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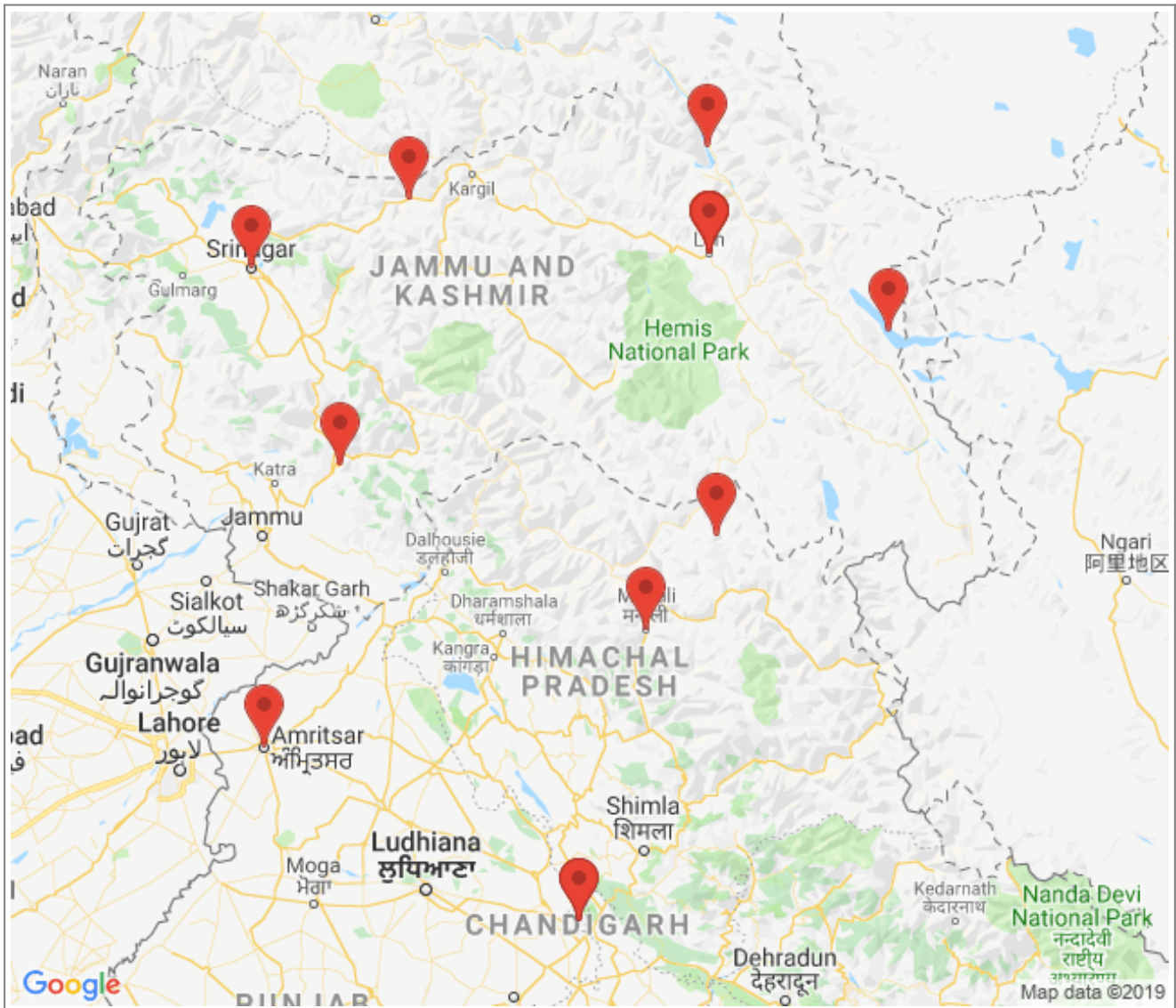
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## Map of the Region





