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**LADAKH TOUR PACKAGE - VIA SHYOK - PANGONG - LEH ROUTE**

**(Customized for TRAVEL MANAGEMENT, PUNE)**

***Tour Route: Leh- Indus Valley -- Sham Valley - Nubra Valley - Pangong Lake.***

***Duration: 06 nights / 07 days.***

**Day-1**: **Arrival Leh (Alt: 11500 / 3505 M)- Acclimatization / Visit City Centre..**

Arrive Leh and transfer to the hotel. After welcome drink / breakfast take complete rest for acclimatization to the high altitude and rarefied air of Ladakh. In the late afternoon proceed on a short orientation tour of the old city centre and take leisurely walks through the main markets of this historic town.. **Overnight at Leh**.



**Day-2: In Leh: Visit Palaces & Monasteries.**

After breakfast, proceed on sightseeing tour of the Indus Valley monasteries & palaces starting from the dramatically located ***Thiksey Monastery***, a major Gelukpa foundation dating from the 16th century. Thereafter drive further up the Indus Valley to visit the 17th century ***Hemis* *Monastery,*** biggest monastery and principal seat of the *Drukpa-Kargyut* monastic order in the Ladakh region. A museum here displays the centuries-old art treasure of the monastery and is well worth exploring.

On the way back from Hemis, you may walk up the hill at Shey to visit ***Shey Palac***e, earliest royal capital of Ladakh founded in the 16th century. Within the complex you can view the two gigantic copper-gilt statues of the Buddha dating from the 17th century. Thereafter you may like to visit the Druk Padma School (of ***3 Idiot Film fame)*** at Shey if interested . **Overnight at Leh.**

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**Day-3:**  **Leh- Khardongla - Nubra Valley / 125 kms / 4-5 hours**

After breakfast leave for ***Nubra Valley***, driving across ***Khardong-la*** (alt: 18,380 ft.), highest motorable pass in the world. Nubra Valley lies between the Karakoram & Ladakh ranges at an average altitude of 10,000 ft. Till closure of the trans-Karakoram trade route by the Chinese in 1949, Nubra Valley was a busy route for the Central Asian trade

Reach Deskit (headquarters of Nubra valley) in the afternoon and visit the gigantic image of ***Maitreya Buddha (32 mtrs***) seated out on a hillock which was inaugurated by The Dalai Lama in 2010, Thereafter drive on to Hunder & check-in at your accommodation. Later, proceed to explore the white ***Sand Dunes*** where you can also take a short camel Safari on the double-humped *Bactrian* camel found here (*optional - direct payment*). **Overnight at Nubra. Day-4:** **Nubra Valley - Pangong Lake via Shyok -Durbuk Route / 155 kms. / 4 - 5 hours**

**Afternoon: Pangong to Leh via Changla pass / 150 kms. / 4- 5 hours..**

After early breakfast, drive towards Pangong Lake along the ***Shyok River vall*ey** amidst spectacular mountain sceneries, en-route passing through the pretty villages of Aghyam, Shyok, Durbuk & Tangtse. ***Pangong Lake*** (alt: 14,500 ft.), the largest brackish water lake of Asia, is about 4-5 kms wide and about 135 kms long, of which some two-third portion lies on the other side of the *Indo-China border*.

After exploring the beauty of *Pangong* Lake for a couple of hours, drive back toward Leh via ***Chang-la* pass** (alt: 17370 ft/ 5486 meters), 3rd highest motorable pass in the world. Reach Leh in the evening. **Overnight at Leh**.



**Day-5: In Leh: visit Shanti Stupa - Leh Palace – Leh City Centre / 3 - 4 hours**

After leisurely breakfast or by lunch time, proceed on half day tour around Leh, visiting ***Shanti Stupa****,* a prominent landmark located on a great vantage point overlooking the valley, followed by visiting the 9-storied ***Leh Palace*** dating from the 1600 AD, a historic landmark of Leh which renders a unique heritage character to the town. Wind up the tour with a short walking tour of the main markets and exploring the city centre.

