trek journey is said to be one of the most adventurous and toughest trek journeys.



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## Diskit Monastery

Located in the beautiful Nubra Valley, Diskit Monastery is one of the most beautiful and the oldest Buddhist monasteries in Ladakh, founded in 14th century by Changzem Tsera Zangpo. It belongs to the Gelugpa sect (Yellow Hat) of Tibetan Buddhism and has various Buddha statues, images of other guardian Gods, and a huge drum.

Owing to the breathtaking location, this one of the famous monasteries in Ladakh offers solemn serenity and inner peace. Situated close to it is Maitreya Buddha, another famous attraction here.



## Stakna Monastery

Stakna, locally known as Tiger's Nose, is a small and serene monastery. It was founded during the reign of King Jamyang Namgyal in 1580. It houses numerous paintings, idols, and Buddhist scriptures, and has many sister monasteries like in Zaskar-Bardan, Stakrimo, and Sani. Located on the left bank of Indus River and perched on a hill, Stakna monastery in Leh Ladakh offers amazing views of the Indus valley.





## Phyang Gompa

Phyang Gompa belongs to the red hat sect of Buddhism and is perhaps the most impressive monastery in Leh Ladakh. It is located on a hilltop and thus offers stunning views of the surrounding.

This white and ochre-colored structure is one of the must-visit monasteries in Ladakh and is an important hub of Digung teachings. The wall paintings at Phyang Gompa depict Buddhist culture and heritage. Make sure to stop by here on a day tour to Ladakh.



## Likir Monastery

Likir Monastery is located 53 km west of Leh in the Likir village in the Indus Valley. Along with taxis, many buses travel between Leh and Likir from 5 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon. Popularly known as Likir Gompa, it was founded by Lama Duwang Chosje in the 14th century. According to Buddhist mythology, this is the first construction by the Tibetan monks. The museum located inside the monastery showcases a wide array of Tibetan artifacts and relics.

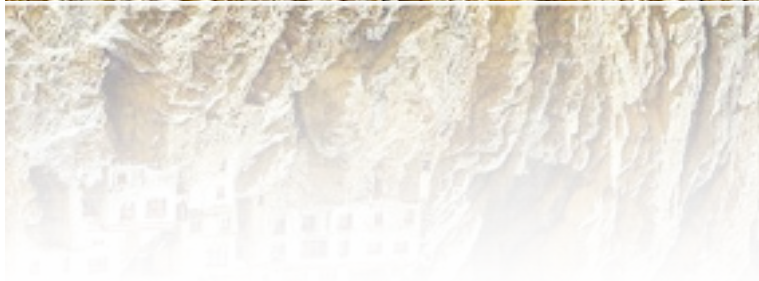




## Phugtal Monastery

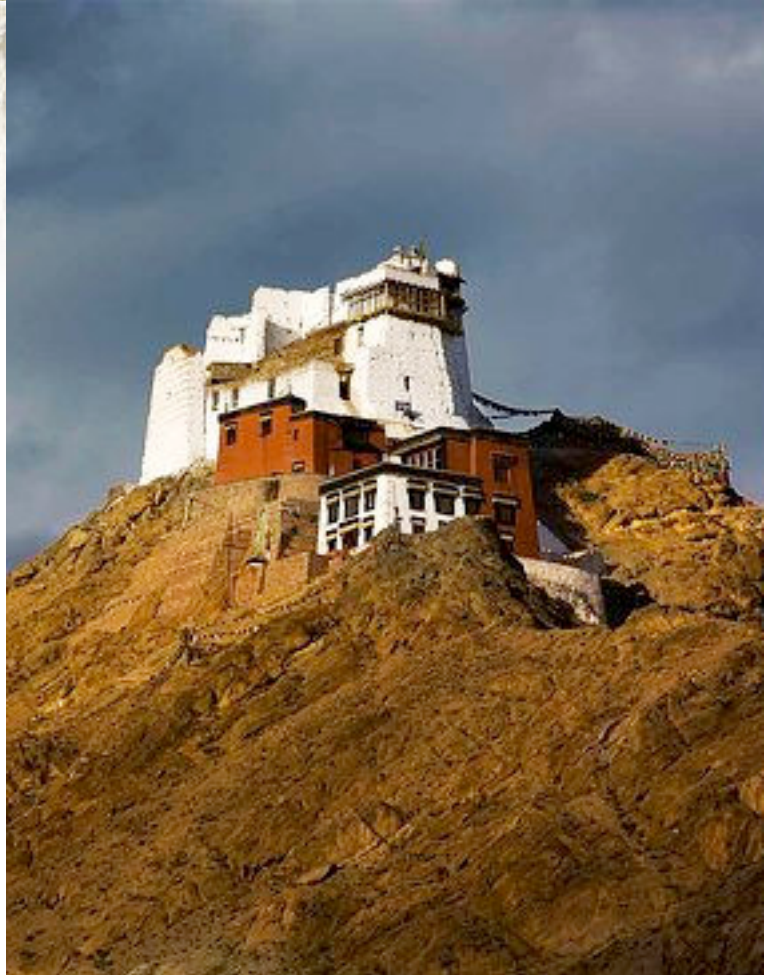
Phugtal Monastery is constructed around and inside a hollow cave. Its mysterious location and structure makes it one of the most fascinating sites for visitors. It is located in the south-east part of Zaskar region in Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir.

It is an isolated monastery and remains tucked far away from the city. One of the unique features is that the water of the cave remains flowing at same pace irrespective of the water running outside. The water is also believed to have medicinal powers.



