

# Attractions of Kashmir and Leh Ladakh

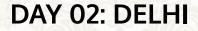
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14 days trip starting from \$1918 per person

An outstanding trip for the nature lovers with stunning mountain views. The fascinating Himalayas have been luring travellers from all over the world. On this tour, we start our journey from Delhi onto Kashmir and then explore the rough barren landscapes and high altitudes of Ladakh region via some of the most exciting and breath-taking landscape - the pick is yours! The Kashmir valley, once the favourite summer halts of the Mughals, has been described as paradise on earth by various writers and poets through ages. Its bountiful natural beauty with sprawling greenery, verdant lakes and magnificent bloom of flowers in the shadow of the great Himalayan snow caped mountains, has allured many tourists over the years. 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 and such harsh, yet eloquent beauty typically ornaments the 'little Tibet'.

# 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.



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 – SRINAGAR

After breakfast, checkout from hotel and transfer to airport for flight for Srinagar. Arrive at Srinagar Airport and transfer to the hotel. Check-in at the hotel.

Later, sightseeing by visiting Mughal Gardens, Chashmi-e Shahi, Nishat & Shalimar Bagh and The Shankaracharya Temple. In the evening, enjoy The Shikara ride on Dal Lake. Overnight stay at hotel.

#### DAY 04: SRINAGAR – GULMARG (55 KMS – 11/2 HRS)

Post breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Gulmarg by surface. Upon arrival at Gulmarg, check-in at the hotel. Later, sightseeing of Gulmarg by visiting –

Gulmarg Gondola is the second longest and second-highest cable car in the world. Divided into two phases, it ferries almost 600 people per hour to and from the Apharwat Mountain. Phase 1 of Gulmarg Gondola ferries people from Gulmarg Resort to Kongdoori Station. Phase 2 of Gulmarg Gondola connects Kongdoori Mountain to Apharwat Peak.

Gulmarg is a hill town in Jammu and Kashmir which is gaining a lot of popularity for its ski terrain which is Ideal for both, amateur and professional skiers.

Visit the highest 18-hole golf course in the world, the Gulmarg Golf Course which is also the longest in India. It is very beautiful and consists of a meadow with various varieties of beautiful and rare species of flowers. Return to hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

# DAY 05: GULMARG – SONMARG (125 KMS – 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> HRS)

Post breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Sonmarg by surface. Upon arrival at Sonmarg, check-in at the hotel. Sonmarg is known to be one of the most beautiful sightseeing spots in Kashmir. Once you reach there, you will experience a pony ride to the Thajiwas Glacier that is filled with snow.

Visit to Baltal Valley. There is a cave that can be accessed by trekking, by ponies or by a helicopter service. It is one of the most popular tourist places and is worth for the trek.

Visit Zoji La Pass which is located about 9 Kms from Sonmarg and is a very important link between Kashmir and Ladakh. It is known for its thick snow-covered layers along the road. Overnight stay at the hotel.

# DAY 06: SONMARG – ULEYTOKPO (280 KMS – 7½ HRS)

After early breakfast, check out from the hotel and depart toward Kargil and driving over Zojila pass at the altitude of 3800 meters above sea level. Drive to the pass, one gets a beautiful view of lush green meadows of Baltal and Sind valley. From the

pass, it is good 3 – 4 Hrs drive to Kargil via Drass (the second coldest village in the world after Siberia). After crossing the Kargil, continue drive to Uleytokpo which takes 5 – 6 Hrs from Kargil. On the way you can visit 8 metres high Maitreya statue – an image of future Buddha, cut into the rock face and dating back about 700 AD. This village is called Mulbek. It is the first Buddhist village after Kargil. Drive via Futo La pass (4147 meters), the route's highest pass, then Namika La Pass (3760 metres). Upon arrival at Uleytokpo,

check-in at the resort. Overnight at the Ule Ethnic resort.

#### DAY 07: ULEYTOKPO - LEH (70 KMS - 11/2 HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the resort and leave for Leh by surface. On the way, see the confluence of Indus and Zanskar Rivers with difference in colour. Upon arrival at Leh, check-in to the hotel. Time to relax.

# DAY 08: LEH – NUBRA VIA KHARDUNG LA PASS (125 KMS – 5 HRS)

After early breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Nubra Valley by surface via the World's Highest Motorable road (5602 Meters) – Khardung La pass. After crossing the pass, stop at Khardung village to explore the area and visit to local school. Upon arrival at Nubra Valley, check- in at the Camps. Later, visit Hunder is a beautiful village to stay with lot of trees and you will really enjoy your stay at Hunder. It has a small monastery and ruined fort above the village. Later visit the famous Diskit Monastery. Overnight stay at the camp.

