

## Ladakh – Crown of India 08 Days / 07 Nights



\* Ex - Leh

Leh, Nubra Valley & Pangong Lake

### HIGHLIGHTS-

- ☑ Explore Shey Palace, the 15th century summer palace and monastery of Leh's royal family.
- ☑ Discover the beautiful monasteries of Ladakh.
- ☑ Visit Hemis Monastery - the largest and wealthiest gompa in Ladakh.
- ☑ Marvel the white sand dunes at Hunder.
- ☑ Experience a journey via Khardungla pass - the world's highest motorable road.
- ☑ Stay near the famous Pangong Lake.

### Tour Itinerary

#### [Day 1 : ARRIVE LEH](#)

Welcome to your tour! On arrival at Airport in Leh, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Leh is in the abode of the rocky paradise of Ladakh depicting eternal beauty and wrapped in the most beautiful design of mighty Himalayas. On arrival, check-in at your hotel. Spend the rest of the day acclimatizing to the climate of Ladakh. Overnight in Leh - None (Meals on your own)

#### [Day 2 : IN LEH](#)

This morning, after breakfast, proceed to visit Shanti Stupa built by Japanese monks to promote world peace. This large hilltop stupa has brightly colored reliefs on its mid-levels and is topped by a spired white hemisphere (smoking is prohibited here). Visit the eye-catching Sankar Gompa monastery. Lastly,

visit Leh Palace, dilapidated yet interesting, which was built in the 17th century in the grand tradition of Tibetan architecture. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Leh (B).

### [Day 3 : ON TO NUBRA VALLEY](#)

This morning, drive to Nubra Valley, popularly known as Dorma or 'the valley of flowers' via Khardungla Pass - the world's one of the highest motorable road. On arrival, check-in to your camp. Later in the afternoon, visit the Diskit Monastery and the giant statue of Maitreya Buddha which is the tallest Buddha statue in Ladakh. Later, visit the white sand dunes at Hunder where you can enjoy the Double Humped Bactrian camel ride (ride on direct payment basis). Overnight in Nubra Valley. (B, L, D).

### [Day 4 : ON TO LEH](#)

After breakfast, drive back to Leh. En route visit Khardungla Pass which is 39 kms away from Leh. Khardung-La which means 'Pass of Lower Castle,' is major caravan route from Leh to Kashgar in Central Asia. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Leh (B).

### [Day 5 : IN LEH](#)

This morning, after breakfast, visit Alchi, (3500 m / 11500 feet) a small village in the Indus Valley, 67 kms west of Leh. Abandoned centuries ago the gompa or monastery is known as Chos-kor or religious enclave and comprises of five temples. En route see the majestic Sangam - Confluence (where two rivers meet each other). Zaskar is the river formed from the junction of two streams, Lungnak means 'dark gorge' and Stod, which carries the melt water of the great Drang-drung glacier.

See the marvelous Magnetic Hill, a gravity hill located near Leh. The hill is alleged to have magnetic properties strong enough to pull cars uphill and force passing aircraft to increase their altitude in order to escape magnetic interference. Visit Military Hall of Fame, a glorious museum constructed by Indian army. You can see biographies of eminent defense personalities, images and weapons used during Kargil war, Siachen and its heroes and their daily instruments and lifestyle of Ladakhi people.

You will also visit Gurudwara Pathar Sahib, a beautiful Gurudwara constructed in the memory of Guru Nanak, about 25 miles away from Leh and Spituk Monastery a famous for its wide and varied collections of ancient masks, icons, antique arms and numerous Thangkas. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Leh (B)

### [Day 6 : ON TO PANGONG](#)

This morning, after breakfast, proceed to Pangong Tso, a lake which is 134 km long and extends from India to Tibet. 60% of the length of the lake lies in China. During winter, the lake freezes completely, despite being saline water.

En route visit Shey Palace, the 15th century summer palace and monastery of Leh's Royal family; the 800 year old gompa at Thiksey built on a hilltop and modeled on the famous Potala Palace in Lhasa. Before reaching Pangong Lake, you will pass through the Changla, a high mountain pass and the world's

3rd highest motorable road. It is on the route to Pangong Lake from Leh. The name literally means 'Pass towards the South' or 'Pass in the South' (Chang = south, La = Pass). The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Pangong. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7 : ON TO LEH

This morning, after breakfast, drive around the Pangong Lake and don't forget to click photos!! Continue to Leh. En route visit Hemis Monastery hidden in a gorge, the largest and wealthiest gumpa in Ladakh. Visit Stok Palace, famous for beautiful gardens and the view of sunrise as well as sunset is amazing from the palace. At present, the palace is open to visits and presents a collection of royal attires, crown and other royal materials. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Leh (B)

#### Day 8 : DEPART LEH \* RETURN HOME WITH HAPPY MEMORIES

Today, bid farewell to your tour, as you are transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)