## Namgyal Tsemo Gompa

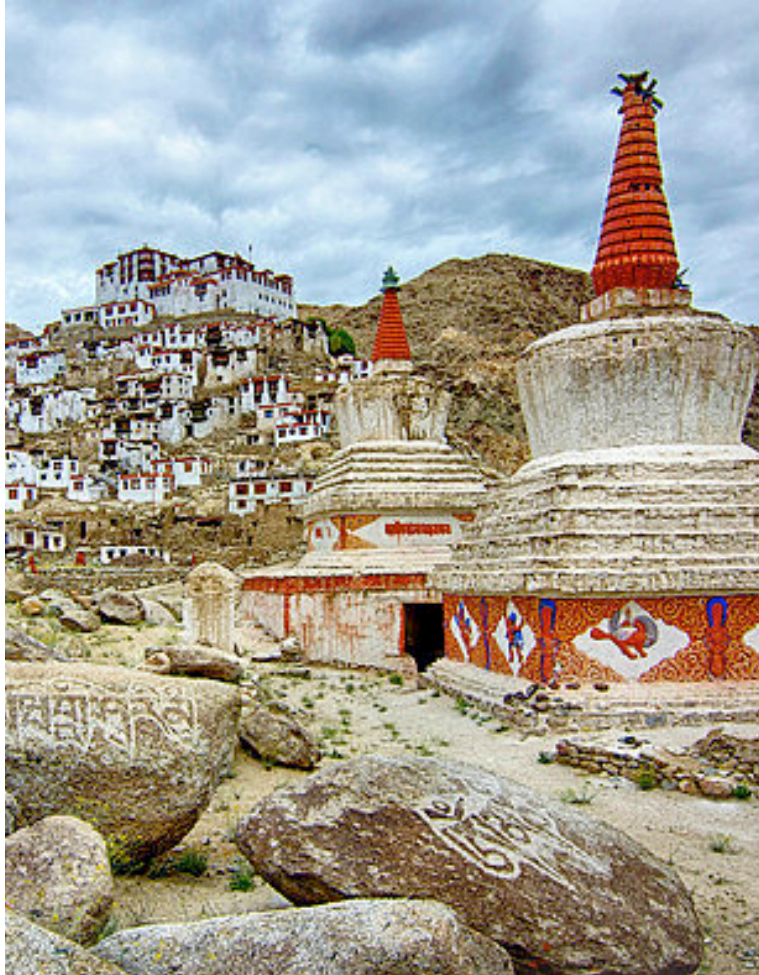
If you love to come across rugged and steep mountains replete with peaceful and spiritual folds, you must visit Namgyal Tsemo Gompa. The monastery is famous for its Buddhist principles and teachings. Travelers from all over the world come here to experience divinity. Experience the distinct mystique that surrounds the place on your visit here.





## Stok Palace

Situated at a distance of only 15 km, Stok Palace is found in the Stok Village. It is famously known as the summer home to the royal family of Ladakh. Established in the year 1820 by King Tsepel Namgyal. It is a glaring example of the rich history and lifestyle of the royal family. It is also home to Stok Monastery and is equipped with beautiful gardens and a huge library. It has now been converted into a heritage hotel for visitors to come experience the royalty here.



## Chemrey Monastery

The 400-year old undiscovered Buddhist Monastery, Chemrey Monastery is located 40 km away, in the east of Leh. One of the most remarkable features of the Monastery is the high statue of Padmasambhava. On your visit, do check out the wide collections of ancient scriptures. These scriptures are emboldened in gold and silver. Capture stunning views of the surrounding areas while you are here.





## Sankar Gumpa

Sankar Gumpa (Sankar Monastery) is located 6 km from Leh. It is a beautiful monastery located in the main city of Ladakh. It is believed to be a branch of the traditional Spituk Monastery. The presiding head or Lama is same while there are 20 other monks who reside here to learn the culture of Buddhism. The Sankar Gumpa is also the residence of the Abbot of Spituk, adding to its religious importance. Visit Samkar Gumpa to get a view of Namgyal Tsemo Hills from the monastery.

## Dha Hanu – Home To Drokpa Tribe

Dha Hanu is otherwise the names of two villages – Dha and Hanu. They are a few among those villages which are home to people of Drokpa tribe. If you are really keen to discover the culture life of the tribe here, it is a wonderful place to visit. The Drokpa tribes are known for using distinct head gears and ornaments in their attire.





## Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary

Located at a height of about 4000-9000 feet, Changthang wildlife sanctuary is an isolated wildlife sanctuary that offers impressive views from the top. There are a wide range of flowers, plants and animals here. It also constitutes of the highest lakes – Tso Moriri, Pangong Tso, and Tso Kar. The Korzok Monastery is also another main feature here.



## Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame is a museum dedicated to all those soldiers who fought in Indo-Pakistan war and sacrificed their lives for the country. The brave act has been inculcated in the photo frames that are hanging on the walls of the museum and will tell you the story of their bravery. Apart from that, there are arms and amenities used by the soldiers. It is one of the best places to visit in Ladakh.





## Lachulung La

Lachulung La is a pass that is situated at an elevation of 5059 m above sea level. It is considered to be extremely dangerous with that much height and is on the border of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. It also separates the valleys of Tsarap Chu and Tozay.



## Tanglang La

Again, it's a high mountain pass that is a favorite haunt for many tourists who come to visit for the breathtaking views and the thrill seeking adventure. It is situated 5328 m above sea level and poses as a thrill seeking adventure for those who are interested in making the climb.





## Mulbekh Monastery

If you are considering the post covid travel guide to Ladakh, you must not miss the chance to visit this place. Consisting of two gompas, it is located at a pristine location which is about 260 km from Leh town. The two gompas, namely, Drukpa and one Gelugpa Buddhist monastery are an architectural marvel.



## Gol Market

Gol Market is a market in Ladakh where one can buy woolen clothes and other general items required for camping. It is one of the best places to visit in Ladakh for buying souvenirs too as one can find embroidered Ladakhi work and antiques here.





