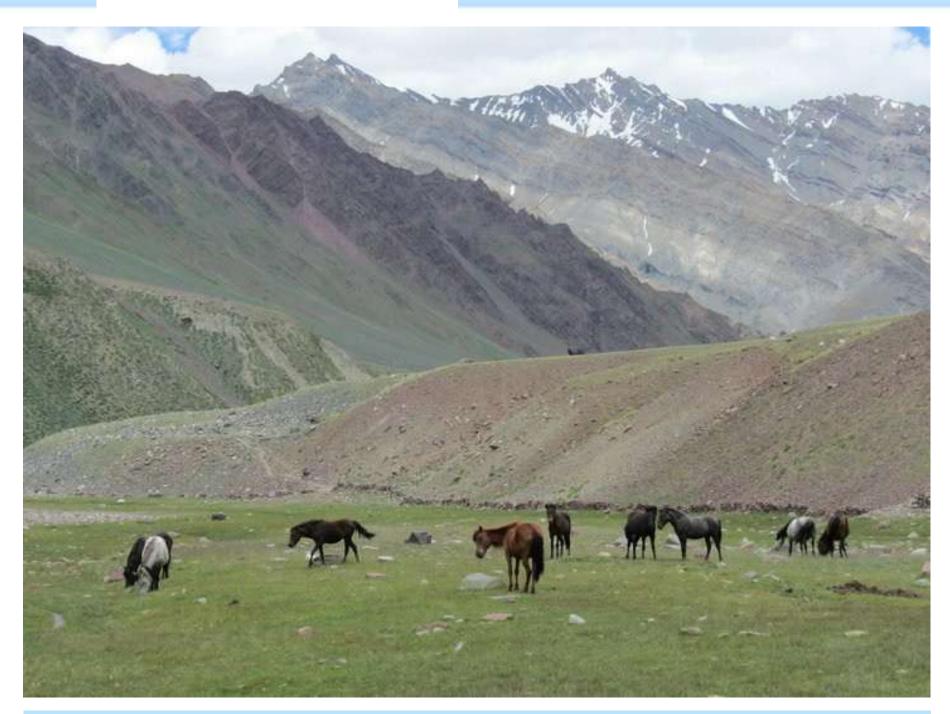
# CONNECT WITH HIMALAYA

A CWH ROAD TRIP TO LADAKH FOR FIRST TIMERS. 12 - 19 AUG 2023

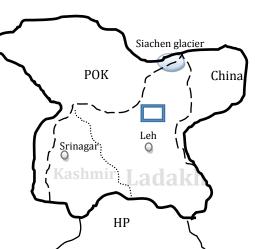


# GO LADAKH!

What would you call a journey traversing some of the highest motorable passes in the world, the second highest salt water lake in the world, the second coldest inhabited place in the world, 3 entirely different terrains, 3 distinct cultures, 5 mountain ranges and possible for only 4 months in an year? Add some visits to monasteries and forts, chilling in the hip cafes of Leh, stay at some beautiful guesthouses and we have the complete Ladakh experience for the first timers.

#### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- THE ultimate road trip in the Himalaya.
- Ideal for first timers to Ladakh
- Monasteries and Tibetan culture
- Chilling in Leh
- Momos, thukpas and much more.





### THE road trip

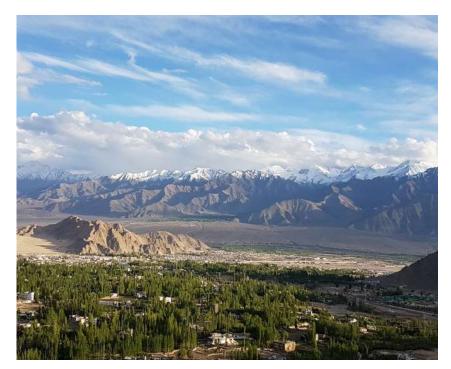
From the green vales of Kashmir, over the greater Himalaya to the stark beauty of Ladakh, this is an epic road journey. Passing through Sonmarg, Drass, Kargil and some of the oldest monasteries of Ladakh, the road trip allows you to experience Ladakh in the best way.



