

ENCHANTING LADAKH



07 NIGHTS & 08 DAYS

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TOUR DETAILS

PACKAGE TYPE : LEISURE TOUR
DURATION : 07 NIGHTS

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 07 Nights' accommodation at mentioned above hotel on twin sharing basis
- All meals as per the itinerary mentioned below
- All sight - seeing as per the itinerary mentioned below.
- All transfers and sightseeing by NON - AC Vehicle including all Toll, taxes (if any), fuel charges, parking charges & driver allowances
- All currently applicable hotel taxes.

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- Any Airfare
- Anything not mentioned in the Cost Highlights column
- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, portorage.
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc. (to be borne by the client, who is directly payable on the spot).
- Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.
- Monument entry fees / camera charges / cable car / gondola ride etc
- Any insurance, medical expenses etc.
- GST @ 5 %



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 01: BANGALORE – LEH (VIA DELHI) (5.30 HRS FLIGHT INCLUDING TRANSIT)

- Assemble 2 hours prior flight at Bangalore Airport, and then proceed to Check in counter for the check in. Complete check in formalities and board your flight.
- Depart Bangalore
- Arrive Leh airport, on arrival, you will meet our representative and proceed towards your hotel.
- Once you have checked into your room you have the remainder of the day at your own leisure. We recommend you use this time to get acclimatized to the high altitude and low air pressure in Ladakh.
- Evening can be utilized for a short walk to local markets.
- Return to your hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2: LEH - SHAM VALLEY (200 KMS)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Check out and drive towards bank of Indus river till Sangam. Where the confluence of Zaskar river and Indus River. Drive along the Indus river visiting, Pathar Sahib Gurdwara and Magnetic Hill (where the cars defy gravity), and further on to Leh Hall of Fame (which has a museum of the Kargil War memorabilia).
- Then drive to Uleytokpo en route visiting Likir Monastery. Likir was built during the reign of Lachen Gyalpo who installed 600 monks here, headed by Lhawang Chosje. The Gompa was invested with a collection of fine images, Tangkhas and murals to vie with those at Alchi. The present buildings date mainly from the 18th century since the original were destroyed by fire. Likir was converted to the Gelugpa sect in the 15th century. The head lama, the younger brother of the Dalai Lama, has his apartments here, which were extended in the mid of 1990s.
- Later drive to your hotel and check in
- After freshen up, visit Alchi monastery. Founded in the 11th century by Rinchen Zangpo the Great Translator, it was richly decorated by artists from Kashmir and Tibet. Paintings of the Mandala's which have deep Tantric significances are particularly fine; some decorations are reminiscent of Byzantine art. The monastery is maintained by monks from Likir and is no longer a place for active worship.
- Return to the camp for dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 3: SHAM VALLEY – LEH (200 KMS)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Check out and drive to Lamayuru at 70 Kms from Uleytokpo.
- On arrival enjoy Hot Lunch at Lamayuru Restaurant on direct cost basis.



- After Lunch, visit Gompa. Lamayuru also referred as “Yangdrung Gompa” is the oldest monastery of Ladakh perched on hill top with its village at the foot of the hill. Most of the monastery is now in ruins. It was partially resorted in 1975. The oldest holy side in Ladakh. Lamayuru was once a lake. It was blessed by a lama after which, as legend goes the water of the lake receded upto the mountains leaving place for the monastery to be built. It is also the "free zone" of Ladakh since not even a criminal can be apprehended in this place. Now mostly in ruins only the main hall exists today and houses numerous “Tangkhas”.
- Continue drive to Leh & en route stop at Khalsi Village for Tea & Snacks.
- Arrive Leh and check in hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4: LEH – NUBRA VALLEY (160 KMS / 5 HRS DRIVE)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- After breakfast, check out and drive towards Nubra Valley
- En route, traverse the highest motorable road on earth (Khardungla Pass, 18384 feet). From the pass, one can see all the way south over the Indus valley to seemingly endless peaks and ridges of the Zaskar range, and north to the giants of the Saser massif.
- Arrive Nubra Valley, which is popularly known as Ldumra or the valley of flowers. Visit Deskit, the HQ town of Nubra Valley. Driving for 30 Kms takes to Khalsar Bridge. Deskit can be approached by driving parallel to Shyok River for 20 Kms. From the Historical & Tourist point of view, Deskit is famous for 515 years old Buddhist Monastery, lying magnificently situated on a hilltop, facing the entire Valley.
- Further drive from Deskit to Hunder, another 15 – 20 Kms drive. At Hunder, you may see a few Double Humped, Hairy and Bactrian Camels.
- Check in to a resort for dinner & overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 5: NUBRA VALLEY - PANGONG LAKE (200 KMS / 6.5 HRS DRIVE)

- Early Breakfast at Hotel
- Check out and drive to Pangong Lake via Shayok, situated at 14,000 feet (4,267 m). This famous blue brackish Lake of Pangong is 5/6 Kms wide and over 133 Kms long with half of it is running the other side of the "INDO CHINA BORDER". One rarely feels so close to nature and environment and the scenery is unforgettable.
- Arrival at Camp, and check in.
- Free time at Leisure and enjoy the color changing lake and the sun set on the banks of lake.
- Dinner & overnight at camp in Pangong.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



DAY 6: PANGONG LAKE – LEH (150 KMS / 4 HRS DRIVE)

- Wake up calls by the migratory birds this morning. Indulge in the walk beside the lake or go for a photography splurge.
- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Later depart for Leh.
- Arrive Leh and check in hotel
- Dinner & Overnight stay

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 7: AT LEH

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Today after breakfast visit Leh Palace, Shanti Stupa and Leh Market. Leh Palace, which overlooks the Ladakhi Himalayan town of Leh, modeled on the Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet. The palace was built by King Singe Namgyal in the 17th Century, but was later abandoned when Dogra forces took control of Ladakh in the mid-19th century. The royal family moved to Stok Palace. Leh Palace is nine storey's high; the upper floors accommodated the royal family, the stables and store rooms were in the lower floors. The palace, a ruin, is currently being restored by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- Later visit Shanti Stupa built by the Japanese Artists, few years ago on a hilltop.
- Afternoon free for shopping.
- Arrive back to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8: LEH – BANGALORE (VIA DELHI) (7.15 HRS FLIGHT INCLUDING TRANSIT)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Check out and transfer to the airport to board the flight back home

*******BON VOYAGE*******