## Central Asian Museum

The Central Asian Museum is one of the top places to visit in Ladakh. It is a tapered four-storey stone tower inspired from the Lhasa architecture and located close to the Main Bazaar. The museum showcases trade done using the Silk route – Ladakh, Yarkand, Turkestan, Baltistan, Tibet and China. The museum is located in a courtyard along with a traditional Ladakhi show-kitchen and the oldest mosque, Masjid Sharif in Leh. The complex is also famous for the 500-year old sacred tree also known as the Datun Sahib.



## Leh Donkey Sanctuary

We agree, it is not one of the best places to visit in Ladakh., however, the sanctuary supports a huge population of stray donkeys. As population rose, houses built in Ladakh, animals such as donkeys became strays on a regular basis. In 2007, the sanctuary was started with the idea of not leaving a single donkey astray and to take care of food, medicines and a proper habitat for donkeys. It might not be every tourist's ideal attraction but one of the best Ladakh tourist places for animal lovers and researchers.





## Panamik Village

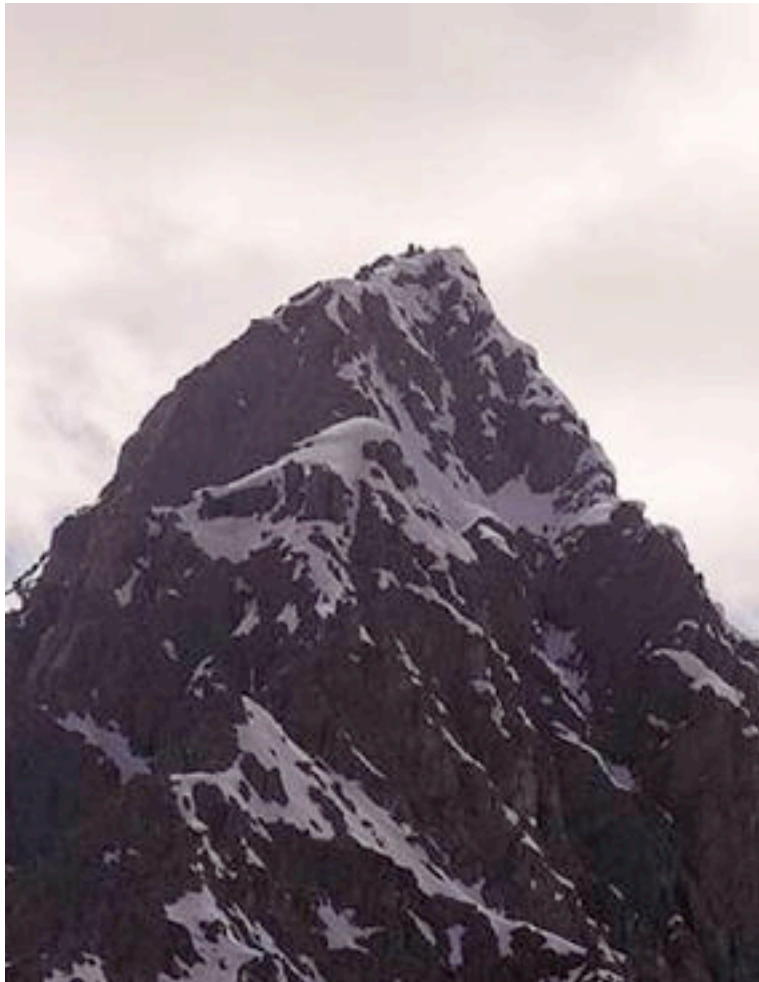
Where the grasses are green, the mountains are white and the waters are clear, is a heavenly place, also called as the Panamik village, one of the most beautiful places to visit in Ladakh. Set by the side of the Nubra river, Panamik is most popular for its therapeutic hot springs. The village also acts as a base for trek to Ensa Gompa, which is almost a 250 year old trek.



## Zorawar Fort

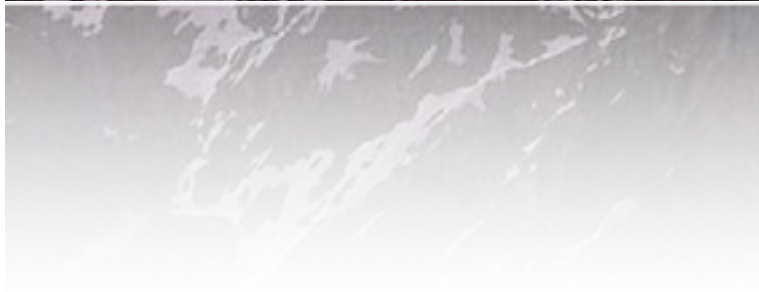
The Zorawar Fort marks the victory for General Zorawar Singh, who conquered Ladakh. To commemorate his victory, he built this fort in 1930 overlooking the hills and the mountain city of Leh. If you want to explore amazing architecture, then the Zorawar fort is one of the best places to visit in Ladakh. The fort's structure is made from local clay, some sun-dried bricks, stones and wooden frames hinged around the edges.





## Tiger Hill

Tiger Hill is one of the highest places to see in Ladakh located in the Kargil sector. The hill holds immense importance to the Indo-Pak war of 1999. The sight from the top of the hill is just magnificent with a view of the valley, the colossal mountain and marks a cold climate throughout the year. This place is perfect for enjoying some of the most popular adventure sports in Ladakh.



## Lachung Temple

Lachung Temple is one of the most visited places in Ladakh situated in Nubra Valley. You will get to view exclusive colourful and narrative paintings. If you are an art lover then this place will surely captivate you as this is one of the oldest holy sites in Ladakh.





