

# Turtuk Itinerary

## Day 1: Leh to Turtuk (205 km, 7-8 hours)

- **Morning:** Begin your journey from **Leh** early in the morning, heading towards **Nubra Valley**. You will drive through the **Khardung La Pass**, one of the highest motorable roads in the world, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains.
- **Midday:** Stop for lunch in **Diskit**, the main town of Nubra Valley. Visit the **Diskit Monastery** if time permits, offering panoramic views of the valley and the statue of Maitreya Buddha.
- **Afternoon:** After lunch, continue your drive to **Turtuk**, which is located about 84 km from Diskit. The journey to Turtuk takes you through beautiful landscapes, with scenic views of mountains, rivers, and fields.
- **Evening:** Arrive in **Turtuk** by late afternoon. Check into a guesthouse or homestay, where you will get a glimpse of the local Balti culture. Take a short walk around the village, which is nestled by the Shyok River, and enjoy the peaceful environment.
- **Night:** Overnight stay in Turtuk.

## Day 2: Explore Turtuk and Surroundings

- **Morning:** After breakfast, explore **Turtuk Village**, which is divided into two parts: the old village and the new settlement. The village is famous for its traditional Balti architecture, colorful houses, and terraced fields.
- **Midday:** Visit the **Turtuk Monastery**, a small but important religious site for the locals. The monastery offers a serene atmosphere and great views of the surrounding mountains and valley.
- **Afternoon:** Take a walk to the **Turtuk Gardens**, where you can see orchards of apricots, apples, and other fruits. Turtuk is known for its agricultural richness due to the irrigation systems brought by the Shyok River.
- **Evening:** Spend time interacting with the local Balti people, who have a distinct culture and language influenced by their historical ties to Pakistan. You can learn about their traditions, music, and local handicrafts.
- **Night:** Overnight stay in Turtuk.

## Day 3: Return Journey to Leh

- **Morning:** After breakfast, take one last walk around Turtuk to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. You can also visit the **War Memorial** dedicated to the soldiers who fought in the 1971 Indo-Pak war.
- **Midday:** Start your journey back towards Leh. On the way, stop at **Sumur** and visit the **Sumur Monastery** or take a detour to see the **Panamik Hot Springs**, where you can relax in the natural hot water pools.
- **Afternoon:** Continue your journey back through the Nubra Valley. Take a short break at **Diskit** to capture any last photos of the area and enjoy the surroundings.
- **Evening:** Arrive back in **Leh** by evening, marking the end of your Turtuk Valley trip.

