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See India Differently...

Ladakh – Little Tibet

Come and see Little Tibet and we'll show you India's thriving Buddhist community. You get there by a trans Himalayan flight from Delhi, seeing spectacular mountain views and can visit the Hemis Monastery (thought by some scholars to be where Jesus learnt about Buddhism), experience local life and drive the highest motorable pass in the world.

Where is Ladakh?



Itinerary

Delhi –Leh-Delhi

12 days

From: \$2,000
(including
domestic airfare)



Some places you will visit...



Stok Palace, former Royal residence



Alchi Monastery, Buddhist prayer rolls



Sankar Monastery



Khardongla, world's highest motorable pass

Accommodation



Above: Lasmero

*Breakfast & Dinner included in all hotels.

Delhi:

2 nights: Imperial Hotel
(luxury hotel in the Oberoi Group)

Ladakh:

8 nights: Lasermo Hotel
(highest rated hotel by Trip Advisor)

Alchi:

1 night: Alchi Resort
(recommended by National Geographic)

Detailed Itinerary. . .

Day 01 Arrive Delhi

Arrive at Delhi International airport you will be met by a representative and transferred to hotel.

Day 02 Delhi – Leh flight

Early morning you will be transferred to the domestic airport in Delhi for your trans-Himalayan flight to Leh. Upon arrival, you will be met by your Guide and transferred to your hotel. We recommend you relax and undergo minimal exertion to enable yourselves acclimatize to the high Himalayan plateau.

Day 03: Leh - Half day tour

After breakfast, your guide will accompany you as you explore the ancient town of Leh on foot. After a couple of hours, return to your hotel for lunch. After lunch you are driven west to visit the Shanti Stupa, whose sides are decorated with gilt panels depicting episodes from the life of Buddha. It is one of the several monuments erected around India by a sect of Japanese Buddhists. Following that, you are driven to Sankar Monastery nestled amid the shimmering coppices & terraced fields of Barley. The Gompa (Monastery in local language), contains a collection of miniature statues of pure gold and ancient paintings(called Thangkas) also done with gold. We return to our hotel in the evening.

Day 04: Leh -Hemis - Thiksey - Shey

After breakfast, we visit Hemis Monastery, the biggest and the wealthiest in Ladakh. From Hemis, you are driven westwards to Thiksey Monastery, located on a hilltop with formidable views of the Indus valley. After visiting the interiors of the Monastery the tour continues to Shey, the former summer palace of the King of Ladakh. Finally we drive back to Leh.

Day 05: Leh - Alchi

After breakfast, we start our drive to Alchi, 70 kms west of Leh, south of the village of Saspol. Alchi's large temple complex founded in the 11th century is regarded as one of the most important Buddhist centres in Ladakh and a jewel of monastic skill. You will also have an opportunity to witness villagers using primitive methods to grind the wheat along the road side. After our visit to the Alchi Monastery, we drive back to hotel.

Day 06: Alchi - Lamayuru - Leh

After early breakfast, we leave for Lamayuru Monestry. It was founded n the 11th century and is one of the most picturesque gompas in central Ladakh. It is also believed to be the oldest gompa in central Ladakh and to have been the holy place of the Bon-chos, the advent of Buddhism. Afternoon picnic lunch at the Lamayuru village. After lunch, explore Lamayuru village on foot, then we drive back to Leh.

Detailed Itinerary (cont'd)...

Day 07: Leh - Saboo - Leh

After breakfast, we drive to Saboo village to see the village life of Ladakh. We visit the local Buddhist house to see the private chapels and also visit a traditional kitchen to get a demonstration of preparing Gur Gur tea(local tea mixed with milk, butter & salt). Afternoon picnic lunch at a local house, then continue to drive back to Leh. Evening free to explore the local market at leisure.

Day 8: Leh - Stok - Tibetan Handicraft

After breakfast, we drive to Stok Palace, the former residence of the Royal family of Ladakh. We visit the museum in which the family's heirlooms and relics are displayed, a reminder of Ladakh's vanished past as an independent kingdom. We then visit the Tibetan Handicraft Centre / Tibetan school, followed by Choglamsar, which is the largest settlement of Tibetan refugees.

Day 9: Leh - Khardongla

After morning breakfast, we drive to Khardongla, the highest motorable road in the world, with a view of Karakoram and Stok range. Drive back to Leh. You have a time for shopping. Overnight: Hotel Lasermo, breakfast and dinner included.

Day 10: Leh

At your leisure to explore the local market.

Day 11: Fly, Leh - Delhi

After early breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport in Leh for your flight to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi, you will be met by our representative and transferred to the Imperial Hotel.

Day 12: At leisure

If you are interested in this package, please contact us:

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