## Ladakh Market

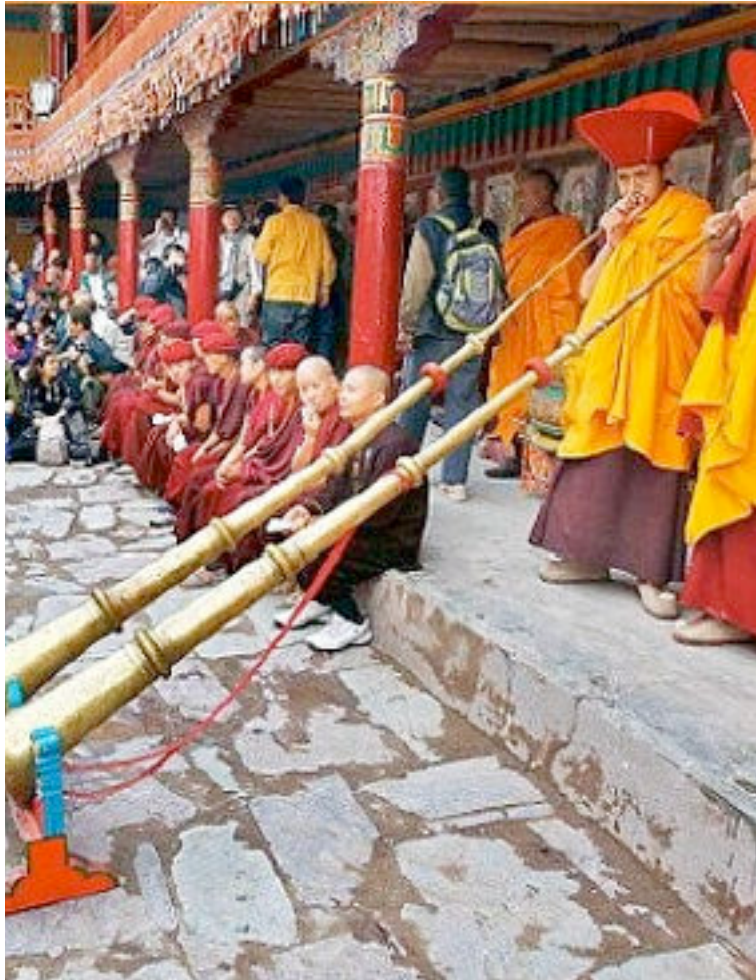
If you love shopping then you must explore the markets in Ladakh which sells exclusive souvenirs, beautiful Tibetan jewellery, woollen clothes, decorated items like carpets and motifs. You can buy all the stuff for yourself as well as for your friends and family for beautiful memories. It is also one of the best places to visit during a Leh Ladakh bike trip with your family and friends.



## Hundur Monastery

If you are travelling to Nubra Valley then you must visit Hundur Monastery as it is situated there. It is regarded as one of the ancient Buddhist sites where religious people come to gain knowledge on Buddhist lineage. It is also known as Hundur Gompa.





## Sindhu Darshan Festival

Every year on the full moon day, Sindhu Darshan Festival is celebrated with great vigour and energy by the people of Ladakh for three days. The festival is celebrated for River Sindhu as a symbol of communal harmony in India. One of the interesting facts about the festival is that the movie Dil Se was shot when the first Sindhu Darshan Festival was celebrated.



## Umling La Pass

Umling La Pass is one of the most popular roads in Ladakh which owns the title of being the highest motorable road in India.

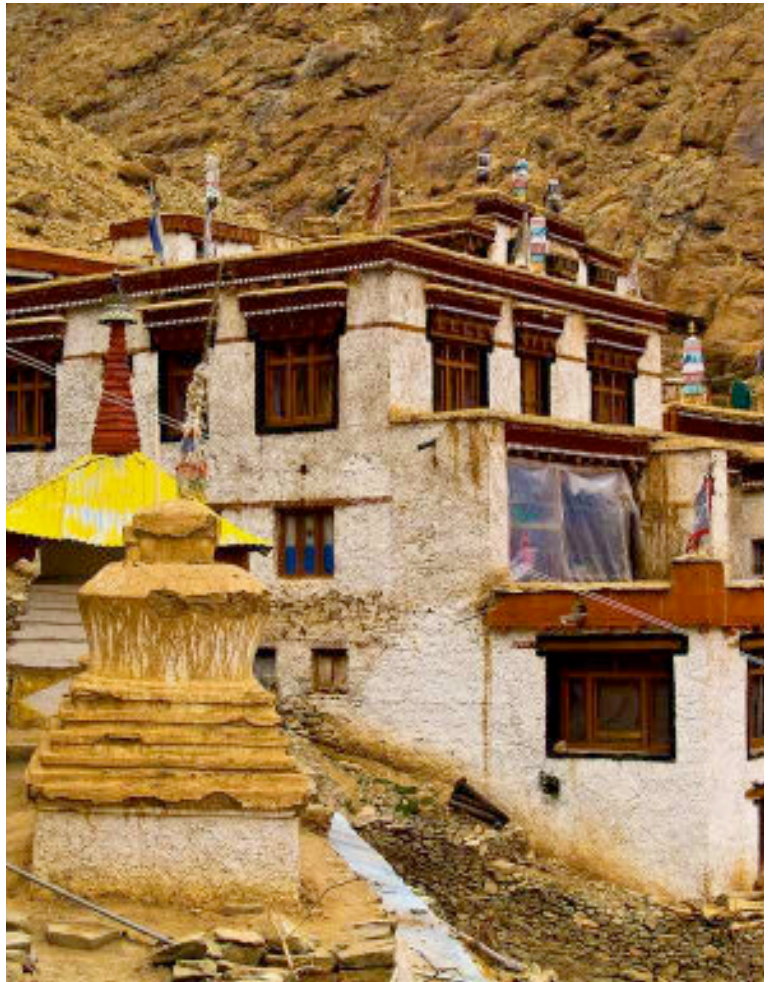
Biking enthusiasts often take a journey to this region that is beyond the general attractions of Ladakh to enjoy the endless vistas and serenity this pass has to offer.





## Shang Gompa

It is located in the snow-crested mountains alongside the majestic landscapes of Leh and Ladakh. The Shang Gompa represents harmony, levelheadedness, and quietness. The reciting of the monks is pretty much a mesmerizing and soul-touching experience here. It is also one of the most popular tourist places in Leh Ladakh.



