

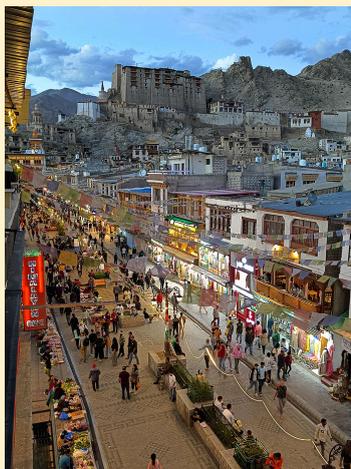
Ladakh Photo Journey (itinerary)

(July 10-17, 2026)

July 10: Arrival in Leh

Pick up from the airport and check-in.

Full day rest for mandatory **acclimatization** (requires at least one day of complete rest in Leh to let your body adjust to the thin air, as the rapid ascent to 3,500 meters significantly increases the risk of Acute Mountain Sickness)



Late Afternoon:
Gentle stroll
through Leh
Main Market for

street photography.



July 11: Cultural Portraits

Morning: Visit nearby monasteries (such as Sankar or Spituk) for street photography and observing local rituals.

Afternoon/after lunch: Dedicated environmental Portrait Session with ethnic: the Brokpa and the Zanskari.



July 12: Phyang Tsedup Festival

Morning: Phyang Monastery Festival
Focus: Cham Dances (Masked Dances),

monastic rituals, and documentary-style photography of pilgrims.



Phyang Tsedup is one of the most important festivals of Ladakh. The festival is dedicated to Skyoba Jigten Gombo, a saint and the founder of the Drikungpa order. Unlike the sacred mask dance-dramas performed in other monasteries, the *cham* at Phyang gomba are performed at length and are usually half an hour long.

Another attraction of the festival is the *thangka* of Skyoba Jigten Gombo that is unveiled and put on display every third year (years of the pig, snake and monkey of the Tibetan lunar calendar).



July 13: Leh to Nubra Valley

Morning: 09:00 AM: Depart for Nubra valley

Afternoon: Visit Diskit Monastery and the giant Maitreya Buddha.

Late afternoon: Sunset photography at Hunder Sand Dunes.



July 14: Nubra Sunrise & Drive to Pangong

Early Morning: Sunrise photography session at Hunder Dunes to capture soft light and desert textures.

10:00 AM: Depart for Pangong Tso

Afternoon: Arrival and check-in at Pangong Lake.



July 15: Pangong Sunrise & Return to Leh

Early Morning: Sunrise session by the lake to capture the shifting colors of the water.

Late Morning: Landscape and candid photography of nomadic settlements.

Afternoon: Return drive to Leh via Chang La Pass.





July 16: Souvenirs & Stakna Monastery

Morning: Rest after the long journey.

10:00 AM: Shopping for souvenirs and local crafts in Leh.

Afternoon: Visit Stakna Monastery.

Activity: Observe and photograph daily monastic life.

Viewpoint: Late afternoon session capturing the Stakna landscape from across the Indus River for the iconic "Tiger's Nose" wide shot.

==Journey ended==

July 17: Departure day

Transfer to Leh Airport for your return flight.

