



# 5 Reasons not to visit Tso Moriri from Manali side

The urge to visit Tso Moriri while coming to Leh from Manali side definitely seems logical because it is a short detour and those who plan to exit from Srinagar side, it makes perfect sense to save a day for them. However, though what looks on the map in terms of distance does not qualify what looks on maps in terms of altitude. Let's look at the top reasons why this is not such a good idea.

## 1

### Not enough Acclimatisation to sleep at Tso Moriri

Sleeping at Sarchu while traveling from Manali to Leh itself is not recommended. Tsomoriri lake is 300m higher than Sarchu. And, if you are hit by AMS, even a difference of 100 Mtrs can save or take your life. You'd rather visit Tsomoriri on the way back from Leh to Manali since you're better acclimatized.

## 2

### No help nearby in case of a medical emergency

Tso Moriri is located at a desolated place in Ladakh and in case if there is any medical help required, you are looking at an 8-hour drive to Leh. AMS would indeed be an emergency as it can be fatal if not dealt with quickly, especially because it is sometimes brushed off as fatigue.

## 3

### Only Leh taxis are allowed to visit Tso Moriri

As per Leh taxi union rules, you will have to have a taxi based out in Leh in order to visit Tso Moriri Lake unless you are not traveling by your own personal car or bike. Hence, you cannot visit Tso Moriri on taxis from Manali. Also, there are no HPTC buses to Tsomoriri Lake as well.

## 4

### Only Leh rented bikes are allowed to visit Tso Moriri

As per Leh bike rental union rules, you will have to have a rented bike based out of Leh in order to visit Tso Moriri lake unless you are not traveling by your own personal bike. Hence, similar to taxis, you cannot visit Tso Moriri on outside Leh rented bike unless you want to end up in a tussle with an already unacclimatized body.

## 5

### Inner Line Permits are required to visit Tso Moriri

In case you need to visit Tso Moriri lake, you need Ladakh Inner Line Permits to visit Nubra Valley, Pangong Tso, and Tso Moriri. Although inner line permits are available online, domestic tourists need to get the permit copy stamped from the DC office in Leh or Tourist Reception Center (TRC) in Leh.



#### Himalayan Travel Tips

- Have Buffer Days
- Stay Warm & Hydrated
- Avoid Alcohol
- Carry Required Clothing, Food & Water
- Drive with Caution & Care
- Start Early, Sleep Early



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- Spread Smiles Not Plastic
- Stop Littering
- Bring Back Your Own Trash
- Avoid Plastic Water Bottles