## Markha Valley

The Markha River is a river in Ladakh, India. It is a tributary of the Zaskar River and starts at the junction of the Langtang Chu and Nimaling Chu.

Villages along the river valley include Skiu, Markha, Umlung and Hangkar. The Markha River lies within the Hemis National Park.

If camping is your thing then you won't find a better spot than at the Markha valley in Ladakh!

You can trek up to some amazing sites. Once you reach the summit, you can unwind with some lovely tents, bonfire and make friends with strangers. Quite the deal, don't you think?







# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Welcome to Ladakh

Leh - Ladakh is the northern province of India which has become a Union Territory on 31 October 2019, covering approximately 60,000 square miles (100,000 sq. km). It has two districts: Kargil and Leh. It is surrounded and bisected by some of the highest mountain ranges in the world. Running in a generally northwest to southeast direction through Ladakh, the great Himalayan Range separates the Vale of Kashmir from Ladakh.

## How to reach

Ladakh is called the adventure capital of the country for a genuine reason.

The geographical location of the place makes it an ultimate destination for anyone looking for an adrenaline-filled vacation. Ladakh is one of the very few destinations in the world where the excitement starts the moment you begin your travel towards it.

## Festivals

Possibly, there is no better time to visit any destination than at the time of its festive season. Similar is the case with Ladakh region. The barren yet intriguing land of Ladakh comes to life during festivals when locals from all the parts of Ladakh come to one place and take part in the celebrations.

## Geography

Ladakh is the largest province within the North Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir, covering approximately 60,000 square miles (100,000 sq. km). It is surrounded and bisected by some of the highest mountain ranges in the world.

## Religion

The predominant religion in Ladakh is the Tibetan form of Buddhism, although Islamic influences are found from the Kashmir Valley as far as Kargil, and there are some Christian families in Leh.

## People

Ladakhis are Tibetan-Mongoloid in appearance although traces of Kashmiri Moslem influence can also be seen. It is most likely that early in its history, Ladakh was settled by the Mon and Dard groups of people.

## Best time to visit

The Best time to visit Ladakh is during the summer season from the month of April to July during this time temperature is between 15 to 30 Degree Celsius.

Ladakh is known for its extremely low temperatures almost all through the year. While it is quite pleasant in the summer time, the winters are exceedingly cold unforgiving. Well, in that case, naturally the best time to visit Ladakh is during the summers.











# LUXURY JOURNEYS





# Leh Ladakh Bike Journey

Duration: 13 Nights / 14 Days

Places: Delhi | Shimla | Manali | Jispa | Sarchu | Leh | Khardung La | Nubra Valley | Pangong Tso | Leh | Alchi | Lamayuru | Leh | Delhi

**From: US \$ 6900 pp**

As the name suggests, this 13 nights, 14 days Ladakh bike tour package will provide you the super-exciting opportunity to meander through the challenging mountain terrains on your bike. As Ladakh is a land of stark mountain-scapes, this bike trip to Ladakh will introduce you to arduous terrains that bring out the daredevil in you. Conquer the challenging routes and highest passes of Ladakh while riding your favorite wheels. As you drive through the passes, the mighty mountains welcome you. With our carefully created Ladakh bike tour package, you will have a wonderful time amidst the nature's extravaganza.

Cross through the tough mountain passes, wild streams, calm and lovely lakes, and more on this Ladakh bike trip. Start from Manali and explore the barrenness of Sarchu and Jispa. Nubra Valley will enthrall you before you reach Leh. A day at Pangong Lake will also add to your delight. To add to your experience, there are monasteries, sparkling blue waters, and the jaggy terrain among other attractions. This 10 days bike tour to Ladakh is coupled with cozy accommodation, delish meals, and opportunities to marvel at the nature. So, set on for a wonderful adventure of your life with this bike tour to Ladakh.





# Land of Lamas - Ladakh

Duration: 07 Nights / 08 Days

Places: Delhi | Leh | Hemis | Nubra | Sumur | Leh | Delhi

**From: US \$ 6800 pp**

Embark on a nomadic journey in canvas luxury. Unfurl the centuries-old culture of Ladakh, exploring her fascinating monuments, quaint monasteries enriched with ancient art forms, fairs and festivals. Be part of the region's unique rituals - enjoy the ancient sport of Polo, brought to Ladakh in the 17th century by the Royals.

Try your hand at archery set amidst the most dramatic and breath-taking landscape. Raft on the gentle Indus River, stop for a delicious picnic lunch at the most picturesque hamlet. Experience Ladakh in all its splendour at the Chamba Camp, Thiksey (in the Leh Valley).

A land of varying landscapes, from white deserts to blue lakes, ice-capped mountains to lush valleys, Ladakh, like a dream captured in a snow globe, is a wildly beautiful milieu set between the Kunlun Mountains and the Himalayas. Located in a valley just north of the Indus River is Leh, the capital of Ladakh, a region often referred to as 'Little Tibet'. The centuries-old culture of this picturesque capital city finds expression in its monuments, monasteries, oral literature, art forms, fairs and festivals.





# Ladakh & Rajasthan Journey

Duration: 14 Nights / 15 Days

Places: Delhi | Leh | Thiksey | Nubra | Thiksey | Leh | Delhi | Agra | Jaipur | Udaipur | Delhi

From: US \$ 10100 pp

This tour combines two completely different regions of India; Ladakh in the Himalayas, and Rajasthan India's driest state, each region completely stunning in its own way. Ladakh is both physically and culturally spectacular. Often called Little Tibet due to the great similarities in its people, plateau landscape surrounded by the soaring Himalayas, and its culture and religion, Ladakh is a raw and awe-inspiring ancient land and is home to one of the best-preserved Tantric Buddhist societies in existence. Using Thiksey as a base and staying at the fabulous Chamba Camp, explore the surrounding region with its impressive and ancient monasteries, many populated by communities of Buddhist monks. Spend a day visiting Alchi to see the 900-year-old temples with their beautiful wall paintings and wood sculptures which fortunately survived the Mughal invasion of India.

