

## The Trans Himalayan Jeep Safari | 20Nights & 21Days



PLACES COVERED Delhi- THANDHAR – SANGLA – TABO – KAZA – CHANDERTAL – JISPA – TSMORIRI – PANGONG TSO – DESKIT – TURTUK – LEH – KARGIL – SRINAGAR – JAMMU – DELHI



**Day 01:** **Delhi - Thanedhar- 418 kms- 9-10 hrs – Pick up from Airport/Railway station.**  
Drive to Thanedhar via Barog, Shimla and Narkanda. Reach Thanedhar in the evening. Depending on your travel time, you might be able to see apple in full blossoms. Spend the evening around bonfire. Night stay in Banjara Retreat.  
**Overnight Stay: at Banjara Orchard Retreat – Thanedar**  
**Meals Included: D**



**Day 02:**

**Thanedar – Sangla- 165 kms/ 06 hrs**

After a leisurely breakfast leave for Sangla. Get driven towards Sutlej River. Enjoy the scenic drive along the river till Karcham. Reach Banjara camps ahead of Sangla, early in the evening. After a cup of tea, we could go for a short 1 km walk to the lovely little Batseri village. Evening will be at leisure. Overnight stay at the camp.

**Overnight Stay: at Banjara Camp & Retreat - Sangla**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 03: Sangla Visit Chitkul (3,450M) – 20 kms one way**

Post breakfast go for an excursion to Chitkul village. This is the last village on the old Indo-Tibetan trade route. From here, we can hike up to Nagasthi, the last border outpost. It is a lovely 2.5 kms walk along a stream. Lunch along the glacier fed mountain stream. Drive back to Camp in the afternoon. Rest of the afternoon will be at leisure. Optionally try your hand at rappelling, rock climbing or river crossing. Enjoy evening around a bonfire. Stay overnight at the camp.

**Overnight Stay: at Banjara Camp & Retreat - Sangla**

**Meals Included: B, Picnic L & D**



**Day 04: Sangla – Tabo – 200 km / 8.5 hrs Drive**

Today, we leave behind verdant, forest clad mountains as we go over the tree line towards the Spiti region. Stop briefly at Rekonag to enjoy the fantastic views of Kinner Kailash peak. After driving for about 5 hrs on NH 22, just short of Yangthang, we take a detour, to visit the picturesque Nako Lake and have a picnic lunch by the lakeside. Post-lunch we drive on through breath taking, mountain desert terrain to reach Tabo. Stay overnight in a guest house.

**Overnight Stay: at Dewachen Retreat - Tabo/ similar**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 05:**

**Tabo- Kaza Rangrik via Dhankar 50kms / total time including sightseeing 4-5hrs**

Visit Tabo monastery early in the morning. Participating in the morning prayers is an experience in itself. Post-breakfast drive down to Dhankar Monastery. Move on to visit the glorious Tabo Gumpa; reputed to be the oldest (an inscription on a wall here indicates, it was founded in AD 996) continuously functioning Buddhist monastery in India and the Himalayas, with its original decoration and iconographic program intact. Carry on to Rangrik we stay for the night.

**Overnight Stay: at Dewachen Retreat - Kaza**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 06:**

**In Kaza (Visit Ki (Key) Monastery, Kibber Village).**

Kaza, the sub-divisional headquarters of Spiti, is situated on the left bank of the Spiti River at an altitude of about 12,500 ft. The village is overlooked by steep ridges. Post breakfast visit Ki Monastery, Kibber Village, Kungri Monasteries and La Darcha festival Ki Monastery: Situated in Spiti about 11 kms from Kaza was founded by Dromton (1008-64 A.D), the founder of the Ge-lug-pa sect in the 11th century. On the left bank of the Spiti River the Ki Gumpa (4116) is regarded as the largest and the oldest monastery in the sub-division. Stay overnight at Kaza.

**Overnight Stay: at Dewachen Retreat - Kaza**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 07: Kaza- Chandratal – 03 hrs drive and (possibility of 1-2 hrs hike)**

Leave early and drive towards Chandratal via Kunzum la. From Batal we take a short detour to drive to Chandratal (depending on weather and road conditions). Chandratal or moon lake is a stunningly beautiful lake situated at a height of more than 14000 ft. The lake changes colours according to sunlight/ daylight reflected from lake. Over nights stay in tents.

**Overnight Stay: at Campsite**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 08: Chandratal –Jispa | 135kms / 9-10hrs**

Start early in the morning for Jispa carrying packed Lunch. This drive is little long on rough high altitude roads. Reach Jispa in the evening and enjoy your tea / coffee on arrival.

