



# 7 Reasons for Flying to Leh - Ladakh

We seldom talk about flying to Leh Ladakh. The reason is simple; the journey is as beautiful as the destination. However, there are times when time becomes the essence of the Leh - Ladakh trip. Especially when it is not your first trip to Ladakh, you may want to consider flying to Leh rather than riding a bike or driving your car.

## 1

### Roads to Leh Ladakh are closed in winters

For about six months, both Srinagar-Leh, and Manali-Leh Highways are closed due to heavy snowfall. The only way to travel to Leh - Ladakh is by air. Srinagar-Leh Highway opens by the early May whereas Manali - Leh Highway opens by the early June. Hence, for the rest of the months, flying to Leh is the only option.

## 2

### The fastest way to travel to Leh Ladakh



It takes three days to reach Leh via Manali side and four days to return to Delhi via Srinagar side. This travel makes it seven days. Plus one day in Leh for acclimatization. However, you can take a flight to Leh from Delhi and reach Leh in just a couple of hours. Be wary of the altitude and temperature change though.

## 3

### Saves you at least a couple of days

If you fly directly to Leh, after the first two days of acclimatization, rest and local sightseeing around Leh, you are good to travel over Khardung La pass to Nubra Valley and Pangong Tso. Hence, directly flying to Leh saves you at least two days which you can spend anywhere further exploring in Ladakh.

## 4

### Helps you spend more time in Ladakh than on roads



Instead of being on the road for 3-4 days and going through the arduous journey to reach your destination, sometimes it is better to fly in and spend that power and time to soak in the beauty of the place. You never know in which small tiny remote hamlet of Ladakh, you may lose your soul forever.

## 5

### Better in terms of acclimatization than taking a road trip from Manali

In terms of AMS and acclimatization, traveling to Leh by air should be considered the second best option after the Srinagar - Leh road which takes four days. Manali - Leh highway doesn't give your body a chance to acclimatize as most of the route runs over 14000 feet. Hence, there are chances to be hit with AMS.

## 6

### No Fuss About Bike Rentals

Bikes rented outside Leh are not allowed for sightseeing in Ladakh. You can only reach Leh, but for going to Pangong Tso, Nubra Valley, etc., you need to rent bikes from Leh only. Hence, in case you fly to Leh, you can rent the bike in Leh which should be sufficient to live the dream of an adventure bike ride in Ladakh.

## 7

### You see some breathtaking aerial views of Ladakh range

Lastly, when you are flying to Leh, you get to see some breathtakingly aerial views of trans-Himalayas which in winters looks like nature's carpet of white gold, the snow. Once, you take in these scenes; you can only believe it then as pictures do not do any justice to it.

#### 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