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## Your Itinerary in Brief

Day	Description	Meals	Hotel
DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrive and pick up your rental car from the airport / railway station and drive to your hotel in Chandigarh.</li> </ul>	On your own	Overnight at Hotel 6 Zirakpur, Chandigarh or similar ★★★★★
DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoy a city tour of Chandigarh.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Hotel 6 Zirakpur, Chandigarh or similar ★★★★★
DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive from the hotel in Chandigarh to the resort in Manali.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Sarthak Resorts, Manali or similar ★★★★★
DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the town of Manali.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Sarthak Resorts, Manali or similar ★★★★★
DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoy an excursion to Solang Valley.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Sarthak Resorts, Manali or similar ★★★★★
DAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive from the hotel in Manali to the camp in Sarchu.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Deluxe Camp, Sarchu or similar ★★★★★
DAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive from the camp in Sarchu to the hotel in Leh.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Hotel Kidar, Leh or similar ★★★★★
DAY 8		Breakfast	Overnight at Hotel Kidar, Leh or similar ★★★★★
DAY 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoy a city tour of Leh.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Hotel Kidar, Leh or similar ★★★★★



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DAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be driven from the hotel in Leh to the camp in Pangong.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Deluxe Camp, Pangong or similar ★★★★★
DAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer from the camp in Pangong to the hotel in Leh, visiting Hemis Monastery and Stok Palace on the way.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Hotel Kidar, Leh or similar ★★★★★
DAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer from the hotel in Leh to the camp in Nubra Valley.</li> <li>En route, stop at Khardung La, Samstanling Monastery and Diskit, followed by riding a Bactrian camel.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Deluxe Camp, Nubra Valley or similar ★★★★★
DAY 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer from the camp in Nubra Valley to the hotel in Leh.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Deluxe Camp, Dras or similar
DAY 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive from the hotel in Leh to the camp in Dras.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Hotel Aksa, Srinagar or similar ★★★★★
DAY 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive from the camp in Dras to the hotel in Srinagar, halting at Sonmarg on the way.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Hotel Aksa, Srinagar or similar ★★★★★
DAY 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoy a shikara ride in the evening.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Vardaan Resort, Patnitop or similar ★★★★★
DAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive from the hotel in Srinagar to the resort in Patnitop.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at Vardaan Resort, Patnitop or similar ★★★★★
DAY 18		Breakfast	Overnight at The Grand Galaxy, Amritsar or similar ★★★★★
DAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive from the resort in Patnitop to the hotel in Amritsar.</li> </ul>	Breakfast	Overnight at The Grand Galaxy, Amritsar or similar ★★★★★



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DAY 20		Breakfast	Overnight at Hotel 6 Zirakpur, Chandigarh or similar ★★★★★
DAY 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drive from the hotel in Amritsar to the hotel in Chandigarh.</li></ul>	Breakfast	-
DAY 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drive from the hotel to the airport / railway station in Chandigarh.</li></ul>	Breakfast	-




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## Your Itinerary in Detail

A road-trip to Leh is among the most exciting journeys one can undertake. This almost-mystical journey is challenging and exhilarating, and comes with bragging rights few other road trips will give you. The 2500km-plus itinerary you are about to check out, takes you through some of the best parts of North India. Leh, of course, is a highlight, but so are Manali, Spiti, Srinagar and Amritsar.


### Day 1 Arrive Chandigarh

 **Hotel** Hotel 6 Zirakpur Or Similar

 **Arrive and pick up your rental car from the airport / railway station and drive to your hotel in Chandigarh.**

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 Overnight at Hotel 6 Zirakpur, Chandigarh

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## Day 2 Chandigarh

 **Hotel** Hotel 6 Zirakpur Or Similar

 **Enjoy a city tour of Chandigarh.**

Kick-off your self-drive holiday in the brilliantly planned city of Chandigarh. Start your day with a visit to the Rock Garden, brainchild and work of Nek Chand, and also the city's prime attraction. It's popular for its statues and sculptures, all of which are made from construction waste and household discard. Chandigarh is also home to Asia's largest rose garden, the Zakir Hussain Rose Garden. It hosts Chandigarh's annual Rose Festival, which is held from February-March. Designer Le Corbusier's Open Hand Monument is a spot that you should visit after sunset, as the hoisted hand symbol looks stunning with all its lights switched on.