Next, return to Delhi - The Capital. Continue to Agra, home to the impenetrable Agra Fort and the majestic Taj Mahal, the jewel in the Mughal crown. Continue your journey onto the regal Rajput cities of Jaipur, also known as the Pink City, and the beautiful and tranquil lake city of Udaipur. The contrast between the simplicity and vast landscapes of Ladakh and the colourful opulence of Delhi and Rajasthan will blow you away, and it is what makes this tour so fascinating.





# Shakti Ladakh - Village Experience

Duration: 14 Nights / 15 Days

Places: Delhi | Leh | Nimoo | Agyam | Hunder | Egoo | Pangong Tso | Shey | Leh | Delhi

**From: US \$ 12900 pp**

Situated in India's far north, and perched at over 3,500m (11,500ft) on the plateau, Ladakh is often referred to as 'Little Tibet' and is home to one of the best preserved Tantric Buddhist societies in existence. Rugged snow-capped mountains and deep turquoise lakes dot this high-altitude desert making it one of the most otherworldly, picturesque places on earth. Ladakh has long been on the map for backpackers, mostly staying in and around the capital, Leh. However, the Shakti Village Experience avoids the over now-crowded hub of Leh and takes you off the beaten track to unspoiled, traditional villages in the Indus valley.

The best way to experience these villages is a combination of walking, rafting and driving between them while overnighiting in some of the beautifully quaint homestays along the way. Traditional Ladakhi houses are built with sun-baked mud bricks and wooden beams of poplar and willow. For the more active walker, trekking and camping in even more remote and beautiful locations can be arranged. The treks require a reasonable level of fitness and reach altitudes of up to 4,250m (14,000ft). The tented camps provide an atmospheric night under canvas with all the usual service and style of the village houses while enjoying outstanding mountain views and some of the clearest night skies to be found in the world. The Village Experience includes river rafting too.





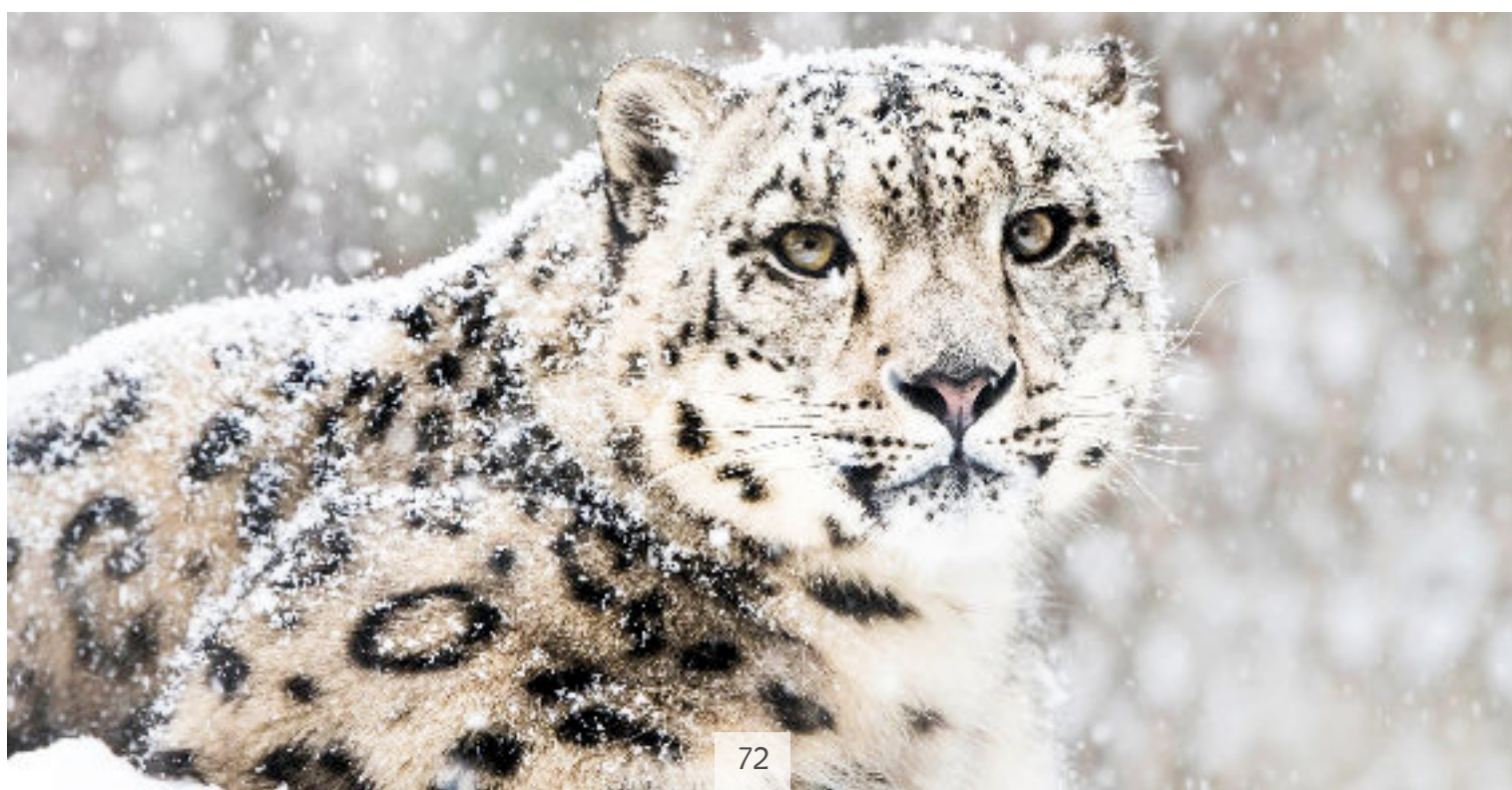
# Big Cats of India & Ladakh

Duration: 20 Nights / 21 Days

Places: Mumbai | Rajkot | Gir Forest National | Delhi | Leh | Ulley | Leh | Delhi | Jaipur | Ranthambore NP | Shahpura Bagh | Jawai | Udaipur | Delhi

