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Adventure Tour of Leh Laddakh

DELHI – LEH - LIKIR – ALCHI – LAMAVURU – FOTULA – MULBEK – KARGIL – RANGDUM
PADUM – CHHA – DORZONG VILLAGE – KALBOK – PHUKTHAL – TANGTAK – HORMOCHE
SATHAK – TSOKMESIK – MARANG LA – LUNGO – SANGTHA – PANGCHE DO – LEH – DELHI

22 days trip starting from \$3013 per person

Leh Ladakh, lying amidst greater mountain passes of the Himalayas and the Karakoram is bewitched with high terrains. The far north of India neighbouring Tibet, Kashmir and the Karakoram, this serene land of the Himalayas brings inescapable natural wonders for everyone.

Trekking tours in Ladakh is an amazing experience as it takes one to remote places with natural wonders, Mountain passes, magnificent valleys and pristine lakes combined with Tibetan Buddhist culture and ancient monasteries located at very unusual locations that you would find it hard to believe. It is an unforgettable experience of forever!

Zaskar is a land hidden between the formidable peaks of the great Himalayan ranges and it was until recently one of the most inaccessible places in the world. It is a large area of about 5000 made up of two valleys, the Stod, which connects up with the Suru valley and Kargil regions, and the Tsarap, which follows from the north of Zaskar. Ultimately, it joins the main Zaskar river. Zaskar remains inaccessible for nearly eight months every year due to heavy winter snowfall resulting in closure of all access passes. Because of its remoteness, Zaskar is often described as the lost valley. The exceptional adventure of Zaskar begins at the trek starting point of Raru.

In order to begin in Raru, we need to get to Leh or Srinagar first. Then we must drive to Kargil and from there travel another 240 kms to Padum as soon as you reach Zaskar. It is of utmost importance to have a some time to relax and acclimatize.

DAY 01: DELHI

Arrive at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport & meet our representative. Transfer to hotel. Check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: DELHI

After breakfast, half day city tour of Old Delhi visiting Raj Ghat - The Mausoleum of Mahatma Gandhi. Jama Masjid - the biggest Mosque in India and drive past Red Fort and tricycle tour of Chandini Chowk.

Afternoon, half day city tour of New Delhi visiting drive past President House, Parliament House (House of Representatives) and India Gate - War Memorial (stop for photography), Qutab Minar - 72.55 meters, high Victory Tower, Humayun's Tomb - built of red sandstone and is a first substantial example of the Mughal architecture. If time permits, onto Bahai Temple (lotus temple).

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: DELHI – LEH

After early breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight to Leh. Upon arrival at Leh airport, transfer to the hotel and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day is free to get acclimatized to nature. Evening, visit Leh Palace, Shanti Stupa and local market.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04: LEH

After breakfast, drive to Indus valley to visit SHEY PALACE AND GOMPA: Situated on a hillock 15 Kms upstream from Leh, it was once the residence of the royal family. A 7.5 mts high copper statue of Buddha, plated with gold and the largest of its kind, is installed here.

THIKSEY GOMPA: 19 Kms from Leh, spectacularly sited, Thiksey is one of the largest and architecturally most impressive Gompas. There are several temples in this Gompa, containing images, stupas and wall paintings of Buddha, which are exquisite also called mini Potala palace.

HEMIS GOMPA: 40 Kms from Leh, it is the wealthiest, best known and biggest Gompa of Ladakh. Its popularity stems from the major annual festival held here in summer. The festival is in honor of Guru Padma Sambhava's birth anniversary. It also has the largest Thangka in Ladakh which is unfurled once in 12 years Hemis was built in 1630 during the reign of Singge Namgyal, an illustrious ruler of Ladakh. It is divided into two, the assembly hall on the right and the main temple on the left. The hall (Dukhang) is also used as "green room" by the dancers during the festival. The temple is known as Tshogkhang. Overnight stay at hotel in Leh.