 Overnight at Hotel 6 Zirakpur, Chandigarh

 Breakfast


## Day 3 Chandigarh - Manali

 **Hotel** Sarthak Resorts Or Similar

 **Drive from the hotel in Chandigarh to the resort in Manali.**

To drive to Manali, take NH205, which you can reach via Hoshiyarpur. Stay on NH205 till you reach Bilaspur, where you need to switch to NH154. Follow NH154 till Mandi. Thus far, the pit stops worth making en route include Shere-e-Punjab (before Bilaspur), Hotel Raja (in Jarol) and Visco Resort (in Mandi). Although regular fare, the food at these places is good, the restaurants are clean, and prices reasonable. At Mandi, switch to NH3, also called the Manali Highway. The road hugs the turquoise-blue river Beas all the way to Manali. Heading towards Manali, you will pass Dhakpo Shedrupling, a Buddhist Monastery nestled in the hills alongside NH3. It's a school and place of refuge for Tibetans. This perch also gives you the best view of Kullu's picturesque surroundings. Manali is another 33km from here.

 Overnight at Sarthak Resorts, Manali

 Breakfast




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## Day 4 Manali

 **Hotel** Sarthak Resorts Or Similar

 **Explore the town of Manali.**

Explore local Manali (mostly Old Manali) on your first day at the hill station. Manali is believed to be where Sage Manu stepped onto land from his arc to restore life after a great deluge submerged the world. The Manu Temple located in Old Manali is the sole temple in the world dedicated to him. Just a walk away from the Manu Temple is the other prominent shrine, the 500-plus-years-old Hadimba Temple. This temple is named after Hadimba, the demon wife of Bhima, the Pandava. If a hang-out spot is what you're looking for, head straight to the Manali Club House. It has a restaurant, gaming zones and zip-lining across the Manaslu river. Most of Manali's happening restaurants are also located close by: Johnson's Cafe, the Lazy Dog Lounge and Il Forno. The latter is a rustic heritage home known for its authentic Italian food.

 Overnight at Sarthak Resorts, Manali

 **Breakfast**

## Day 5 Manali

 **Hotel** Sarthak Resorts Or Similar

 **Enjoy an excursion to Solang Valley.**

Reserve your second day in Manali for a trip to Solang Valley. Our chauffeur will pick you up from your hotel in the morning. Located north of Manali, Solang Valley is a famous skiing spot. In the summer, when the snow melts, zorbing and paragliding are the main adventure activities here. Note: All adventure sport activities are at your own cost.

 Overnight at Sarthak Resorts, Manali

 **Breakfast**





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## Day 6 Sarchu

 **Hotel** Deluxe Camp Or Similar

 **Drive from the hotel in Manali to the camp in Sarchu.**

It's the first day of your thrilling drive to Leh! Keep your permissions for Rohtang Pass and medication for High Altitude Sickness ready. Stop by the picturesque Deepak Tal on your way to admire the valley view.

 Overnight at Deluxe Camp, Sarchu


 Breakfast

## Day 7 Sarchu - Leh

 **Hotel** Hotel Kidar Or Similar

 **Drive from the camp in Sarchu to the hotel in Leh.**


Your first challenge for the day is clearing the Gata Loops - a set of 21 back-to-back hairpin bends that climb 2000 ft. This stretch is an absolute treat for those who like to drive. Your next attraction before descending into Leh is Tanglang La (17,480 feet above sea level), one of the highest motorable mountain passes on the planet. Famished already? You could drop by the Trishul Bakery at Karu. It is located just off the highway, inside the local military base. Try their plum cake and coconut biscuits with tea; just the sugar rush you need after the arduous drive.


