

Ladakh Road Trip Itinerary, beginning from Srinagar

Day 1, Srinagar - Sonamarg - Zoji La - Drass - Kargil (205km): Stop at Sonamarg and Kargil War Memorial (5km after Drass). Road Conditions: Mostly good tarmac, with both sides of Zoji La being in bad condition and road construction taking place at few other places.

Day 2, Kargil - Mulbek - Lamayuru - Leh (235km): Stop at Lamayuru Monastery, Gurudwara Pathar Sahib, Magnetic Hill and Indus and Zaskar Confluence en route. Road Conditions: Mostly good, barring bad roads at few places due to ongoing road construction.

Day 3, Leh sightseeing and inner line permit: Visit Shanti Stupa, Leh Palace and Namgyal Tsemo Gumpa. Spend the evening at Leh Main Market or Changspa Road, tasting some of the delicacies Ladakh has to offer.

Day 4, Leh - Khardung La - Khardung Village - Diskit (116km) (Nubra Valley): Road conditions: Both sides of Khardung La are in bad condition and there are a few places in Nubra as well, which are broken due to ongoing road construction, beyond that it is smooth sailing.

Day 5, Diskit - Hunder - Diskit - Sumur - Panamik - Sumur - Khardung La - Leh (210km): Road Conditions: Mostly great, barring couple of road construction zones and both sides of Khardung La.

Day 6, Leh - Karu - Chang La - Tangste - Pangong Tso (175km): Road Conditions: Apart from both sides of Chang La being in bad state, rest of the route is in good condition. Special tip: while accommodation at Pangong Tso is available at Lukung, Spangmik, Man and Merak, if you are feeling effects of AMS, then it is best to head back to Tangste, which is lower in altitude and has more amenities to offer.

Day 7, Pangong Tso - Tangste - Chang La - Leh (175km): You can drive till Merak Village (bad roads) or attempt Marsimik La (even worse roads and needs permit from DC Office) or take detour to Harong Wet Lands from Tangste Village.

Day 8, Monastery Circuit (125km): Hemis, Thiksey and Shey, additionally if you want Hall of Fame and Spituk Monastery. Road conditions: Excellent!

Day 9, Leh - Upshi - Tanglang La - More Plains - Pang - Sarchu (255km): Road conditions: mix of good and bad, with both sides of Tanglang La being particularly bad. Special tip: If you start at 5 am from Leh, you can reach Jispa by evening, which is at a much lower altitude and has hotel, while Sarchu only has tented accommodation is a lot colder.

Day 10, Sarchu - Baralacha La - Tandi - Rohtang Jot - Manali (225km): Road conditions: Mixture of good, bad and ugly, especially if you are traveling in May or June.

Ladakh Road Trip Itinerary, beginning from Manali

Day 1, Manali - Rohtang Jot - Tandi - Jispa (140km): If you are traveling in June, start at 4:30 or 5 am from Manali, in order to cross Rohtang Jot early enough to avoid major traffic snarls. You aren't staying at Sarchu, to avoid getting hit hard by AMS, which is bound to happen, if you double your sleeping altitude in a day!

Day 2: Jispa - Baralacha La - Sarchu - Pang - Tanglang La - Leh (345km): It is going to be a long-long day and you need to cross Tanglang La before dark, so as to avoid getting stuck in the nasty weather there, so start at 5 am from Jispa or Darcha, in order to reach Leh by nightfall.

Day 3, Leh sightseeing and inner line permit

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Refer to first page for road conditions and other crucial details.

Resources and reference

[Ladakh Travel Guide](#)

[Ladakh Protected Area Permit for Foreigners](#)

[Ladakh Inner Line Permit for Indians](#)

[Preparing your Car for Ladakh](#)

[Preparing your Motorcycle for Ladakh](#)

[Accommodation in Ladakh and along the routes to Ladakh](#)

[List of essential things to carry for Ladakh](#)

[Phone services in Ladakh](#)

[High Altitude: Acclimatization and Illnesses](#)

[Map: Nubra Valley + Changthang \(Ladakh\)](#)