

Ladakh Festival 2025: A Celebration of Culture, Heritage, and Unity from 21st to 24th September

Leh, Ladakh, September 11, 2025: The Union Territory Administration of Ladakh, in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and Culture and LAHDC Leh, is set to host the much-awaited Ladakh Festival 2025 from 21st to 24th September.

The four-day cultural extravaganza promises to bring together the rich traditions, art, music, sports, and heritage of Ladakh, offering both residents and visitors an immersive experience of the region's unique identity.

The festival will commence on 21st September with the ASI exhibition "From Ruins to Revival" at Leh Palace, showcasing conservation and archival treasures. Simultaneously, Eco Park Leh will come alive with exhibitions of handicrafts, handlooms, and cuisines, with live skill demonstrations in pottery, basketry, shoe-making, and other traditional crafts.

A grand Ladakh Cultural Parade featuring dignitaries, monks, artists, troupes, riders on horses and camels will move from Karzoo Pond to Leh Main Market, setting the tone for the celebration. The inaugural ceremony will follow at Main Market Leh, accompanied by tourism documentaries, folk cultural performances, and a vibrant live concert by "Era of Echoes."

The day will conclude with the "Celestial Journey", an astronomy discovery program under Leh's dark skies at Shanti Stupa, with free shuttle services arranged from the Old Bus Stand.

On 22nd September, the focus will expand with exhibitions on biodiversity by the Bird Club and WWF, alongside the Leh Book Worm's literary expo. Students will showcase their talent through dance performances at Main Market Leh, while Eco Park will continue to highlight Ladakhi handicrafts and cuisines. Traditional archery demonstrations under DAFANGS will take place at Shenam Gongma Community Hall, providing visitors with an interactive cultural experience. The day's excitement will reach new heights with a paraglider landing at Polo Ground, followed by the opening of the Horse Polo Competition featuring women's exhibition matches and men's contests. Cultural performances by local artists and a special concert by the renowned "Ladakh Scouts Band" will further energize the celebrations before the night once again closes with the stargazing program at Shanti Stupa.

Day three, 23rd September, will highlight Ladakh's natural heritage through exhibitions on birds, mammals, and biodiversity at Main Market and Eco Park. School students will continue their cultural performances, while Chams (mask dance) and Thangka exhibitions will be held at the Dharma Center, Choglamsar. Traditional archery demonstrations, horse polo matches, and expert talks on Traditional Architecture of Ladakh will add depth to the day's events. Visitors can also enjoy tourism documentaries, a Light and Sound Show at Leh Palace, and a special theatrical performance "Youthok Lamo" by the Ladakh Theatre Organization at Main Market. The astronomy program will remain a nightly highlight at Shanti Stupa.

The final day, 24th September, will bring together the finest elements of Ladakh's cultural fabric. Eco Park will host an expansive exhibition of handicrafts, handlooms, cuisines, and traditional skills, while Leh Palace will continue its archival showcase. Biodiversity and literary exhibitions will remain ongoing in the Main Market. Traditional archery demonstrations will continue at Shenam Gongma Community Hall, while the final horse polo match will take place at Polo Ground Leh. Tourism documentaries will once again be screened, leading up to the Grand Closing Ceremony of Ladakh Festival 2025 at Main Market Leh. The closing will also include the felicitation of the best volunteers under "Har Ghar Tiranga", marking the conclusion of four days of cultural celebration, unity, and pride.



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THE LADAKH FESTIVAL

21ST TO 24TH SEPTEMBER

PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2025

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DAY - 1

21.09.2025



TIME	PROGRAMMES	VENUE
11:00AM	From Ruins to Revival- ASI Conservation & Archival Treasures Exhibition	Leh Palace
12:00PM onwards till 10:00PM	Exhibition of Handicraft/Handlooms/ Cuisines /CHANG-KHANG. Live skill display, Pottery, Basket, Shoe Making, Handicraft, Handloom.	Eco Park, Leh
02:30PM	The Ladakh Culture Parade - Dignitaries, Guests, Monks, Tourists and all artists, troupes, riders on horse and camels.	Karzoo Pond to Leh Main Market (Cultural Stage)
04:00PM onwards	The Ladakh Festival 2025 - Inaugural Ceremony	Main Market Leh
05:30PM to 06:30PM	Tourism Documentary/Short Film Screening	Eco Park, & Main Market Leh
06:30PM	Light and Sound show,	Leh Palace
06:30PM to 07:30PM	Folk Cultural Performances.	Main Market
07:30PM to 09:30PM	"ERA OF ECHOES"- Live in Concert	
8:30PM onwards	Celestial Journey - An Astronomy Discovery in Leh's Dark Sky	Shanti, Stupa, Free Shuttle from Old Bus Stand 07:00PM