 Overnight at Hotel Kidar, Leh

 Breakfast

## Day 8 Leh

 **Hotel** Hotel Kidar Or Similar

 Overnight at Hotel Kidar, Leh

 Breakfast



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## Day 9 Leh

 **Hotel** Hotel Kidar Or Similar

 **Enjoy a city tour of Leh.**

Keep this as an easy day for you to explore Leh locally. Visit the Military Hall of Fame, the Shanti Stupa, and roam the local market. When you visit the market, make sure you stop by Hot Millions for piping hot samosas, jalebis and thick lassi, Chopsticks for Tibetan food and thukpa/noodle soups and Lala's Cafe for chocolate cake and ginger tea. Note: Park your car at your hotel in Leh. A local taxi or hired motorcycle will be provided as self-drive cars are not allowed by the taxi-union in Leh.

 Overnight at Hotel Kidar, Leh

 **Breakfast**

## Day 10 Leh - Pangong

 **Hotel** Deluxe Camp Or Similar

 **Be driven from the hotel in Leh to the camp in Pangong.**

Pangong Lake is among the most visited destinations in Ladakh. The lake has gained popularity in recent times, especially thanks to movies like 3 Idiots and Jab Tak Hai Jaan. Today, after breakfast, you will be picked up from your hotel in a chauffeur-driven car for a trip to Pangong. Enjoy the view of the lake in the evening, and stay the night at Pangong. Note: Leave your car at your hotel in Leh. A local taxi or hired motorcycle will be provided as self-drive cars are not allowed by the taxi-union in Leh.

 Overnight at Deluxe Camp, Pangong

 **Breakfast**



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## Day 11 Pangong - Leh

 **Hotel** Hotel Kidar Or Similar

 **Transfer from the camp in Pangong to the hotel in Leh, visiting Hemis Monastery and Stok Palace on the way.**

Today, make your way back from Pangong to Leh. The road from Pangong to Leh passes by some of Leh's major monasteries and palaces. Among these, a visit to the Hemis Monastery and the Stok Palace are definitely worth your while. The Hemis Monastery, a 400-year-old monastery, is the largest in Leh. It has a large Buddhist museum with precious artefacts, paintings and statues, some from as early as the 1st century BC. The Stok Palace, on the other hand, is the current summer home of the Ladakhi royalty. Part of the Palace has been converted into a boutique hotel. The hotel is also the start-point for many major treks in Leh. Note: Leave your car at your hotel in Leh. A local taxi or hired motorcycle will be provided as self-drive cars are not allowed by the taxi-union in Leh.

 Overnight at Hotel Kidar, Leh

 **Breakfast**



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## Day 12 Leh - Nubra Valley

 **Hotel** Deluxe Camp Or Similar

 **Transfer from the hotel in Leh to the camp in Nubra Valley.**

Today, hop into your chauffeur-driven car for a trip to the serene Nubra Valley.

 **En route, stop at Khardung La, Samstanling Monastery and Diskit, followed by riding a Bactrian camel.**

Your first stop is Khardung La, one of the world's highest motorable passes. Driving through the icy, windy pass is an event in itself; get ready for a lot of jealousy 'Likes' on your selfie with the "World's highest motorable road" sign-post. If you feel like grabbing a bite, the Army post at Khardung La maintains a cafe that doles out piping-hot snacks and tea at phenomenally affordable prices. From Khardung La, head to the Samstanling Monastery in Sumur. It's a 140-year-old monastery popular for its Buddhist murals. Next, stop at Diskit, known for the biggest monastery in Nubra. The highlight of the Diskit Monastery is a 22-metre-tall Maitreya Buddha statue that overlooks the valley. Head further to Hundur, where you can ride the rare double-humped Bactrian camel (found only in Nubra and Kazakhstan). Ahead of Hundur lies Turtuk, the furthest accessible point in Nubra. The drive to Turtuk takes you through what is the most scenic stretch of road in Ladakh, running alongside the turquoise blue waters of the Shyok river. Note: Leave your car at your hotel in Leh. A local taxi or hired motorcycle will be provided as self-drive cars are not allowed by the taxi-union in Leh.

 Overnight at Deluxe Camp, Nubra Valley

 Breakfast




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## Day 13 Nubra Valley - Leh

 **Hotel** Deluxe Camp Or Similar


 **Transfer from the camp in Nubra Valley to the hotel in Leh.**

Return to Leh and settle in for the day. Note: Return to Leh in the local taxi or hired motorcycle provided to you on day 12.