**From: US \$ 19,900 pp**

This is the ultimate wildlife adventure in India, a journey through deserts, Himalayan mountains and jungle in search of its iconic cats – Bengal tigers, Indian leopards, Asiatic lions and snow leopards. Begin in the appropriately named Gir Forest National Park in the western state of Gujarat, the last remaining stronghold of the Asiatic lion. Thankfully numbers have increased to over 600 cats and seeing them here is a real privilege. Next, after a stop in Delhi, fly to the far north of India. Spend a few days acclimatising to the altitude in beautiful Leh, where you'll get to explore the town and beautiful Buddhist temples that dot the Indus Valley. Then venture high into the mountains to a remote lodge for a week in search of perhaps the most elusive of all cats, the snow leopard. Seeing this incredible animal is by no means assured (which is all part of the adventure), but with the lodge's team of expert spotters and utterly breath-taking surroundings, there are few finer places from which to try. Return south to the famous Ranthambore National Park for three nights in a sumptuous luxury safari lodge. Drive across Rajasthan, with an overnight stop at a charming family palace on the way, for a final three nights at JAWAI, another fine conservation focused camp surrounded by wilderness which is one of our favourite places in the country to see Indian leopards.





# Eternal Ladakh, Zaskar & Kashmir

Duration: 16 Nights / 17 Days

Places: Delhi | Leh | Khardung La | Nubra | Leh | Pangong Tso | Leh | Sham Valley | Lamayuru | Kargil | Suru Valley | Padum | Rangdum | Kargil | Srinagar | Delhi

**From: US \$ 8900 pp**

The Himalayas hold many wonders and not one is similar to the last. From mesmerising snow-capped peaks to brown arid Winter land to scenic Kashmir valleys, Himalayas is an affair with nature. Right from the moment you enter the Himalayan airspace, you know what's in store for the amazing 16N/17D Ladakh, Zaskar & Kashmir tour. The welcoming Himalayan peaks from your aeroplane window is a teaser of the infinite beauties Himalayas has to offer. Leh and Ladakh are one destination which needs no introduction but if we were to describe it in one word, it would be 'magical'. The vast arid cold desert with tiny hamlets of Ladakhi villages make up for a sight to behold. Apart from scenic landscapes, Leh and Zaskar offer an insight into the Buddhist cultures and traditions through their numerous monasteries. The serenity of Buddhist can even be witnessed in the villages en route Leh and Ladakh.

From the arid wonderland of Ladakh and Zaskar, we move to mesmerising valley and meadows of Kashmir. Into the heart of Kashmir lies the enchanting city of Srinagar. A city of eternal romance, Srinagar is a testament to the beauty of nature. From the serene Dal Lake to lush green Mughal gardens to historic sites, Kashmir will leave you wanting for more.





# Ladakh - Frozen Chadar River Trek

Duration: 12 Nights / 13 Days

Places: Delhi | Leh | Shey | Thiksey | Hemis | Leh | Chilling | Zaribago | Deepyomka | Nyarakpulu | Lingshed | Nyarakpulu | Tso Mopoaldar | Tilatdo | Chilling | Leh | Delhi

Total Trekking: 80 KMS | Grade: Tough | Altitude: 3850M

**From: US \$ 4200 pp**

Featuring a surreal backdrop of nature colours, the Frozen River Trek, commonly known as the Chadar Trek, is one of the challenging treks in the Ladakh region. The strenuous mountain trail on the ice-clogged river under the blue winter sky passes through valleys, mountain caves and frozen waterfalls. It is one of the most arduous treks of Indian Himalaya as the trekkers will pass through craggy rocks and the temperature may dip to below minus 10 degrees, a rare climatic condition which can be difficult to survive.

The Frozen River Trek, which is one of the popular winter treks, is also one of the longest trekking trails in the Indian Himalayan region that covers an entire stretch of 90 kilometres in 8 chilly days. Like a walk to paradise, the Chadar Trek swipes several trekkers' dreams making it a part of their diary. The journey leads off from Ladakh to the snowbound villages of the Zaskar Valley. One may acquaint the eyes staring and asking, 'what made you explore the barren beauty?' The answer just walks following the Chadar trail to a state of absolute bliss secluded within the colours of nature.