**Overnight Stay: at Padma Lodge & Campsite / similar**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 09: Jispa- Tso Moriri 312 kms | 9-10 hrs**

Post early breakfast leave for Tso Moriri. Get your packed lunch to have it on the way. Reach there in late afternoon and check into your pre-booked resort. Later get into the lake side and spend some quality time with your family and friends.

**Overnight Stay: at Nomadic Life Camp / similar**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 10: Tso Moriri –Pangong | 226 | 7-8hrs**

After early breakfast get driven to Pangong via Chushul. Reach there and check into your pre-booked tent. Later get into the lake side and spend some quality time with your family and friends.

**Overnight Stay: at Camp Pangong Sarai / similar**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 11: Pangong –Deskit | via wari La 190kms | 7-8hrs**

Have early breakfast and get driven to Deskit via Wari La (17400ft). Reach Deskit in the evening and check into your pre-booked accommodation. In the evening visit amazing Sakhyamuni Buddha Statue near Deskit Gompa and to enjoy great sunset views. Stay overnight in the hotel.

**Overnight Stay: at Hotel Stendel / similar**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**



**Day 12: Deskit –Turtuk | 95kms | 3hrs**

After breakfast at hotel drive for 10 minutes to reach Hunder to enjoy the double humped camel ride in the sand dunes. Later proceed to Turtuk at the north western end of the Nubra valley. Upon reaching, check into tents at a verdant campsite amidst fields & orchards, sprinkled with clumps of wild & vibrantly colored blooms. Relax for a while, have your evening cuppa, and go for a short stroll to enjoy the sunset.

**Overnight Stay: at Turtuk Holiday Camp / similar**

**Meals Included: B, L & D**



**Day 13: In Turtuk**

Post breakfast spend 2- 3 hrs walking in & around the villages, interacting with the warm & hospitable locals. The cherubic kids are especially adorable. We get back to the campsite & enjoy a traditional Balti meal. Later you go for a hike & explore the fantastic, totally pristine natural beauty all around.

Please Note: on Special request we can arrange a beautiful guided hike of minimum 3 Hrs(Level – Hard, strictly recommended only for fit individual

**Overnight Stay: at Turtuk Holiday Camp / similar**

**Meals Included: B, Traditional Balti L & D**

## Nubra Valley

In the days of yore, the fertile Valley of Nubra formed a part of the overland route between Tibet and Turkestan. Once dotted with garlands of camel and yak caravans, this Silk Route glen is also known as the 'Valley of Flowers' of Ladakh, and is amongst the greenest valleys in the region – ideal for your holiday break. One can understand why anyone would envy the flowering glen of

Nubra valley. During early summer, Nubra is clad in endless bushes of yellow and pink wild roses, and once the valley is through with the season of roses around August, a carpet of wild lavender lies gently on it. Nubra is also a relatively warmer valley in Ladakh, and the comparatively benign climate helps yield better crops and fruits, making Nubra the 'Ldumra', or orchard of Ladakh. The romance of the Silk Route still hangs in the air as you cross the formidable Khardung La – The highest 'motorable' pass on the planet- which connects Leh and the Nubra Valley. The road from Leh rises steeply to meet Khardung La and then dramatically plunges into a whirlpool of bends and turns to gradually unfold itself along the rushing Shyok and the Nubra Rivers. Visit the Deskit and Hunder villages. The road connecting Deskit with the quaint little Hunder Village winds through a gorgeous stretch of sand dunes. You could spend a pleasant evening around these natural marvels that border a stream, and have snow-capped peaks for a backdrop. Keep your eyes open for the double-humped camels and Seabuck-thorn forest! The more adventurous ones could take a camel ride from Hunder to Deskit.

### **We recommend on way to Nubra and in Nubra valley:**

\* Enjoy a hot cup of tea at army check post just after Khardung La.

\* Enjoy a Bactrian camel ride at Hunder (no fear of falling as these are two humped camels!).



### **Day 14: Turtuk – Leh | 210kms | 8hrs**

Post breakfast proceed for Leh via Khardung La (5602 M). Reach Leh and check into your hotel rooms. Spend sunset at Shanti Stupa for unforgettable views of Leh Valley & town Return back to your hotel for the overnight stay.