 Overnight at Deluxe Camp, Dras


 Breakfast

## Day 14 Leh - Dras

 **Hotel** Hotel Akxa Or Similar


 **Drive from the hotel in Leh to the camp in Dras.**

After a hearty breakfast, pick up your car from the hotel and drive up the brilliant NH1 towards Dras.

 Overnight at Hotel Akxa, Srinagar


 Breakfast

## Day 15 Drass - Srinagar

 **Hotel** Hotel Akxa Or Similar

 **Drive from the camp in Dras to the hotel in Srinagar, halting at Sonmarg on the way.**

En route, you can some spare time to explore Sonmarg, a hill-station that comes on the way to Srinagar. It is popular for horse-riding, and the Thajiwas Glacier, a major tourist attraction. Trekkers can also head to Vishansar Lake, Krishansar Lake, Gangabal Lake or Gadsar Lake from here.

 Overnight at Hotel Akxa, Srinagar

 Breakfast




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## Day 16 Srinagar


 **Hotel** Vardaan Resort Or Similar


 **Enjoy a shikara ride in the evening.**  
Reserve the evening for a shikara ride in the serene Dal Lake.

 Overnight at Vardaan Resort, Patnitop

 Breakfast

## Day 17 Srinagar - Patnitop

 **Hotel** Vardaan Resort Or Similar

 **Drive from the hotel in Srinagar to the resort in Patnitop.**  
Patnitop is a picturesque hill-station in the Kashmir valley. To reach Patnitop, exit Srinagar via NH44, and stay on the highway. At Barthal, NH44 dives to the left, towards Patnitop.


 Overnight at Vardaan Resort, Patnitop

 Breakfast

## Day 18 Patnitop


 **Hotel** The Grand Galaxy Or Similar

 Overnight at The Grand Galaxy, Amritsar

 Breakfast

## Day 19 Patnitop - Amritsar

 **Hotel** The Grand Galaxy Or Similar

 **Drive from the resort in Patnitop to the hotel in Amritsar.**  
Leave early for Amritsar in order to reach by late afternoon.

 Overnight at The Grand Galaxy, Amritsar

 Breakfast



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## Day 20 Amritsar

**Hotel** Hotel 6 Zirakpur Or Similar

Overnight at Hotel 6 Zirakpur, Chandigarh

Breakfast

## Day 21 Amritsar - Chandigarh

**Drive from the hotel in Amritsar to the hotel in Chandigarh.**

For the home-run, you will head to Chandigarh from Amritsar on the Grand Trunk (GT) Road, one of the oldest and longest major roads in Asia.

Breakfast

## Day 22 Depart Chandigarh

**Drive from the hotel to the airport / railway station in Chandigarh.**

Enjoy breakfast and check out of the hotel. Drive to the airport / railway station in Chandigarh. Once you reach the airport / railway station, handover the vehicle and take home experiences of a lifetime! Please share your feedback on [feedback@selfdrive365.com](mailto:feedback@selfdrive365.com).

Breakfast



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## Suggested Hotel Information

### Chandigarh

**Hotel 6 Zirakpur** ★★★★★














or similar (3 Nights)

Ambala Chandigarh Express National Highway, Zirakpur, Punjab

\, Chandigarh, 140603, India

Tel.:0091 - 1762 - 660555

#### Facilities:

-  Air Conditioned
-  Bar
-  Room Service
-  Pool
-  WiFi
-  Parking
-  Internet
-  Cafe
-  Gym
-  Banquet
-  Restaurant
-  Travel Desk
-  Business Centre







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## Manali

### Sarthak Resorts ★★★★★

or similar (3 Nights)

Naggar Road, Left Bank, Khakhnal, Manali-Naggar Highway,  
Teshil Manali, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, Manali, 175143,  
India

Tel.:0091 - 1902 - 259323

#### Facilities:

- Room Service
- WiFi
- Internet
- Restaurant
- Travel Desk
- Business Centre
- Parking
- Forex



## Sarchu

### Deluxe Camp ★★★★★

or similar (1 Night)