# Ladakh Photography Journey

Duration: 09 Nights / 10 Days

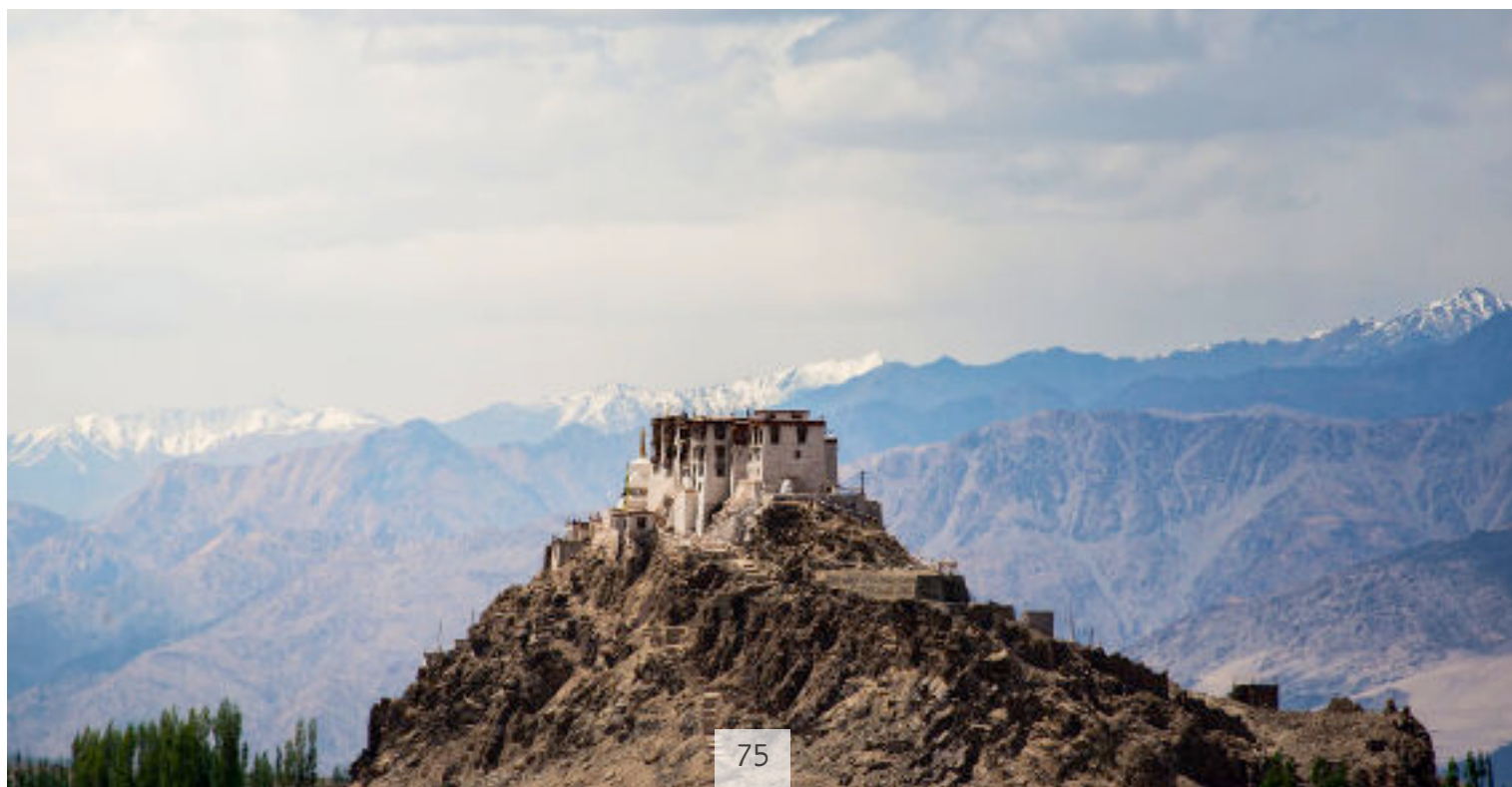
Places: Delhi | Leh | Shey | Thiksey | Hemis | Khardung La | Nubra | Sumoor | Leh | Pangong Tso | Leh | Delhi

**From: US \$ 7200 pp**

The modest of flamboyancy nestled between the two mighty mountain ranges is rightly called Ladakh. The land of jagged mountains, quaint monasteries, serene lakes and golden sand dunes assemble to an impeccable heritage.

An effervescent destination that marks a magnificent culture, history, architecture and landscape offer an opportunity for photography tours all year round. Capturing the vivid landscape and vivacious culture of Ladakh is reckoned to be a dream for any travel enthusiast.

If you have a zeal for photography, then we have a well-planned 10 days / 9 nights Ladakh Photography Tour that can meet all your needs and expectations. This photography tour package is especially designed for passionate photographers who have lust for capturing quaint villages, abandoned forts and diverse wildlife swathed with rich traditional aura. With this tour, you can collect various uncontrolled emotions, labyrinthine nature and the chivalrous locals in your camera and lifetime memories.





# Honeymoon in Ladakh

Duration: 07 Nights / 08 Days

Places: Delhi | Leh | Pangong Tso | Leh | Alchi | Lamayuru | Leh | Khardung La | Nubra Valley | Leh | Delhi

**From: US \$ 6700 pp**

Leh Ladakh is certainly a paradise for honeymoon couples. The place is bequeathed with tranquil exquisiteness that has preserved for centuries. The region known for its calmness and nature's opulence is a perfect haven to spend the 'we time'.

Places like Buddhist Monasteries and Leh palace are apt choices to visit with the loved one. Leh Ladakh is endowed with several structures with great architecture. In the festival season, Leh Ladakh offers an assortment of dance and music activities.

Freezing weather, revitalizing breezes and amazing landscapes, what can be a better choice for a honeymoon couple to enhance the romance and spend the intimate moments in the snowy heaven of Leh Ladakh. The Leh Ladakh Honeymoon Packages allows the newly wedded couples to come close to each other in the environs certainly invigorating.















# WEDDING & EVENTS

Who thought a destination wedding would be possible in the paradise on Earth?

Yes! We are talking about the most beautiful place in India, Ladakh. There are still people out there who have been planning a trip to Ladakh and couldn't make it but a couple recently got married in Ladakh. And, we can't stop but imagine how amazing it would have been.

The marriage celebration usually lasts all night, beginning in the late evening when the village families arrive, each bringing food for the wedding feast. During the night-long celebration, the groom will often dance and certainly drink chang, while the bride is expected to remain sitting, often in the kitchen. The bride and groom are both presented with ceremonial khatas and sums of money.





Toward sunrise, the bride is led to the groom's family home where she is met by lamas and her new family. In the ensuing ceremony, the bride initially refuses food until she is led from her father to her new husband, with whom she then shares a meal. The bride is then shown the house and by sunrise, the ceremony is complete. The celebration, however, will continue much longer with music, food and chang.












A photograph of a rustic window set into a textured, light-colored wall. The window has a dark wooden frame with a grid pattern. Above the window is a yellow valance with a blue border and colorful polka dots. The wall is made of rough, light-colored material, possibly plaster or stone, and there are wooden beams and brackets visible above the window.

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