**Overnight Stay: at Ladakh Sarai / similar**

**Meals Included: B, Packed L & D**





**Day 15: Leh**  
 Post leisure breakfast at hotel enjoy sightseeing of Leh including shey, Thiksey and Hemis Monastery. Drive to Stok Village and enjoy a traditional Ladakhi meal in a village home, later see Stok Palace & Museum. Post lunch leave for the bazaar to shop for Thangkas, Chunky antique Silver Jewelry with Turquoise embellishments, mementos, Apricots & apricot based beauty products.  
**Overnight Stay: at Ladakh Sarai / similar**  
**Meals Included: B, Traditional Ladakhi L & D**

**Day 16: Leh – Lamayuru – Leh 115kms 3hrs each way**  
 Post breakfast start your drive to visit beautiful **moonscapes** in Lamayuru Reach **Lamayuru**, enjoy the moon escape terrain and have tea at a quaint cafeteria beside the Gompa. Spend some time there and have hot lunch in **Niranjana Restaurant**. Later visit one of the oldest **Alchi Monastery**. Return back to Leh on the way visit **Nimmu (confluence point of river Zaskar and river Indus) , Pattharsahib Gurudwara , Magnetic Point and Hall of Fame**. Have dinner and stay overnight.  
**Overnight Stay: at Ladakh Sarai / similar**  
**Meals Included: B, L at Niranjana Cafeteria & D**



**Day 17:**

**Leh - Batalik-Dha-Hanu- Kargil (2676M) 223 KM/7hrs**

Leave after an early breakfast on a beautiful drive to reach the pristine & pristine Batalik sector. You then go along the Indus to reach the Drokpa villages of Dha-Hanu around 1100 hrs. Spend some time checking out the unique & flamboyant lifestyle and traditions of this Indo- Aryan race who claim to be descendants of Alexander. Carry on your journey to Kargil over Hamboting La. Reach Kargil and check into your Hotel Rooms and have some rest.

**Overnight Stay: at Hotel Highland Mountain Resort/ similar**

**Meals Included: B, L & D**



**Day 18: Kargil-Srinagar | 203kms / 6-7hrs**

Check out after breakfast and leave on a drive from Kargil into the verdant landscapes of the Srinagar area. Drive via Drass, the second coldest place on the planet. You may stop for a while to see some landscape features made famous courtesy the Kargil conflict with Pakistan in 1999- Tololing, Mushkoo Valley & Tiger Hill. Cross over the mighty Zoji La and soon you enter the verdant picture perfect meadow covered vales of the Sonamarg region. Stop here for a while to explore the area and also have lunch. Later resume the drive and reach Srinagar by late afternoon/early evening. Check into a room in a houseboat. Photo ops: green meadows of Sonamarg, Thajiwas Glacier, Kargil war famous peaks (Tiger, Tololing). Stay overnight at hotel.

**Overnight Stay: at Luxury Houseboat / similar**

**Meals Included: B & D**



**Day 19: Srinagar**

Early morning visit the floating market at Dal Lake by Shikara. Back to the hotel for breakfast. Post breakfast visit **Shankracharya temple & Nishat & Shalimar Garden**. Rest of the day is free to explore the local markets. Stay overnight at the house boat.

**Overnight Stay: at Luxury Houseboat / similar**

**Meals Included: B & D**

**Day 20: Srinagar-Jammu 297kms / 9-10hrs**

Post early breakfast get driven to Jammu. Reach there and check into your pre-booked hotel. Rest of the evening will be at leisure, have dinner and stay overnight at hotel.

**Overnight Stay: at Fortune Inn Riviera/ similar**

**Meals Included: B & D**



**Day 21: Jammu-Delhi 590kms / 8-9hrs**

Post early breakfast get driven to Delhi. Tour ends here with lots of everlasting memories.

**Meals Included: B**

**Important Note:**

**Food & Hygiene:**

“ Food is a mix range of vegetarian/ non- vegetarian with a choice of Indian, Continental & Chinese food. All meals are buffet meals. There is no room service at most places.

**Fitness:**

“ You should be in good health if you wish to hike. Please take your doctor’s advise if you are a heart patient, asthmatic, pregnant or suffer from epilepsy.

**Altitude Sickness:**

“ Acclimatization to altitude above 3000 meters takes time. The body undergoes a number of physiological changes some of which are immediate like increased pulse rate & respiratory rate. These changes plus the effect of intense sunlight, walking & dehydration may cause loss of appetite, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, sleeplessness, mild shortness of breath etc.

“ The best treatment is prevention! Avoid rapid ascents; take acclimatization symptoms seriously using rest days/Diamox tablets. If symptoms are severe, DESCEND IMMEDIATELY.

**Medicine:**

“ We keep a first aid kit. Please bring your personal medicine.

**Tipping:**

“ Tipping amount is at your discretion.

**Photography:**

“ Please ask your guide before taking photographs inside any monastery. If you plan to photograph locals, please take their permission before doing so.