LEH/LADAKH 10D/9N

ITINERARY

Highlights: Leh city, Shey, Thiksey, Hemis, Khardung-la, Nubra valley, Pangong Lake, Tsokar Lake, Tsomoriri Lake, Tsokar Lake, Alchi Monastery, Sangam, Hall of Fame, Magnetic-hill, Gurudwara Pathar Sahib

4 Nights leh 1 nights Kargil 1 Night Nubra 1 Night Pangong 1 Night Tsomoriri 1 Night Tsokar

Overview

Ladakh is a high altitude mountainous region bounded by the Karakoram Range from the north and the Great Himalayas in the south. It is a land that abounds in awesome physical features set in an enormous and spectacular environment. Often described as 'Moonland' on account of the unique lunar landscape, Ladakh was an independent mountain kingdom for close to a millennium. Leh, the royal capital, was a major crossroads of Asia and a stopping point on the ancient migration routes of the trans-Himalayas, connecting Central Asia with the Indian sub-continent. Its landscape, sky, shooting stars, silence, wizened faces, rosy cheeks, dragons and Zen - everything makes Ladakh a quite place to visit. This ethereal cold desert that goes by names such as 'The Last Shangrila', Moonscape, Little Tibet and so many others - all of which ring true, is a land that seldom fails to baffle or surprise. Ladakh, the land of jagged peaks and barren landscape is alluring and awe-inspiring.

In this Lakes and passes with Nubra Valley, we travel through the ancient kingdom of Ladakh, soaking in the beauty of its captivating landscape, visiting monasteries, villages, palaces and humble homes, Khardung-la Pass, Changla Pass, Pangong Lake, Tsomoriri Lake, Tsokar Lake (salty lake) Nubra Valley; Indus Valley a journey that will truly make you want to return - such is the mesmerizing effect of the hospitable people in this enchanting Buddhist land called Ladakh.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Leh; 3505 meters / 11567 feet.

Arrive Kushok Bakula airport Leh - 3500m above sea level. Half Day at rest for acclimatization.

After Lunch drive to **Visit Shanti Stupa & Leh Palace**, Later in the evening walk around local market. Overnight stay at the hotel

Day 02: Drive Sham Valley & Alchi -70km

After breakfast, carry packed lunch for the day. Sightseeing of 1000 year old **Alchi monastery** the only Gompa in Ladakh region on flat ground. Thereafter proceed to the **Likir Monastrey** to visit the splendid three storeys Dharma Wheel Gompa. Here you'll be awestruck with the sight of the massive Buddha statues., **Indus & Zanskar river Sangam**, drive along the Indus river visiting, **Pathar Sahib Gurdwara and Magnetic Hill** (where the cars defy gravity), **Basgo** Palace Hiking only and further on to Leh **Hall of Fame** (which has a museum of the Kargil War memorabilia) Overnight stay at the hotel

Day 03:

Tour of Khardungla Pass 18380 Ft. Nubra Valley and Hundur Sand Dunes –

Drive 120 Kms 4.5hrs After Breakfast drive to Nubra Valley via Khardungla (Highest Motorable road in the World, 18,380 ft) Arrive at Hundur by Afternoon. Rest of the day, Post lunch free to explore Deskit, Hunder Villages and camel Safari in Sand Dunes between Deskit and Hunder Village. Overnight stay at the camp

Day 04:

After Breakfast proceed to Diskit monastery which is 515 years old

After Breakfast visit Deskit Monastery and drive back to Leh by same Route, crossing Khardungla Pass. Reach Leh by afternoon. Evening free time at Leisure to explore Leh market. Overnight stay at the hotel

Day 05: Tour of Pangong Lake- It is the highest land locked lake (155 Kms One way) en-route Visit Shey & Thiksey

After early Breakfast leave for Pangong Lake (14,500 ft), through Changla Pass 17,350 ft., it is the third highest motorable road in the world. Arrive Pangong Lake it is the highest salt water Lake in the World, shared by two countries India & China. Enjoy the beauty of the lake on the Banks of Pangong Lake while appreciating the changing Colors and fascinating high altitude of the Lake. Overnight stay at camp

Day 06:Drive back to Leh via Hemis Monastery, evening is Free for market

Overnight stay at the hotel

Day 07:

Leh - Chumathang - Tsomoriri (240 km/06hrs)

After breakfast leave for Tsomoriri. A comfortable journey along the Indus upstream till Mahey Bridge passing through many small villages. At Mahey we cross the Indus to the right and re-enter a narrow gorge. It's a picturesque drive to Tsomoriri. Camp at Korzok village next to the lake. Evening walk around the Tsomoriri. Overnight stay at the camp.

Day 08:

Tsomoriri – Tsokar 105km 03hrs

Early morning again visit the lake for the sunrise. After breakfast drive to Tsokar. We return on the same route for about 50 kilometres, at Sumdah-a small Tibetan settlement we turn left passing through the Puga valley. You will have chance to see many birds at Puga. From here drive on to cross a small pass and than reach Tsokar Lake. Tsokar is a small salt lake. The nomad of this area used to Trade in rock salt extracted from Tsokar. Overnight in Camp.

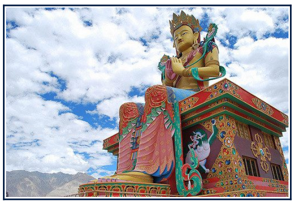
Day 09:

Tsokar-Taglanglha (17480ft)-Upshi-Leh. Approx.150 kilometres-5 to 6 hours.

After a visit to the lake and the breakfast we drive on west to the Leh-Manali highway, from here turn left on the Mor-E plan and than ascend to Taglanglha pass. From here drive to Upshi and towards Leh

Day 10: Depart Leh

On time departure transfer to Leh airport



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