



Carrying Laptop to Ladakh or High Altitudes

We tend to carry Laptops, iPods, iPhones, mobile phones, etc. to such desolate places like Ladakh these days to avoid any boredom or just because we are so addicted. The remote work culture is also growing and so the world of digital nomads. But if you are traveling to Ladakh or other high altitude places with these electronic devices then you need to take the precautions mentioned below in order to keep them safe and running well at high altitude.

1

Carry Waterproof Bags / Pouches

Carry a good quality waterproof bag or pouch to keep these electronic devices. This will protect them from either rainfall or snowfall. The weather changes suddenly in places like Ladakh and Spiti Valley. And when you carry a laptop to Ladakh, it becomes important to safeguard it as well from such moisture or water.

2

Do not switch ON at altitudes above 10-11K

Hard drives have a head which flies between the rotating disks/platters. When the air pressure is too low, then there is not enough lift for the flying head, so the head gets too close to the disk, and there is a risk of head crashes and data loss. So, it is best NOT TO switch on your laptops or these devices at high altitudes. Laptops with SSD drives are more resilient towards this.

3

Keep them out in the environment before switching ON

Before you switch ON a device or Laptop in Ladakh, keep it out in the environment for some time so that the device adapts to the temperature difference. Sudden temperature difference may cause condensation which may result in blown out electronic circuits.

4

Always Shutdown or Switch off Laptops

Always shutdown or switch off the electronic device when you travel. If you keep them on standby or hibernate etc modes, especially laptop then a sudden shock or jerk may jeopardize the whole circuit or HDDs in a faulty device or HDD. In the shutdown conditions, these devices can withstand a shock to a much greater extent.

5

Protect them from Cold Conditions

In some cold conditions especially with the temperature around or below freezing point, the battery exhaust pretty fast and getting a power source at a campsite of some high altitude lake or region will surely be a challenge.

So, if you really want to have a longer battery life try then keep your batteries or devices in some warm clothes or padding.

6

Take care of your own belongings

Generally, a sticker pasted anywhere should be responsible for taking care of your belongings from human theft or careless misplacement by yourself. Most likely in the remote places such as Ladakh or other high altitude places like Spiti Valley, you will find pretty honest people but there is no guarantee of this fact with modernization needs crippling the honest of the honest persons.

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