

ROAD TO LADAKH

12 Days / 11 Nights

Driving to Ladakh, it is good to keep in mind that you are on the highest motorable road in the world, and one that affords some breathtaking views of the 'roof of the world'. This road takes you through north eastern Himachal Pradesh and Lahaul Valley in the Rohtang Pass. As you get higher the gentle greens of the verdant valley slowly give way to the harsh dry deserts of higher altitude and the stark beauty of the painted mountains. The inaccessibility of the higher reaches of this region is what makes it so attractive; the accommodation is comfortable, but basic. There are few who venture here and, though the number is increasing, the unparalleled beauty of these mountains remains unspoiled and the lifestyle of the people still untouched by the modern age.

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Day 1

Delhi

Reception and welcome at Delhi Airport followed by transfer to your hotel.

Day 2

Delhi

A full-day tour of Delhi introduces you to New and Old Delhi. B

Day 3

Delhi-Chandigarh-Nalagarh 58 kms – 1 hrs drive

The morning train will take you to Chandigarh from where your chauffeur will drive you to Nalagarh and the heritage palace you are booked into. B

Day 4

Nalagarh-Manali 220 kms – 7 ½ hrs drive

Visit the Naggar fort en route to Manali. B

Day 5

Manali

Spend the day in appreciation of the natural beauty and sights around Manali. B

Day 6

Manali-Jispa 145 kms - 6 hrs drive

Cross the Rohtang Pass to drive on to Jispa. B

Day 7

Jispa-Sarchu 90 kms – 3 ½ hrs drive

The Bara Lacha Pass takes you across to the Zaskar and Spirit Valleys and on to Sarchu. B

Day 8

Sarchu-Leh 220 kms – 8 hrs drive

From Rupshu, the highest inhabited region in the world, cross the Taglang la Pass to Leh. B

Day 9 – 10

Leh

Two full days to explore Leh city and the surrounding monasteries of Hemis, Thikse and Shey. B

Day 11

Leh-Delhi

Fly back to Delhi and catch up on last minute souvenir shopping. B

Day 12

Delhi

Free day; this evening you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. B