

JOURNEYS
LADAKH HIMALAYAN EXPERIENCE

DEFENDER





Introducing journeys across India, an experience for you to explore the natural wonders of our beautiful country. You'll witness epic landscapes, diverse cultures, and an array of cuisines at world-renowned luxury stays.

From the natural beauty of Coorg with its stunning coastal regions to the whitewashed peaks of the Himalayas or the ephemeral dunes of Thar, every journey is a curated travel adventure like no other.

All the time you'll drive through awe-inspiring vistas and a myriad of landscapes behind the wheels of the iconic Defender.

LADAKH HIMALAYAN EXPERIENCE

JUNE 17-25, 2023
JULY 7-15, 2023

Located in the northernmost part of India, Ladakh is known for its breathtaking landscapes and unique culture. Over nine days, you'll witness picturesque sights from towering snow-capped peaks to pristine lakes and stay at luxurious locations.

Also home to a rich Tibetan-Buddhist heritage, you'll visit ancient monasteries and temples offering a glimpse into the local culture and history.



WHAT YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO

- Driving through high mountain passes and arid deserts of the southern extension of the Karakoram range
- Exploring ancient monasteries and soaking in the region's unique Tibetan-Buddhist heritage
- A chance to spot diverse fauna; including Bactrian Camels, Wild Yak, and Marmots
- Staying at the finest luxury hotels and culturally iconic resorts
- Negotiating difficult off-road trails with ease behind the wheel of your Defender
- A dedicated team of instructors assisting you along your journey



SHIMLA TO LEH JUNE 17-25, 2023

DAY 1 – CHANDIGARH TO SHIMLA

On your first day, you'll arrive in Shimla, and be driven in chauffeured vehicles to the hotel at Theog, at a short distance from Shimla.

After your day of leisure, spend the evening with your fellow travellers for dinner and a pre-drive briefing.

Dinner in Shimla

DAY 2 – SHIMLA TO MANALI: 226 KM | 7.5 HOURS

On day two, you'll drive to Manali and ascend to the Jalori pass at 10 282 ft to take in the scenic beauty surrounding you.

Once in Manali, you can choose to take a stroll on the banks of the Beas River or head to the busy Mall Road.

Breakfast in Shimla | Lunch en route | Dinner in Manali

DAY 3 – MANALI TO JISPA: 90 KM | 2.5 HOURS

After a hearty breakfast, you'll hit the road and traverse through the 9.02 km long Atal Tunnel.

Once you've passed Tandi and Keylong, you'll reach Jispa.

A quaint and scenic village perched on the banks of river Bhaga which exudes a zen-like charm quite unlike any other.

Breakfast in Manali | Lunch and Dinner in Jispa

SHIMLA TO LEH JUNE 17-25, 2023

DAY 4 – JISPA TO LEH: 336 KM | 8 HOURS

You'll start early at dawn in preparation for one of the most breathtaking drives of this journey.

The picturesque and awe-inspiring route will see you ascending and passing through some of the highest and most stunning mountains passes in the world including, Baralacha La (15 910 ft), Nakee La (15 547 ft), Lachlung La (16 000 ft) and Tanglang La (17 480 ft).

You'll drive through the heart of the Himalayan snow desert, past the Deepak Tal and Suraj Tal lakes, across the Sarchu and More plains and over the seemingly endless Gatta loops.

Later that evening, you will reach Leh, with a natural beauty that cannot be adequately articulated in words.

Breakfast in Jispa | Lunch en route | Dinner in Leh

DAY 5 – LEH

The fifth day is all about relaxing and unwinding. After a late breakfast, you can choose from a range of leisurely activities like visiting the Indian Army's Hall of Fame, exploring the gravity-defying Magnetic Hill or the Gurudwara Pathar Sahib.

You'll end the day with delicious, rich local cuisine.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in Leh

DAY 6 – LEH TO NUBRA: 123 KM | 4 HOURS

You'll start the day by driving to the top of the Khardung La (18 380 ft), the gateway to the tri-armed Nubra valley, beyond which lies the Siachen Glacier. Once you reach Hundar, you can choose to relax and unwind or visit the Diskit Monastery, built in the 14th century.

The Hundar dunes with the double-humped Mongolian Bactrian camels, the only living remnant of India's connection with the famous silk route, are worth a visit as well.

Breakfast in Leh | Lunch and Dinner in Nubra

DAY 7 – NUBRA TO PANGONG TSO: 191 KM | 5 HOURS

After a hearty breakfast, you'll set off to drive on a scenic route along the Shyok River and find yourself by the banks of Pangong Lake. Nestled amongst the high peaks, at an altitude of around 14 270 ft, the lake is 134 km in terms of length and stretches from Eastern Ladakh to Tibet.

Once you reach Merak, you'll catch the sunset by the lake and spend your time relaxing and unwinding.