DAY 05: LEH – BASGO – LIKIR – ALCHI (60 KMS – 3 TO 4 HRS)

After breakfast, drive on Leh Srinagar highway to Alchi. En-route, visit Likir monastery. On the way, travel through spectacular and magnificent view of landscape with beautiful mountains. Pass across Magnetic hill, confluence of Indus and Zaskar before Nimoo village; beautiful and charming villages of Ladakh Castel of Basgo. Visit Likir exquisite Gelugpa sect monastery built on hilltop with awe inspiring view of the valley, by Lhachen Gyalpo in 1065 AD. A Big Statue of Maitreya Buddha (Future Buddha) constructed outside the monastery and it was inaugurated by 14th Dalai Lama. Later, drive to Alchi village. After Saspol village, you cross Indus River over a bridge on left and follow the road that leads to Alchi. Visit the 1000 years Gelugpa sect Alchi monastery.

Overnight stay at Alchi.

DAY 06: ALCHI – LAMAYURU – FOTULA – MULBEK – KARGIL (178 KMS – 5 TO 6 HRS)

After breakfast, leave Alchi for Kargil. Enroute, visit Lamayuru monastery. Right from Alchi you enter in right side valley and continue drive onward to Mulbek. Halt at Lamayuru to visit the beautiful Digung sect monastery, founded on hilltop dominating the valley, by Lama Nyimagung. History says that great Mahasiddha Naropa visited this place and the sacred cave where he resided and meditated still to be seen inside the principle temple.

After the visit, keep on drive to Mulbek by crossing Fotula – 4090 m (The highest motor road pass in the Leh – Srinagar highway). You pass through several charming villages and spectacular landscape. Arrive at Kargil and check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Kargil. (3150m)

DAY 07: KARGIL – RANGDUM – PADUM (290 KMS – 8 TO 9 HRS)

After breakfast, drive you to Padum along the SURU Valley and continue your drive towards Rangdum Village which is an elliptical expanded plateau that is situated midway between Kargil and Padum. Located 130 km south-east of Kargil in the beautiful Suru Valley in Leh District, Rangdum is surrounded by steep hills, pastures, streams and mountains. Being the farthest region of the Suru Valley at an altitude of 3657 meters, it has evolved with a wild beauty. This isolated place is known for an old monastery, which is one of the most revered Buddhist places in Leh-Ladakh.

Padum the capital of the ancient kingdom of Zanskar, Padum (3505 m) is the present-day administrative headquarters of the region. With a population of nearly 1500, Padum can be described as the most populous settlement of Zanskar, otherwise a very scarcely inhabited valley. On way to Padum, visit Sani Monastery of Ladakh belongs to the southern branch of the Drukpa Kagyupa School. It is situated approximately 6 Kms to the west of Padum. The entire Sani Monastery of Ladakh has been built in parts, each dating back to a different century. Upon arrival in Padum, check-in at the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel at Padum.

DAY 08: PADUM (SIGHTSEEING IN ZANSKAR: - SANI GOMPA, BARDAN AND ZONGKUL MONASTERY)

After breakfast sightseeing at Zanskar- drive to Sani to visit the most famous monastery wherein you visit the sacred statues of Buddhas and Boddhisattavas. This monastery located and picturesquely built in the middle of field and houses. After the visit drive to Bardan monastery. On the way, enjoy the view of beautiful and charming villages of Zangskar valley. After visiting the Bardan village and its monastery, drive back to Padum. Evening, explore Padum.

Overnight stay at hotel in Padum.

DAY 09: PADUM (SIGHTSEEING IN ZANSKAR: - KARSHA AND STONGDE MONASTERY)

After breakfast, drive to Karsha to visit the monastery. Karsha (Pair of White i.e., Outer white and Inner white) is 7 Kms from Padum. Visit Gelugpa sect and largest monastery of Zanskar. The monastery picturesquely built on hilltop with imposing view of enchanting valley and tributary rivers (Tsarap and Doda river), by Great Lama Phagspa Shesrap (the translator of Zanskar). From the monastery, take pleasure of awesome and spectacular view of the capital of zanskar (Padum) and its surrounding mountains.

After the visit continue drive to Stongde village. Visit the beautiful monastery built on hilltop, overlooking the valley, by Lama Marpa 950 years ago. Approximately 60 monks are residing in this monastery. After the visit, return back to Padum. Afternoon, explore the Padum (The capital of Zanskar valley). Overnight stay at hotel in Padum.