**Overnight at Leh.**

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**Day- 6**: **In Leh: Visit Alchi –Likir (Sham Valley) Circuit /180 kms round trip / 4-5 hours**

After breakfast proceed to explore the Sham Valley circuit, driving all the way to Alchi and visit the 11th century ***Alchi* *Choskor***, oldest surviving monastic complex of Ladakh and famous for its ancient wall frescoes and architecture – now a UNESCO listed heritage site. While returning towards Leh, drive up the hill to visit the 14th century ***Likir* *Monastery****,* where you can also view a recently installed colossal image of the Maitreya Buddha seated out in the open. Thereafter visit ***Sangam*** (confluence of Indus & Zanskar Rivers), ***Magnetic Point***, ***Gurudwara Pathar* *Sahib***and ***Hall of Fame*** (museum of military heritage).

**Overnight at Leh.**

**Day-7:** **Departure Leh: Transfer to Airport.**

Early morning transfer to the airport for taking the flight back home.

**Remarks on the tour program:**

i) *Sequence of the* *day-wise tour program may change depending upon traffic schedules / restrictions on some roads and other unforeseen travel-related conditions* **TOUR COSTS: Cost Per Person in INR on MAP:**

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| **02 Pax in 01 room** | **03 pax in 01 room** | **04 Pax in**  **02 rooms** | **06 pax in**  **02 rooms** | **06 Pax in**  **3 rooms** | **08 pax**  **04 rooms** | **09 pax**  **03 rooms** | **10 pax**  **05 rooms** |
| 39,000/- | 30,500/- | 28,500/- | 24,000/- | 25,000/- | 24,500/- | NA | 23,000/- |

**Taxes: GST Included.**

**PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation on double / twin or triple sharing rooms (base category) in listed hotels..

- Daily breakfast & dinner – all in buffet on fixed menu) *(06 b/fast & 06 dinners for each member)*

- Transfers & Sightseeing by ***Non -A/C Taxi ( Xylo / Innova / Similar Vehicle for 02 to 0 6- pax group,***

***and by Tempo Traveler Coach for above 6 pax till 10 pax*** as per the itinerary

- Terms & conditions of the transport package / service. are as follows:-

* + *The vehicle provided is for sightseeing on point–to-point basis as per the itinerary and not at disposal after the prescribed tour or outside the tour routes.*
  + *Places / sites not visited as per the given tour sequence / route on guest’s own advice / choice will not be revisited except on extra payment as per applicable transport rate*.
  + *Driver of the taxi is not a guide. He will only provide basic information about the tour routes.*
  + *Usage of the vehicle's AC will be on extra payment for the distance run with AC and this will be dealt with the driver of the vehicle directly.*

- Innerline Permits, Ladakh Environment fee / wildlife fee / Red Cross fee.

- All expenses related to the driver & vehicle (except AC usage).

- ***No refund on unutilized services of the package (hotel, transport, meals etc.)***

**Hotels / camps to be used:**

Leh : -          Hotel Caravan Centre (05 nts):

Nubra:-        Hotel Karma Inn / Himalayan Eco Resort / Similar at Hunder-Nubra (01 nts.).

**Package Exclusions :**

- Any expense of personal nature such as tips, laundry, telephone calls, fax etc.

- Entrance Fees for visiting Monument, Monasteries & Museums.

- Any kind of drinks (Alcoholic, Mineral, Aerated).

- Rafting / Camel Safari Charges, if any.

- **Costs incidental to any change in the itinerary.**

- ***Any expense incurred or loss caused by reasons beyond our control such as bad weather, natural calamities, flight delays / rescheduling / cancellations, any accidents / medical evacuations, riots/ strikes/war, & etc.*** - Anything not specifically mentioned under the head “Package Cost Inclusions”.

- Any expenses incurred on extra transport service

- Room service & additional meals.

- Medical & Travel insurance.

- Guide Fee, Camera Fee, if any.

**General Terms & Conditions of Service & Payment:-**

- 25% of the Tour Cost ( ***Non Refundable)***  for booking of the tour

- All bookings and confirmations are subject to availability in the specified hotels.

- Rates are subject to change without prior notice