

DEFENDER



ZANSKAR HIMALAYAN JOURNEY

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

The Zaskar Himalayan Journey takes you deep into the untouched beauty of the Zaskar Valley. From shimmering high-altitude lakes to quaint monasteries perched on rugged cliffs, this expedition combines adventure with cultural discovery, offering an experience like no other in the comfort of the iconic Defender.

**LEH - LEH - PANGONG TSO -
ULEYTOKPO - PURNE - PURNE -
MANALI - CHANDIGARH**

8 nights and 9 days from INR 550,000
Limited to 4 vehicles



WHAT YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO

Driving through the stark yet
enchancing valleys of the Ladakh
and Zaskar ranges.

Visiting the remote and spiritual
Phuktal Monastery, accessible via
a scenic trek.

Witnessing the beauty of the
Rezang La War Memorial and
Chang La Pass.

Admiring the mesmerising hues of
Pangong Tso, a high-altitude lake
making its debut on this journey.

Exploring the striking beauty of
Mount Gonbo Rangjon, a sacred
Himalayan peak.

Staying at luxury retreats offering
unmatched comfort and beauty.

Navigating challenging terrains
with ease behind the wheel of
your Defender.

A dedicated team of instructors
guiding and assisting you along
the journey.



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DAY 1

ARRIVAL IN LEH

ACCLIMATISING TO LADAKH

Arrive at Leh, where you'll be greeted at your hotel and where you will acclimatise to the high altitude. The day is reserved for relaxation and getting used to the elevation. End the day with a cultural performance, celebrating Ladakh's traditions, before dinner.

HOTEL: The Grand Dragon Ladakh

MEALS: Dinner



DAY 2

EXPLORING LEH

CULTURAL GEMS AND SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS

Start your day with the choice of visiting the Leh Market, Palace and the Hall of Fame. Post-lunch, depending on your preferences, explore Shey Palace, Thiksey Gompa, or the tranquil Shanti Stupa. Enjoy dinner and prepare for the journey ahead.

HOTEL: The Grand Dragon Ladakh

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 3

LEH TO PANGONG TSO

SHIMMERING AZURE WATERS

Drive through the rugged landscapes of Ladakh via Upshi, Mahe, and Chushul to reach Pangong Tso. En route, stop at the Rezang La War Memorial for a moment of reflection. Arrive at Pangong Tso and spend the evening by the pristine lake.

HOTEL: The Merak Pangong

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



An aerial photograph of a stunning mountain landscape. A vibrant turquoise river, likely the Indus, winds through a deep valley. A paved road follows the river's course, curving through the rugged terrain. The surrounding mountains are steep and rocky, with patches of snow or light-colored rock visible. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. In the bottom left corner, a yellow banner with black text is partially visible, reading "ATION. HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE RIDE".

DAY 4

PANGONG TSO TO ULEYTOKPO THROUGH THE PASSES

Set out for Uleytokpo via the awe-inspiring Chang La Pass. Pause for lunch before exploring iconic spots such as Gurudwara Pathar Sahib, Magnetic Hill, and the Indus & Zaskar rivers' confluence before arriving at this tranquil retreat in the Himalayas. Spend the evening unwinding amidst nature's beauty.

HOTEL: Ule Ethnic Resort

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5

ULEYTOKPO TO PADUM & PURNE INTO THE ZANSKAR VALLEY

Embark on an epic drive to Purne, traversing the high mountain passes of Sirsir La and Singe La. Marvel at the dramatic landscapes before reaching your serene retreat in Purne.