DAY 10: PADUM – CHHA (DRIVE) – DORZONG VILLAGE (TREK)

After breakfast, drive to Chha village (on the banks of the Lungnak river) which is a site of ancient rock carvings which date back to the 8th century. During the day we shall visit the monastery of Bardan gompa. This monastery is located on the trek route. Our trek begins in Raru village. The day is a relatively easy walk to Lechar, going up down and across a wood bridge following the Tserap river up and down through Ichaer village, set in a rocky landscape.

The campsite is at Dorzong village and overnight at camps.

DAY 11: TREK KALBOK – PHUKTHAL GOMPA (5 – 6 HRS)

After breakfast, start the trek journey for Phukthal and pass through the little village of Purni, continue our trek a little further to reach Phukthal Gompa. Visit the famous Phukthal monastery during the day. Phukthal is by far the most spectacularly located monastic establishment in Ladakh. The Phukthal complex spills out of the mouth of a cave high up on the vertical mountainside of a gorge through which a major tributary of the Lung-nak River flows. The foundation of Phukthal dates back to the early 12th century. Overnight campsite at gompa.

DAY 12: TREK PHUKTHAL – TANGTAK GOMPA (6 – 7 HRS)

Breakfast at the camp. From the Phukthal monastery ascend along the Tserap river. Many downs and ups follow the main valley of gorge and rocky landscape, crossing some streams along the way. And good chance to see wildlife, such as Himalayan Mountain Sheep and Snow Leopard. This day is very long and steep. The track rises and keeps on ascending till Shade village. See the junction of Tserap and the Stongday river on the other side of the river. It is possible to use this trail towards Yarshun, Mashu, Tangthak. After leaving the junction and walking for about 2 hours, there is river crossing just before the very nice campsite near the riverbank. Overnight in camp.

DAY 13: TREK – DAY TRIP TO SHADE (3 – 4 HRS)

After breakfast, explore the village, meeting the locals and back to camp. Overnight in camp.

DAY 14: TREK TANGTHAK – HORMOCHE VIA NAYLOKUNGTSE LA AND GOTUNGLA (7 – 8 HRS)

After breakfast, easy climb gradually up through the beautiful valley, past a volcanic mountain gradually to the pass. From the top you have a very nice view. After easy walk but long way to get to the next pass, in between that the nice view of lake is spectacular. From the second pass it is steep, giving lovely views of the lake and the majestic volcanic mountains. You might be surprised with a rare glimpse of a snow leopard, or the more common Ibex and yak. Overnight at campsite.

DAY 15: TREK HORMOCHE – SATHAK VILLAGE (6 – 7 HRS)

After breakfast, easy walk along field, passing along the Tserap river. Up and down through nice landscape, rocky, gorge, and cross a river coming from Tibet border. Set up camp Sathak village.

DAY 16: TREK SATHAK – TSOKMESIK (6 – 7 HRS)

After breakfast, continue (from the camp) on the left side until reaching the first small pass. From the pass very nice view of gorge landscape of rock and riverbank, chance to see Ibex. This day many up and downs as trail passes through beautiful way along the riverbank. Set up camp at Tsokmesik.

DAY 17: TREK TSOKMESIK – MARANG LA BASE (4 – 5 HRS)

Today is easy walk following the narrow valley passing through stream river and bushes and gradually up to camp. Set up about 4450 mtr. Overnight at camp at Marang La base.

DAY 18: TREK TO LUNGO VIA MARANG LA (6 – 7 HRS)

After breakfast, start from the camp with very steep climb till Marang la pass {5300m} and rest at top. The trek down on other side is initially steep, leading to a broad plateau. From here, the trek is a gentle descent through many valleys till Lungo {4100mt} set up camp. Overnight at camp.

DAY 19: TREK LUNGO – SANGTHA (6 – 7 HRS)

After breakfast, start from the camp along the river following it downstream. Enroute cross a small village of Nomad from Karnek region and cross Stupa ""chorten"". You may meet the peoples from Tibet nomads. Overnight camp at near riverbank.

DAY 20: TREK SANGTHA – PANGCHE DO (NOMAD VILLAGE)

After breakfast, easy walk along the stream of the river passing small village & Monasteries along with chances to see ""Kang"" wild horses. Afternoon, meeting with nomads visit House. Evening, interesting to see animals like yak, sheep, goat, Coming from mountain. Overnight camp.