#### DAY 09: NUBRA (SUMUR – PANAMIK – DISKIT AND HUNDER)

After breakfast, drive to Village Sumur. Visit the Samtanling monastery to witness the prayer. Later, drive to Panamik – famous for hot Sulphur Springs. You may take a bath at the springs, which is said to be very good for the skin. Back to the Camp and lunch.

Post lunch, visit Diskit monastery one of the main monasteries in this area which belong the Yellow Hat sect or Gyluk pa order in local and this monastery is also one of the branches of Thisey monastery and the village. Visit Hunder which is a beautiful village to stay with lot of trees and enjoy your stay at Hunder. It has a small monastery and ruined fort above the village. The walk or Camel Safari (Double Hump Bactrian camels) from Hunder to Diskit, through sand dunes for two hours is wonderful. Overnight stay at the Hotel.

#### DAY 10: NUBRA – LEH (125 KMS – 5 HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Leh (by surface) via Khardung La pass. Upon arrival at Leh, check-in at the hotel. Evening, explore Leh bazaar on your own. Overnight stay at the hotel.

# DAY 11: LEH – PANGONG LAKE (140 KMS – 5 HRS)

After early morning breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Pangong Lake, which is the largest brackish lake in Asia, with a larger part of it extending into Tibet. The lake is 130Kms long and 5 Kms at its widest point with half of it running to the other side of the Indo-China border. Despite of being a salt-water lake, it freezes completely during winter. There is no marine life here, except for a few migrating birds now and then like gulls and brahminy ducks.

Being at the border, the furthest point one is allowed to go to, is Spangmik, about 7 km along its western bank, but it is enough to take back the most beautiful memories of Ladakh. The very barrenness and vastness of the area contributes to its striking beauty. Spangmik offers spectacular views of the mountains of the Changchenmo range to the north, and their reflections in the ever-changing blues and greens of the lake's brackish waters. Above Spangmik, one can see the glaciers and snow-capped

peaks of the Pangong range. Overnight stay at the camp.

#### DAY 12: PANGONG – LEH (140 KMS – 5 HRS)

After breakfast, checkout from the camp and leave for Leh via Chang La pass. On the way you may spot some wild animals like Marmot etc. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

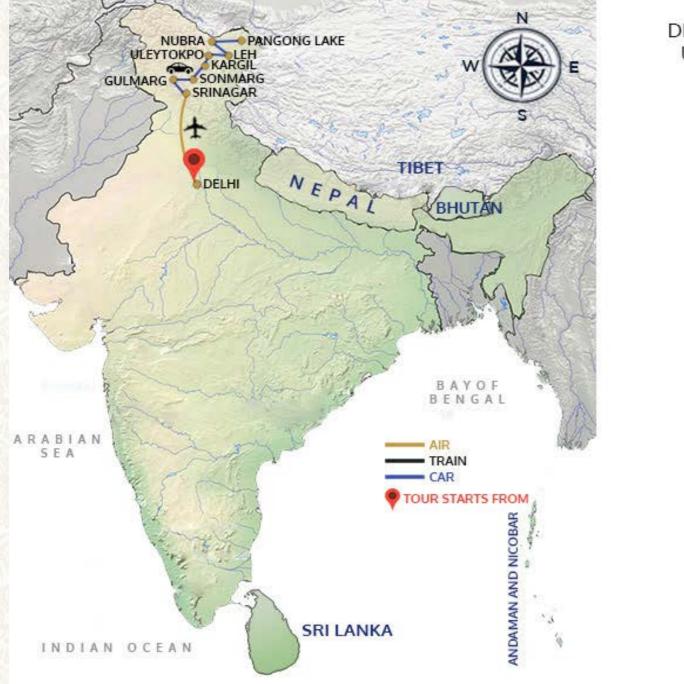
# DAY 13: LEH – DELHI

After early breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight to Delhi. Upon arrival at Delhi airport, transfer to the hotel and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day is free. Overnight stay at the hotel.

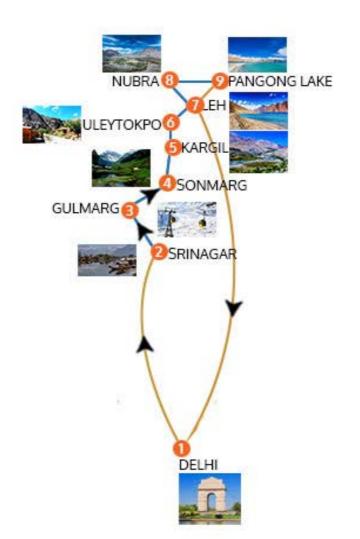
#### DAY 14: DEPART DELHI

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day at leisure. Late checkout from the hotel.

Evening, transfer to hotel near airport for dinner and then transfer to international airport to fly back home / onward destination.



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