

Explore Zaskar

6 days · Darcha - Shinku La - Padum - Phugtal

●	Manali or Keylong Convoy briefing and recovery kit check	Start · 3,080 m
●	Darcha Last reliable fuel before Padum - fill jerry cans	60 km · 3,360 m
●	Shinku La Cross early; melt water raises stream levels by afternoon	55 km · 5,090 m
●	Purne Base for the Phugtal walk-in	95 km · 3,700 m
●	Phugtal Gompa Two hour trail each way to the cliff monastery	Walk · 3,850 m
●	Padum Karsha, Stongdey, Zangla confluence	60 km · 3,650 m
●	Return via Shinku La Or exit north to Kargil via the Suru valley	170 km · 5,090 m

FIELD NOTES

- Open mid-June to late September only. Shinku La closes with the first autumn snowfall.
- No dependable fuel or ATM in Padum - carry cash and a full jerry can.
- Mobile network exists in Padum and effectively nowhere else on this route.
- Low range gets used on this route - 4WD with good ground clearance is mandatory.