Nubra valley and Pangong lake

Across high passes, including the highest of them all, the Khardungla, lie the Nubra valley and Pangong lake, two of the must-see destinations in Ladakh. A new road connects them and allows us to experience Ladakh at its most raw and beautiful.

## A BRIEF OVERVIEW



#### Leh

The capital of Ladakh is an ancient town which is also very hip. There are monasteries and forts, and there also are cafes and rooftop pizzerias. During our time in Leh, we will walk its streets, chill in its cafes, shop in its markets and eat in its boutique restaurants.



**The Monasteries** 

The monasteries in Ladakh can only be described as surreal. The wild beauty of the mountains is offset by the green oasis which these monasteries provide. A place of worship and study and the epicentre of Ladakhi culture.

# ITINERARY:

# 8 DAY TRIP, 4 DAYS OFF WORK (2 WEEKENDS)



12-15 AUG	<ul> <li>Phase 1 of the trip – The drive to Leh</li> <li>12 Aug– Fly into Srinagar. Book a flight that lands before 1 pm. Drive to Sonmarg. ~ 2 hours.</li> <li>13 Aug – Drive to Kargil via drass.</li> <li>~ 5 hours</li> <li>14 Aug– Drive to Leh via Lamayuru</li> <li>~ 7 hours.</li> <li>15 Aug– Rest day in Leh.</li> </ul>	We will complete the journey from Kashmir to Ladakh over 3 days, to experience the changing landscapes and cultures and take in the stunning beauty, and also to acclimatize before we reach the high altitude of Leh. We will stay in guesthouses in Sonmarg, Kargil and Leh. The rest day in Leh is important to enjoy the city and also to get ready for the next part of the trip.
16-17 AUG	Phase 2 – Nubra and Pangong 16 Aug – Drive to Nubra valley over Khardungla. ~5 hours 17 Aug – Drive to Pangong lake along the shyok river. ~ 5 hours. Drive back to Leh over the Chang la. ~ 5 hours.	We begin our exploration of Ladakh by driving to Nubra valley and crossing the Khardungla, the highest motorable road in the world. Next day is the drive to Pangong along the newly opened shyok valley, a breathtaking journey to a breathtaking lake, literally, as it is at an altitude of 4200M. We then drive back to Leh over another high pass, Chang la. It will be the longest day of the trip but also the most rewarding.
18-19 AUG	Phase 3 – Return to Leh and end of trip 18 Aug – Rest day in Leh. 19 Aug – Fly out of Leh. Note- You can choose to extend your trip by a day. OR even by 3 days and drive down to Manali.	We get to spend the last day of the trip in Leh and can choose to chill or shop or hire a motorcycle or a bike, before we say goodbye to Ladakh on 19 <sup>th</sup> with a flight out of Leh. Book any flight that is convenient to fly out of Leh.



## COST FOR THE TRIP:

Stay and food	Stay on twin sharing basis in guesthouses in Sonmarg, Kargil, Leh, and Nubra. Breakfast included.
Transportation	Throughout the trip in SUVs.

The cost of the trip = **Rs 60000/- per person** including all taxes.

Note: The group size will be limited to 12. To be eligible to join this trip, you will need to fill the registration form and once your seat is confirmed, make the full payment. Read our <u>cancellation</u> <u>policy</u> and fill the <u>release document</u>.

#### Click here to REGISTER

## WHAT TO GET ALONG?

Ladakh in Aug is pleasant during days and cool during nights. Temp ranges from 5° C to 25° C. Full sleeve t-shirts during the day and warm sweater and jacket during mornings and evenings. Bring good walking shoes and pack your woollens. The biggest thing we need to protect against is the UV radiations from the Sun. So a 50+SPF sun block is a must. Will send you a detailed list on signing up.

## MAKING A CONTRIBUTION:

There is always a way of giving back to the place and people where we go for our holidays. This is how we will do it:  $\cdot$  Stay in guesthouses run by locals wherever possible.

- Use local staff throughout the trip e.g. drivers, guides, etc.
- . You can also contribute by buying woollens and other handicrafts from the locals directly.

## GET CONNECTED:

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#### GIFT THIS TRIP

You can chose from gift vouchers starting from Rs 5000. Write to us with the name of the receiver and the denomination of the voucher. NOTE

All CWH trips have a strict no-alcohol policy. And no instant noodles, etc.