Breakfast in Nubra | Lunch en route | Dinner in Merak

DAY 8 – PANGONG TSO TO LEH: 177 KM | 4.5 HOURS

You'll reach Leh by passing through Chang La (22 051 ft) where you can indulge in a shopping spree and buy local handicrafts and souvenirs, or choose to relax and unwind at the hotel.

Breakfast in Merak | Lunch and Dinner in Leh

DAY 9 – LEH

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

Breakfast in Leh



**LEH TO SHIMLA
JULY 7-15, 2023**

DAY 1 – LEH

Once you arrive at Leh, you'll be greeted at your hotel and spend the day with your fellow travellers for dinner and a pre-drive briefing.

Dinner in Leh

DAY 2 – LEH

The second day is all about relaxing and unwinding. After a late breakfast, you can choose from a range of leisurely activities like visiting the Indian Army's Hall of Fame, exploring the gravity-defying Magnetic Hill or the Gurudwara Pathar Sahib.

You'll end the day with delicious, rich local cuisine.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in Leh

**DAY 3 – LEH TO PANGONG TSO:
177 KM | 4.5 HOURS**

You'll begin the first leg of your journey and make your way southeast towards Pangong Tso, passing through Chang La (22 051 ft). Nestled amongst the high peaks, at an altitude of around 14 270 ft, the lake is 134 km in terms of length and stretches from Eastern Ladakh to Tibet.

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Breakfast in Leh | Lunch and Dinner in Merak

LEH TO SHIMLA JULY 7-15, 2023

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You'll start the day early to catch the sunrise at the lake. You'll then set off on a scenic route along the Shyok River towards the tri-armed Nubra valley, beyond which lies the Siachen Glacier.

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Enjoy your breakfast and wish everyone well on their next adventures. You'll be driven in chauffeured vehicles from the hotel at Theog to the airport in Chandigarh.

Breakfast in Shimla



DRIVING EXPERIENCE KEY

OFF-ROAD LEVEL:

2

LANDSCAPE:

4

TYPES OF DRIVING:

TARMAC, MUD AND RUTS

ACCOMMODATION STYLE:

LUXURY HOTELS IN EXOTIC LOCATIONS

MAX NO. OF LAND ROVER VEHICLES AND GUESTS:

5 AND 10 RESPECTIVELY

NO. OF LAND ROVER INSTRUCTORS:

2

MINIMUM DRIVING AGE:

19 YEARS OLD + 1-YEAR FULL LICENSE



STONEHEDGE HOTEL, NUBRA

THE GRAND DRAGON LADAKH, LEH

THE MERAK, MERAK

HOTEL IBEX JISPA

ALOKA RESORT, MANALI

TAJ THEOG RESORT & SPA, SHIMLA

LADAKH HIMALAYAN
EXPERIENCE ROUTE MAP

MEET THE TEAM AND YOUR VEHICLE:

The team of instructors accompanying each trip have been trained and certified under the JLR Global Experience program. They are professional, dedicated and vastly experienced in the fields of on and off-road driving as well as event management and risk mitigation.

Helping you navigate the tough tracks and trails is the Defender 110. A supremely capable SUV that features a full suite of off-road technology, paired with an Ingenium 4-cylinder 2.0 I P300 powertrain. The instructors will ensure you quickly get to grips with its technology.

You'll be in charge, commanding the vehicle on your own; but travelling in a convoy and always with the instructors close at hand to help you navigate any unfamiliar features or turns.



ACCOMMODATION:

The Taj Theog Resort & Spa is a sublime resort that exudes provincial chic with its architecture and design inspired by the best that Himachal Pradesh has to offer.

The Aloka Resort, Manali, is a luxury resort with comfortable rooms and amenities, located in Chadiyari. It's the perfect stopover for heading out and back across the Atal Tunnel as well as for experiencing the city.

Hotel Ibex Jispa is situated on the banks of the Bhaga river in the Lahaul valley right on Manali-Leh Highway and exudes an alpine charm that makes for a memorable stay.

The Grand Dragon Ladakh, Leh is the finest 5-star rated hotel in the city located 10 minutes from Leh Palace and Leh Market. It offers fabulous views of the snow-capped Stok Kangri Mountains.

StoneHedge Hotel, Nubra is an eco-tourism hotel constructed using wholly local materials.

The Merak, located at Merak village, is a boutique hotel that overlooks the incredible crystalline expanse of Pangong Tso.



ALOKA RESORT, MANALI



THE GRAND DRAGON LADAKH, LEH



STONEHEDGE HOTEL, NUBRA



THE MERAK, MERAK

COST:

8-night, 9-day adventure including use of Defender, accommodation, meals and experiences.

A dedicated team of expert instructors in a lead vehicle will accompany the guests on the Journey.

