



Tips on Nubra Valley to Pangong Tso Direct Route

The direct route from Nubra Valley to Pangong Tso is getting popular among domestic tourists year after year. As of 2018, this route is the hot favorite among tourists, especially those who are short on days for an ideal Ladakh trip. Let's look at some essential tips and things you should consider when traveling from Nubra Valley to Pangong Tso.

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Nubra Valley to Pangong Tso via Shyok Village

The road conditions have stabilized, and lots of people now travel on this route, especially when it is shorter than Wari La route and saves you a day in overall Ladakh plan.

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Ask at Agham if it is safe to travel to Pangong via Shyok

Sometimes the water in the Shyok river swells and closes the road. Hence, it is essential to ask at Agham village before you go on this route. There are some sections, especially before Shyok Village (towards Nubra side), which might be tough to climb without a high Ground clearance vehicle.

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Ask at GREF hut if it is safe to travel Nubra via Shyok

If you are going from Pangong Tso, then there is a GREF hut that comes after Shyok village from Durbuk side. You can inquire about the route status from them as well.

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Rule of thumb for traveling via Shyok route

- Sedans/Hatchbacks = Best avoid them!!
- High Ground Clearance SUVs (4x2) = Doable, drive with caution
- High Ground Clearance SUVs (4x4) = Will help a lot with the peace of mind.

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Nubra Valley to Pangong Tso via Wari La - Chang La

The direct route from Nubra Valley to Pangong Tso from Wari La pass is much longer as compared to Shyok Village route. It gets connected on the conventional road from Leh to Pangong Tso at Shakit/Serthi village. It means you travel Nubra Valley to Sakti over Wari La and then traverse major part of Leh to Pangong Tso route as well, including climbing the Chang La pass.

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Wari La Pass opens in June and remains closed for six months

Wari La Pass route is usually closed till June and in the winter months. The road conditions are mostly average with a dirt track in the majority of the journey. There are a couple of water crossings, and at the top of Wari La, the vehicle with small ground clearance may struggle a bit.

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Rule of thumb for traveling via Wari La route

- Sedans/Hatchbacks = Tough but doable, at least the climb up/down for Wari La and then again to Chang La. Very tough in early summers.
- High Ground Clearance SUVs (4x2) = Manageable, tough in early summers.
- High Ground Clearance SUVs (4x4) = Manageable and indeed helpful.

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