Avenida Brasil, 84, Foz Do Iguacu, 85851, Brazil  
Tel.:55 - 45 - 35216000

#### Facilities:

- Air Conditioned
- WiFi
- Internet
- Travel Desk
- Business Centre
- Pool
- Parking





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## Leh








**Hotel Kidar** ★★★★★

or similar (4 Nights)

Fort Road, Lower Tucha, Leh, India

Tel.:0091 -

Facilities:

-  Room Service
-  Parking
-  WiFi
-  Internet
-  Restaurant
-  Travel Desk
-  Business Centre



## Pangong

**Deluxe Camp** ★★★★★

or similar (1 Night)

Tent - Spangmik, Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Pangong,

194101, India

Tel.:0091 - 9596610521

Facilities:

-  Room Service





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## Nubra Valley

**Deluxe Camp** ★★★★★

or similar (1 Night)

Hundur Village, Nubra Valley, 194100, India

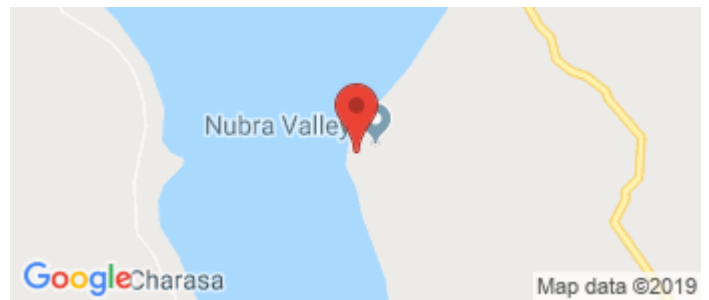
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Facilities:

Room Service

Parking

Restaurant



## Dras

**Deluxe Camp**

or similar (1 Night)

Facilities:





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## Srinagar





**Hotel Aksa** ★★★★★

or similar (2 Nights)

IG Road , Near Exhibition Ground , Srinagar,, Srinagar, 190008, India

Tel.:0091 - 0194 - 247140

Facilities:

-  Air Conditioned
-  Banquet
-  Room Service
-  Restaurant



## Patnitop






**Vardaan Resort** ★★★★★

or similar (2 Nights)

Green Land Park, Pandora Enclave,, Patnitop, 180001, India

Tel.:0091 - 191 - 2573212

Facilities:

-  Air Conditioned
-  Parking
-  Room Service
-  Restaurant
-  Travel Desk





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## Amritsar

### The Grand Galaxy ★★★★★

or similar (2 Nights)

Plot No. 5, Hotels Lane 2, Queens Road, AMRITSAR, PUNJAB,  
AMRITSAR, 143001, India  
Tel.:0091 - 0837 - 700451

#### Facilities:

- ❄ Air Conditioned
- 📶 WiFi
- @ Internet
- 🍴 Restaurant



#### Note

All accommodation and services are on request and will be confirmed once you book with Cox and Kings. We reserve the right to provide you accommodation of similar category which may or may not be listed herein. Grading are based on universally accepted hotel guides.



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## Price

Category	FULL-SIZE SEDAN	MPV	SUV
ECONOMY	INR 100260	INR 111260	INR 132260
STANDARD	INR 106260	INR 117260	INR 138260

\*\* The Exchange rate will be as on the date of payment. Rate of exchange - 1 INR = 1 INR.

\*\*All the services quoted are subject to availability and prices are dynamic and may change. If a service is not available, an alternative will be presented with a revised price.



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## Inclusions and Exclusions

### Your Holiday Price Includes

- ✓ Accommodation as per hotels mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Car as per your package selected.
- ✓ Travel insurance upto age of 70.

### Your Holiday Price Excludes

- Any transport to / from Chandigarh. Your tour price starts ex Chandigarh.
- Car Insurance
- Meals, tips, Laundry, telephone, optional excursions and other items of a personal nature.
- Cost of Petrol / diesel for the vehicle provided.
- Client has to pay in case of damage to the vehicle by accident.
- Spare parts / engine oil of any kind.
- Any items / services not specifically mentioned under inclusions.
- Goods and Services Tax of 5%.

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