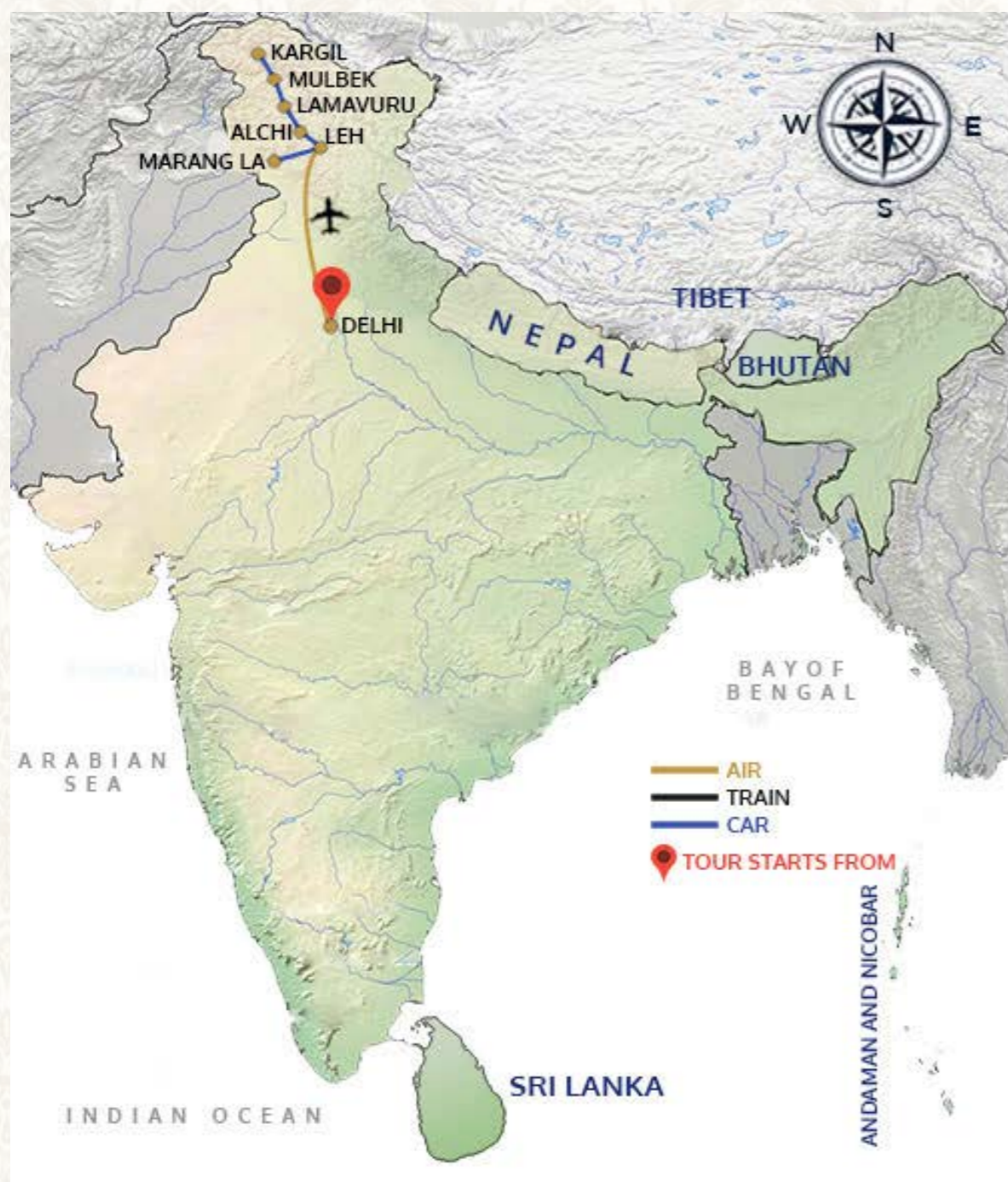
DAY 21: DRIVE TO LEH

After breakfast, check out from the camp and drive to Leh. Arrive at Leh and check in at the hotel. Time to relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 22: LEH – DELHI

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to airport for flight to Delhi. Arrive at Delhi and transfer to the hotel for transit stay. Check in at the hotel.

Transfer to international airport to fly back home / onward destination.



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