

Itinerary for Galwan Valley

Day 1: Arrival in Leh

- **Arrival at Leh:** Arrive at Leh Airport and transfer to your hotel.
- **Acclimatization:** Spend the day resting and acclimatizing to the high altitude (3,500 meters).
- **Local Sightseeing:** Visit **Shanti Stupa** and **Leh Palace** for an introduction to the region's culture and history.

Day 2: Leh to Galwan Valley (via Durbuk)

- **Morning:** Begin your journey early from Leh to **Galwan Valley** via **Durbuk**.
- **Drive Duration:** Approximately 6-7 hours, covering about 150 km.
- **Scenic Stops:** On the way, enjoy picturesque landscapes, barren mountains, and views of the Indus River.
- **Arrival in Galwan Valley:** Reach Galwan Valley by evening, where you will be greeted by the serene beauty of the valley.
- **Overnight Stay:** Stay in a camp or local accommodation near Galwan Valley.

Day 3: Exploring Galwan Valley

- **Morning:** Start the day with a visit to the **Galwan River**, which is renowned for its dramatic surroundings and clear waters.
- **Nature Walks:** Take a short trek or nature walk to explore the terrain and enjoy the views of snow-capped mountains.
- **Historical Significance:** Visit the **Galwan Valley War Memorial**, which commemorates the soldiers who lost their lives during the 2020 border clash.
- **Photography:** The region's stunning landscapes provide excellent opportunities for photography.

Day 4: Galwan Valley to Pangong Lake

- **Morning:** After breakfast, start your journey towards **Pangong Lake** (about 5-6 hours' drive).
- **Scenic Route:** Enjoy views of rugged mountains, and vast open spaces, and cross several high-altitude passes.
- **Evening at Pangong Lake:** Reach Pangong Lake by the evening and enjoy the breathtaking views of the lake's turquoise waters.
- **Overnight Stay:** Camp or stay in guesthouses near Pangong Lake.

Day 5: Pangong Lake to Leh

- **Morning:** Enjoy a peaceful morning by Pangong Lake and take in the serene atmosphere.

- **Return to Leh:** Head back to Leh, covering a distance of around 150 km. The drive offers beautiful vistas and serene landscapes.
- **Evening at Leisure:** Arrive in Leh and relax at your hotel. You can visit local markets for souvenirs or relax at a café.

Day 6: Departure from Leh

- Depending on your flight time, you can either explore Leh or head to the airport for your return journey.

Travel Tips:

- Galwan Valley is a sensitive area and permission from the Indian Army is required to visit.
- Ensure you have the necessary permits for travel in border areas.
- Acclimatize well to the high-altitude environment to avoid altitude sickness.
- Carry sufficient water, food supplies, and warm clothing.