HOTEL: Tara Mountain Sarai

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 6

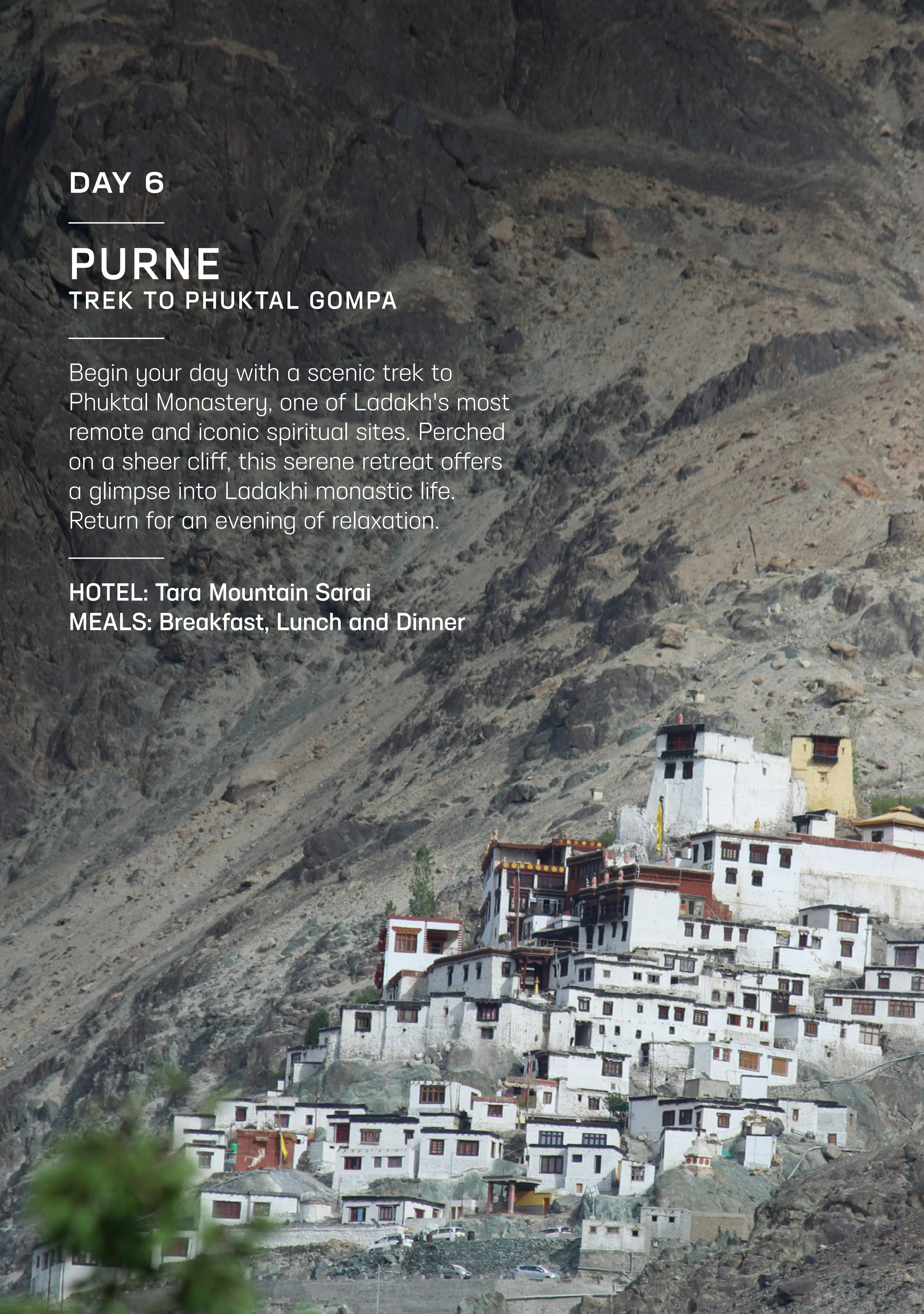
PURNE

TREK TO PHUKTAL GOMPA

Begin your day with a scenic trek to Phuktal Monastery, one of Ladakh's most remote and iconic spiritual sites. Perched on a sheer cliff, this serene retreat offers a glimpse into Ladakhi monastic life. Return for an evening of relaxation.

HOTEL: Tara Mountain Sarai

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 7

PURNE TO MANALI

DESCENDING THE HIMALAYAS

Journey to Manali, stopping at the striking Mount Gonbo Rangjon and navigating the Shinku La Pass. Experience the transition from rugged terrains to the lush greenery of Himachal Pradesh. End your day with a well-earned rest and dinner.

HOTEL: Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels Hamsa
MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 8

MANALI TO CHANDIGARH

REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY

After breakfast, drive to Chandigarh, retracing your route through picturesque Himachal. Enjoy a relaxed lunch en route before arriving at your luxury hotel. Spend your final evening reminiscing about your adventure over dinner.

HOTEL: JW Marriott Chandigarh

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner





DAY 9

DEPARTURE FROM CHANDIGARH

FAREWELL

Enjoy your final goodbye breakfast
and wish everyone well on their
next adventures.

MEALS: Breakfast

VEHICLE:

Defender 110 HSE with an Ingenium
4-cylinder 2.0L P300 powertrain

OFF-ROAD LEVEL:

2

LANDSCAPE:

4

TYPES OF DRIVING:

Mud and Ruts, Tarmac



MAX NO. OF VEHICLES AND GUESTS:

4 and 8 respectively

NO. OF INSTRUCTORS:

2

MINIMUM DRIVING AGE:

19 years old + 1-year full license

ACCOMMODATION STYLE:

Luxury 5-star hotels and boutique properties



The Grand Dragon Ladakh



Tara Mountain Sarai



Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels Hamsa



JW Marriott Chandigarh

DATES:

Sep 07 to 15, 2026

Sep 09 to 17, 2026

ROUTE:

Leh - Leh - Pangong Tso -
Uleytokpo - Purne - Purne -
Manali - Chandigarh



COST:

Start from INR 550,000 for 2 adults (Indian Nationals)
on twin/double occupancy. Subject to GST @5%

*Including the use of Defender, accommodation, meals,
and experiences. Costs for foreign nationals are
available on request.

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