DAY-2

22.09.2025



TIME	PROGRAMMES	VENUE
11:00AM	From Ruins to Revival- ASI Conservation & Archival Treasures Exhibition	Leh Palace
11:00 AM onwards	Showcase of Biodiversity of Ladakh - An Exhibition by Birds Club and WWF	Leh Market
	The Leh Book Worm - A book expo on Ladakh	Main Market Leh
11:30AM to 12:30PM	Dance Performances by School Students	Eco Park, Leh
12:00PM onwards	Exhibition of Handicraft/Handlooms/ Cuisines /CHANG-KHANG. Live skill display, Pottery, Basket, Shoe Making, Handicraft, Handloom.	
12:00PM to 05:00PM	DAFANGS - Display and practice of Traditional Archery in Ladakh. ** Selfie points with traditional dress	Shenam Gongma Community Hall, Leh (Near Zorawar fort)
11:40AM	Paraglider Landing at Pologround	Pologround, Leh (Near DC Office)
12:00PM onwards	Horse Polo Competition- Opening with a Women's Polo Exhibition Match at 12:00 to 12:40PM ; 03:00PM to 03:40PM (women) Time: 04:00PM to 05:00PM (Men)	
05:30PM to 06:30PM	Tourism Documentary/Short Film	Eco Park, & Main Market Leh
06:30PM	Light and Sound Show	Leh Palace
07:00PM to 08:00PM	Cultural Performances by Local Artists	Main Market Leh
08:00PM to 10:00PM	"Ladakh Scouts Band" - Live in Concert	
8:30PM onwards	Celestial Journey - An Astronomy Discovery in Leh's Dark Sky	Shanti, Stupa, Free Shuttle from Old Bus Stand 07:00PM
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DAY-3

23.09.2025



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TIME	PROGRAMMES	VENUE
11:00AM	Exhibition on birds and mammals of Ladakh by Birds Club and WWF	Main Market Leh
11:00AM onwards	From Ruins to Revival- ASI Conservation & Archival Treasures Exhibition	Leh Palace
	The Leh Book Worm -A book expo on Ladakh	Main Market, Leh
	Showcase of Biodiversity of Ladakh - An Exhibition by Birds Club and WWF	Eco Park, Leh
11:30AM to 12:30PM	Dance Performances by School Students	
11:00AM to 02:00PM	Chams (Mask Dance) Performance and Thangka Exhibition	Dharma center Choglamsar, Free Shuttle from Old Bus stand at 10:00AM
12:00PM to 05:00PM	DAFANGS - Display and practice of Traditional Archery in Ladakh. ** Selfie points with traditional dress	Shenam Gongma Community Hall, Leh Near: Zorawar Fort Skara
12:00PM onwards	Horse Polo Competition POLO MATCH Time: 12:00 to 12:40PM ; 03:00PM to 03:40PM Time: 04:00PM to 05:00PM	Pologround, Leh (Near DC Office)
04:00PM	Traditional Architecture of Ladakh- Talks and Q&A sessions by Architectural Experts	Eco Park, Leh
05:30PM to 06:30PM	Tourism Documentary/Short Film	Eco Park, & Main Market Leh
06:30PM	Light and Sound Show	Leh Palace
6:30PM to 8:30PM	"YOUTHOK LAMO" Play - Ladakh Theatre Organization	Main Market, Leh
8:30PM	Celestial Journey - An Astronomy Discovery in Leh's Dark Sky	Shanti, Stupa, Free Shuttle from Old Bus Stand 07:00PM
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DAY-4

24.09.2025



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TIME	PROGRAMMES	VENUE
11:00AM onwards	Exhibition of Handicraft/Handlooms/ Cuisines /CHANG-KHANG. Live skill display, Pottery, Basket, Shoe Making, Handicraft, Handloom,	Eco Park Leh
	From Ruins to Revival- ASI Conservation & Archival Treasures Exhibition	Leh Palace
	Exhibition on birds and mammals of Ladakh by Bird club and WWF	Main Market Leh
	The Leh Book Worm -A book expo on Ladakh	
02:00PM to 05:00PM	DAFANGS - Display and practice of Traditional Archery in Ladakh. ** Selfie points with traditional dress	Shenam Gongma Community Hall, Leh (Near Zorawar fort)
03:00 PM onwards	Horse Polo Competition- FINAL MATCH	Pologround, Leh (Near DC Office)
05:30PM to 06:30PM	Tourism Documentary/Short Film	Eco Park, & Main Market Leh
6:30PM to 8:30PM	The Ladakh Festival 2025 - Closing Ceremony	Main Market Leh
	Felicitation of Best Volunteers HAR GHAR TIRANGA	

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