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We at **Horizon Holidays** genuinely appreciate your business, and we're grateful for the trust you've placed in us.

-Confucius



Welcome to Ladakh

Few places in India are at once so traveler friendly and yet so enchanting and hassle-free as mountain-framed **Ladakh**. Spectacularly jagged, arid mountains enfold this magical Buddhist ex-kingdom. Picture-perfect Gompas (Tibetan Buddhist Monasteries) dramatically crown rocky outcrops next to fluttering prayer flags and whitewashed stupas, while prayer wheels spun clockwise release merit-making mantras. Gompa interiors are a riot of golden Buddhas and intricately colourful murals and home to red-robed Monks. It's a little corner of Tibet marooned in the furthest reaches of India.

Inclusions

- Accommodation in Hotels as customized.
- **Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner in Hotels.
- All Transfers from Airport to Airport.
- Chauffeur driven Non-AC Innova / Tempo Traveler for Sightseeing as per pax size.
- Driver Allowances, Toll Taxes & Parking.
- Environment Fees.
- Inner Line Permits.
- All Taxes.

Exclusions

- Return Airfare.
- Travel Insurance.
- Any meals other than specified above.
- Any item of personal nature like mini-bar, portage, tips, etc.
- Insurance, Camera Fees, Guide Charges.
- All entrance fees and excursions not mentioned above.
- Any additional expenses arising out of unforeseen circumstances like flight delay / cancellation / roadblocks/ landslides/ strike or any other natural causes out of human control or any emergency evacuation expenses.
- Any other item or service not mentioned in the inclusions.



6N7D Ladakh - Highlights

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Day 5: Leh to Nubra. Overnight in Nubra.

After breakfast, proceed towards **Nubra**. Over the mighty **Khardung-La**, first up visit the **Diskit Monastery**. The main and unique attraction of Diskit monastery is a gigantic statue of Lord Buddha on the top of it. This famous tourist attraction is considered as one of the oldest as well as the largest Buddhist center in Ladakh. The Diskit monastery was constructed during the 14th century by Changzem Tserab Zangpo. The huge 100foot Maitreya Buddha statue inaugurated by the well-known holy priest Dalai Lama is the key attraction among a number of tourists across the globe. Travelers love to experience the magnificent view of Nubra Valley from the top of the monastery where the statue is installed. Later in the evening, experience the **double hump Bactrian Camel Safari (own cost)** on the sand dunes by the breathtakingly beautiful **Shyok** and **Nubra River**. These Camels were probably abandoned here centuries ago by passing caravans and have since flourished in this terrain. **Overnight in Nubra.**

Day 6: Turtuk Day Trip. Overnight in Nubra.

After breakfast, proceed towards **Turtuk**. On the edge of **Shyok Valley** lies India's northernmost village. Turtuk is a road fairly less travelled, beyond Nubra Valley, longer perhaps, but with some of the best views ever. India's last major settlement is dotted with **Apricot Tress** all over and is a treat to your eyes come these summer months. Listen close as locals here speak an interesting Balti language that uses old Tibetan sounds no longer used in modern Tibet. With wireless and Netflix taken over the gist of our lives, Turtuk is a magical elope. No Wi-Fi, no food chains, limited electricity and a unique language. Turtuk is at the other end of a time machine travelling into a totally different age. In the evening, back to Nubra. **Overnight in Nubra.**

Day 7: Nubra to Pangong. Overnight in Pangong.

After breakfast, proceed towards the great **Pangong Tso**. Pangong Lake, situated at a height of almost 4,350m, is the world's highest saltwater lake. Its waters, which seem to be dyed in blue, stand in stark contrast to the arid mountains surrounding it. Extending to almost 160km, one-third of the Pangong Lake lies in India and the other two-thirds in China. Pangong Lake, one of the most famous lakes in Leh Ladakh, derives its name from the Tibetan word, '**Pangong Tso**', which means '**High Grassland Lake**'. You could spend hours in contemplation here, and still not have enough of its beauty. Pangong Lake is also known to change colors, appearing blue, green and red at different times. The beauty which awaits you there cannot be described in words. It has to be seen, felt and absorbed within you. **Overnight in Pangong.**

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Day 8: Pangong to Tso Moriri. Overnight in Tso Moriri.

After breakfast, get set to explore the ever so unique, '**Tso Moriri - The Mountain Lake**'. The lake is at an altitude of **4,522m (14,836 ft)**. It is the largest of the high altitude lakes entirely within India and entirely within Ladakh in this Trans-Himalayan biogeographic region. The lake and surrounding area are protected as the **Tso Moriri Wetland Conservation Reserve**. Once you arrive, the mighty, endless, vast, abundant, clear, beautiful and pure.... **Tso Moriri** will move you like only nature can. All you would do is simply bow down and feel blessed at having witnessed this splendor of Nature. **Overnight in Karzok.**



Day 9: Tso Moriri to Jispa. Overnight in Jispa.

After breakfast, proceed towards **Jispa. Overnight in Jispa.**

Day 10: Jispa - Manali - Chandigarh. Overnight in Chandigarh.

After breakfast, you will proceed towards **Manali**, and later towards **Chandigarh. Overnight in Chandigarh.**

Day 11: Departure to Chandigarh Airport.

Today, after a delicious breakfast, proceed towards **Chandigarh Airport** for your Onward Journey Home with great memories from '**Horizon Holidays**'.

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