

Hanle Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Leh and Acclimatization

- **Morning:** Arrive in **Leh**, the gateway to Hanle. Spend the day acclimatizing to the high altitude (11,500 feet above sea level).
- **Afternoon:** Explore nearby attractions in Leh, such as **Shanti Stupa** and **Leh Palace**, or relax at your hotel.
- **Evening:** Take a gentle stroll in the Leh Market and try some local Ladakhi cuisine.
- **Night:** Overnight stay in Leh.

Day 2: Leh to Hanle (250 km, 6-7 hours)

- **Morning:** Start early for the drive to **Hanle** via **Chumathang**. The journey offers breathtaking views of the Changthang Plateau, dotted with grazing yaks and marmots.
- **Afternoon:** Stop at **Nyoma Village** for a quick break before continuing to Hanle.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Hanle and check in at a homestay or guesthouse. Visit the **Hanle Monastery**, perched atop a hill, offering panoramic views of the valley.
- **Night:** Enjoy stargazing under one of the clearest night skies in the world, a hallmark of Hanle's charm. Overnight stay in Hanle.

Day 3: Exploring Hanle and Return to Leh

- **Morning:** Visit the **Indian Astronomical Observatory**, one of the world's highest observatories. Learn about its role in astronomical research and enjoy the surreal surroundings.
- **Afternoon:** Explore the **Hanle Wetlands**, a serene spot home to migratory birds and wildlife.
- **Evening:** Begin your return journey to **Leh**, retracing the scenic route.
- **Night:** Arrive in Leh and rest for the night or continue your onward journey.

