

**MONASTARY TOUR OF LADAKH**

Duration: 18 Days / 17 Nights

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**Day 01: Arrive Delhi**

Assistance upon arrival at New Delhi. Transfer to your hotel and overnight at hotel in New Delhi.

**Day 02: Delhi – Leh**

Early in the morning transfer to airport to catch a flight for Leh. On arrival at Leh airport met our representative and then transfer to hotel for relax and acclimatization. Overnight at hotel in Leh.

**Day 03: Leh – Shey – Thiksey - Hemis**

On this day you will go a sightseeing trip to some ancient monasteries in this area. **Shey Gompa** is about 15 kms from Leh. It used to be the summer palace of the kings of Ladakh. There are lots of Stupas and Gompas built around the palace. Shey palace was built by Deldan Namgyal in the beginning of 17<sup>th</sup> century AD. Main attraction in Shey is the 12m Shakyamuni Buddha statue inside the Dresthang Gompa. **Thiksey Gompa**, close to Shey is about 17 kms from Leh. The monastery is considered to be one of the most beautiful in Ladakh and belongs to the Gelukspa order. **Hemis**, about 45 kms south of Leh it is one of the most famous and largest monastery in Ladakh. It belongs to the Drukpa order and was founded in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. The setting is perfect with the monastery cradled in a lovely valley, surrounded by streams and fronted by long Mani walls. Overnight stay at the guest house.

**Day 04: Leh – Alchi**

After breakfast drive to Alchi, en route visit Basgo Palace and Likir Monastery. The present Gompa in Likir dates back to the 18th century. It contains huge clay images of Buddha and various old manuscripts. It also houses an interesting collection of Thangkas, old religious and domestic costumes and implements etc. Arrive in Alchi by the afternoon. Visit the monastery at Alchi; spend the afternoon exploring the village. Overnight in a camp or a guest house.

**Day 05: Alchi – Lamayuru**

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing of Lamayuru Monastery. Lamayuru has fascinating caves carved out of the mountainside. Also known as Yung Drung (Swastika) it is sited on a high promontory overlooking the village and valley. For sheer spectacle value no other Gompa can match Lamayuru. Overnight stay in guest house/hotel.

**Day 06: Lamayuru – Kargil**

In the morning we visit the Lamayuru monastery to be part of the morning religious ceremony. It's a very soothing and spiritual experience to be there among these warm and friendly monks. Then drive to Kargil and overnight stay in the hotel.

**Day 07: Kargil – Rangdum**

In the morning after breakfast we drive towards Suru valley along Suru River. Enroute we see the mighty twin peaks of Nun & Kun that are among the most challenging peaks in Ladakh. By evening we arrive at Rangdum plains in Zanskar region. Overnight stay in the tents in the picturesque campsite.

**Day 08: Rangdum – Padum**

In the morning we start and visit the famous Rangdum Monastery perched on a solitary rock in the middle of the valley. After that we drive to Padum, the capital of Zanskar region. By late afternoon we reach Padum and check in at the hotel for the overnight stay at Guest House.

**Day 09 & Day 10: Padum**

Visit various monasteries & villages for 2 days. Stay overnight at the hotel in Padum. Places that can be visited in and around Padum like Karsha, Sani –Zongkhul, Thongde, Zangla, Bardan - Pibting etc. overnight stay at Guest House.

**Day 11: Padum – Rangdum**

Morning after breakfast check out and drive back to Rangdum. Overnight stay in tented camp.

**Day 12: Rangdum – Kargil**

Morning we drive back to Kargil, on arrival check in the hotel. Later proceed for a short visit of the town, which has some of the finest examples of Turkish style houses. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Day 13: Kargil – Leh**

On our way back to Leh we can visit the Basgo monastery, famous for its Buddha statue. In Leh overnight stay in the hotel.

**Day 14: Leh**

Day at leisure or option of visiting more monasteries. Evening at leisure of your own to walk across Leh Market and to buy some Souvenirs for your friends & Family. Overnight at hotel in Leh.

**Day 15: Leh - Delhi**

In the morning transfer to airport to catch a flight for Delhi. Arrival at New Delhi Airport assistance on arrival and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon & evening at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel in New Delhi

**Day 16: New Delhi- Agra (250 Kms) 06 hours**

After breakfast we drive to Agra crossing Delhi and then entering Uttar Pradesh one of the biggest states in India. The trail passes through many industrial Areas and Fertile land of Indo-Gangetic plains. We make a stopover at a Rajasthani cuisine restaurant. Arrival at Agra and transfer to hotel. Evening visit to Agra Fort .Overnight at Hotel.

**Day 17: Agra – New Delhi (250 Kms) 6 hours**

We make an early visit to Taj Mahal to see the sun rise. Visit this beautiful monument of Love among the Seventh Wonders of the World Taj-Mahal was built by the Mugal Emperor Shah-Jahan in loving Memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. The Graves of both couple is resting in peace within

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Taj Mahal itself. Drive back to hotel for Breakfast and after breakfast we checkout from hotel and continue our drive back to New Delhi.

### **Day 18: New Delhi International Airport**

Early morning transfer to International Airport New Delhi to board flight back home.

### **Our Net/ Non-commissionable rate to organise above tour (Including all applicable taxes) is as following**

02-03 Pax	US\$ 1875* per person
04-06 Pax	US\$ 1690* per person
07-10 Pax	US\$ 1480* per person
Single Supplement	US\$ 390* per single.

*\*(Price can be changed without prior information)*

### **Above Cost includes the following:**

1. All Accommodation on Twin Share basis in 03 star categories in New Delhi, Leh & Agra and best possible hotel in small towns and villages on Bed & Breakfast basis.
2. All sightseeing as per itinerary.
3. International Arrivals & Departure at New Delhi.
4. All entrance & Monument fees to the place of visit (excluding Camera fees).
5. English speaking Trekking guide for trekking part and English speaking local guide at the place of visit.
6. All ground transport by Non AC Toyota jeeps with the services driver and one jeep each for 03 paying pax.
7. Aircon Jeeps for New Delhi Agra New Delhi with the services of Driver.
8. All applicable taxes.

### **Above Cost does not include the following:**

1. International air ticket, Visa fees, Insurance of any kind whether personal, accidental or of Luggage.
2. All meals other than mentioned in itinerary.
3. All kind of beverages, Alcohols, Expenses of personal nature like Telephone, Laundry, Tipping etc.
4. All Camera fees (still or Video) at the monument of place of visit.
5. All other things which are not included in the "Tour Cost Includes".

### **Important:**

- Client is advised to read all Booking terms &

conditions before booking any tour.

- Prices can be changed without any prior notice, hence kindly confirm the price before booking as it varies due to US\$ fluctuations.
- Cost is based on 1US\$ = Rs 47 INR.
- All though due care has been taken while preparing the itinerary however company may not be held responsible for any kind of errors.