

Chumathang Plateaus Expedition

Field Report — July 2025

DEPARTURE

19-24 July 2025

ROUTE

Leh → Chumathang → Nyoma → Hanle → Tso Moriri → Tso Kar → Leh

EXPEDITION DATA

Distance	640 km
Driving hours	28
Highest point	Taglang La — 5,328 m
Passes crossed	3
Participants	10 guests / 4 vehicles / 3 crew

WEATHER SUMMARY

- Day +18 to +26 C, night -1 to +5 C
- Plateau wind from 14:00 daily, 40 km/h at Tso Kar
- Two short dust storms between Nyoma and Loma
- No meaningful cloud cover all week

RECOVERY LOG

Day 03 — Loma-Hanle plain

Soft-sand bog — 15 psi and short strap pull (25 min)

Day 05 — Tso Kar basin

Overheat alarm — cool-down and coolant top-up (35 min)

GUIDE NOTES

- Nobody sleeps below 4,000 m from Day 2 — Leh acclimatisation is non-negotiable.
- Hot springs are best in the first hour, before the wind.
- Fuel at Nyoma is unreliable; fill at Leh and carry jerricans.
- Run the Tso Kar to Taglang La climb first thing in the morning.