₹ 4 75 000 for two adults on twin/double occupancy*

All costs subject to GST @5%

For more information

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

GENERAL

Who operates the Defender Journeys?

The Defender Journeys are operated by Cougar Motorsport Pvt. Ltd. ("Cougar Motorsport"), who are authorised by Jaguar Land Rover India Ltd. ("JLRIL"). When you make a booking, you'll enter a contract with Cougar Motorsport. The relationship between Cougar Motorsport and JLRIL is on a principal-to-principal basis.

Who does the driving?

You do! There will be a Land Rover Experience instructor on hand to provide guidance and support, but these are self-drive itineraries, so you are behind the wheel in the latest Defender vehicles.

What language will the Journeys be delivered in?

The instructors/hosts will communicate with the guests in English.

PRICE

Do I need to purchase insurance to be able to participate?

We recommend comprehensive personal accident and travel insurance.

What is included in the price of the Journeys?

General inclusions are as follows: driving activities, experiences, permits and entry fees, twin-sharing accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner, and airport transfers.

What isn't included in the price of the Journeys?

Flights, visa fees (if applicable), vaccinations, travel insurance, tips, all personal expenses (e.g., minibar in the hotel, spa

treatments etc.), optional activities, insurances and any pre or post-journey arrangements that deviate from the tour itinerary.

What is the arrangement for use of the vehicle?

The vehicle will be made available to you for use in adherence to the itinerary and route instructions of the journey coordinator, without any monetary benefit to JLRIL or Cougar Motorsport. Expenses on fuel and tolls, servicing, repair and refurbishment, and transportation are built-in into the price of the Journeys.

DRIVING

I've never driven a 4x4 vehicle before or driven off-road, can I still go on the Journey?

Absolutely. There will be a qualified Experience instructor accompanying each journey who will provide expert guidance and reassurance, but each journey is designed for drivers of all abilities.

What vehicle will I be driving?

Guests will drive a petrol Defender 110 vehicle.

Are the vehicles manual or automatic?

All vehicles are equipped with automatic transmissions.

What are the driving license and minimum age requirements?

All driving guests must be at least 19 years old and have held a full valid driving license for at least one year. An International Driving Permit may be required for foreign nationals.

Do I need to have a certain level of physical fitness to take part?

To participate in the journey, you should ensure that you do not know of any circumstances which would disqualify you from driving such as chronic back problems (or similar conditions), mental conditions which might impair your ability to drive, eyesight which doesn't meet the standards for driving,

pregnancy, or heart problems.

How many guests are in each vehicle?

Prices are based on two people sharing a vehicle. On request, a 3rd and 4th person can be booked into the vehicle.

TRAVELLING

If I am travelling by myself, will I have my own vehicle?

No - for safety reasons we do not allow anyone to travel alone in a vehicle. One of our instructors will accompany you in the vehicle if you are a solo traveller. You'll have your own room throughout the Journey.

Are children allowed on the Journey?

In general, the journeys are suitable for children over 12 years, but please contact Cougar Motorsport for further details and to discuss your individual requirements.

Can I book a whole Journey for a private group?

Yes, we'll gladly facilitate a private booking for a group taking up all 5 vehicles.

Do we travel in a convoy?

Yes, we'll generally travel in convoys using radio communication between vehicles.

What is the maximum group size on each Journey?

To maintain a more intimate and exclusive experience, the maximum group size of vehicles and guests for each journey will be 5 vehicles and 10 guests respectively.

We would like to extend our journey by a few days, can we do this?

Absolutely. Cougar Motorsport will be more than happy to help

you plan and book extended arrangements before or after your journey.

Whom can I contact if I require further information, assistance, or clarification?

Cougar Motorsport will gladly assist you and can be contacted as follows:

E-mail: journeys@cougarmotorsport.in
Telephone: +91 88008 60430
(10:00 - 18:00 (IST), Monday to Saturday).

Is there a specific type of luggage I should bring?

We do not make any specific recommendations regarding the type of luggage - the vehicles can accommodate suitcases as well as travel bags.

What is the dress code for evenings?

The evening dress code is casual.

What happens if a journey does not reach its minimum numbers? Will it be cancelled?

We endeavour not to cancel any of our journeys but in some cases, this may be inevitable. We reserve the right to cancel a journey if minimum operating numbers have not been reached 8 days before departure.

Are the itineraries and accommodation confirmed?

Your itinerary and accommodation are subject to change based on availability. We reserve the right to replace the itinerary and accommodation with similar alternatives.

What is the cancellation policy?

The charges paid will be refunded in case the journey is cancelled by Cougar Motorsport. The charges will NOT be refunded for ANY OTHER reason.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The images shown here are for illustration purposes only and should there be any ambiguity regarding the programme, the written itinerary will be taken as the more accurate interpretation of the trip. We reserve the right to alter the travel route with similar alternatives.





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