

Trans Himalayan Expedition

Field Report — August 2025

DEPARTURE

9–19 August 2025

ROUTE

Manali → Shinku La → Padum → Kargil → Leh → Nubra → Pangong → Hanle → Tso Moriri

EXPEDITION DATA

Distance	1,840 km
Driving hours	62
Highest point	Khardung La — 5,359 m
Passes crossed	7
Participants	18 guests / 6 vehicles / 4 crew

WEATHER SUMMARY

- Day +14 to +24 C, night -2 to +6 C
- High wind on the Hanle plateau, gusts past 45 km/h
- Brief hail at Shinku La on Day 2
- No monsoon interference beyond Jispa

RECOVERY LOG

Day 02 — Shinku La north slope

Bogged in melt-channel silt — static strap recovery (25 min)

Day 05 — Pensi La approach

Sidewall cut — spare fitted, patched at Kargil (40 min)

Day 09 — Hanle-Loma

Fuel filter icing — warm-up hold and drain (35 min)

GUIDE NOTES

- Clear the Shinku La melt channels before 10:00; they refill by mid-afternoon.
- Carry 40 litres per vehicle from Jispa even though Padum has fuel.
- Two nights at Leh before pushing east — skip it and Hanle punishes you.
- Pangong to Hanle via Chushul: budget nine hours, not six.