



Tour Name : Leh-Ladhak
Destination : Delhi - Leh - Uleytokpo - Leh – Delhi

Duration: 9Nights/ 10Days

Best Season to Visit – May - September

About Leh: The most attractive feature of the landscape of Ladakh are the Buddhist monasteries situated on the isolated hillock in the vicinity of villages, these aesthetically pleasing, architecturally interesting monasteries provide the focus for the faith of the highly religious Buddhist people. Monasteries are the places of worship, isolated meditation and religious instruction for the young. Many monasteries celebrate their annual festivals in winter, which are marked by gay mask dances. Monasteries have a wealth of artefacts, Lamayuru, the oldest religious centre of Ladakh, beats all other in sheer grandeur. In its uniqueness of wood carving, statues and frescoes, Alchi offers the highest rewards. The wealth of its possession and its annual summer festival make Hemis the most popular, while Thiksay rates high in terms of architectural impact and the beauty of the festival performances at Likir and Phyang with their proximity to Leh are great attractions in their favour while the accessibility of the Shey, Spituk and the Sankar monasteries make them suitable for visitors with time at a premium.

The approach to the monasteries is lined with mane walls and Chortens. Mane walls are made of votive stones on which prayers and holy figures are inscribed, while Chortens are semi religious shrines or reliquaries, containing relics of holy people or scripts. Besides monasteries, the 9 storey Leh Palace, Stok Palace Museum and the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies Choglamsar, Mosque and Moravian Church at Leh are added attraction for the tourists. Most of these can be conveniently visited from Leh as buses ply daily between Leh and those monasteries. Most of the monasteries remain open throughout the day.

Day 01: Arrive in Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi. Upon arrival at the airport you will be met and escorted to the hotel where you will spend the night. Accommodation: Delhi

Day 02: Delhi City Tour

- Delhi with its Old and New parts - each with its specific charm and glory - makes an interesting city for its sustenance to medieval and modern cultures at the same time and space. Today, you will explore the capital of India in a full-day guided tour - visiting Jama Masjid, Red Fort, Gandhi's cremation site, Humayun's Tomb and Qutab Minar. You will also enjoy a rickshaw ride in Old Delhi and will drive past the colonial Delhi. Accommodation: Delhi (Breakfast).

Day 03: Delhi – Leh (3650 meters altitude)

- Take the spectacular flight to Leh (Altitude) (3550meters) the capital of Ladakh also known as "Little Tibet". Upon arrival you are met and transferred to the hotel. Today you are requested to relax and acclimatize to the high altitude and rarified air. In the late afternoon take a very leisurely stroll or spend your time reading in the premises of the hotel. Accommodation: Leh (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).

Day 04: Leh

- Today we drive upstream on the Indus valley to see Shey Thikse and Hemis. Hemis was founded in the 1630s by Stags-Tsang-Ras-Pa under the royal patronage of the great ruler of Ladakh, Sengge Namgyal. Hemis is the largest and richest monastery in Ladakh of the Drukpa order. It nestles into the mountainside a little way up a winding glen in the mountains of the Zaskar range, about forty kilometers up the Indus from Leh. Its two days festival every summer has given Hemis a particular reputation with local and overseas visitors. Thikse which resembles a mini Potala Palace is yet another striking monastery of the Gelugpa order (yellow) hat. It has an imposing statue of the Maitreya Buddha. Shey Palace built as a summer residence for the kings of Ladakh in 1645 by Deldan Namgyal. It is the oldest palace in Ladakh and above the palace is an even older ruined fortress. Return to Leh. Accommodation: Leh (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).

Day 05: Leh

- Visit the oracle in Sabu. The oracle exists in most villages in Leh and practices faith healing. Locals as well as tourists visit her to seek solace from ailments and distress. Oracles do play an important part in the life of Ladakhis and they are revered for their healing powers. Later visit Stok Palace museum, which has one of the finest collections of Thangkas in the world. The Palace itself is the residence of the Queen of Ladakh belonging to Namgyal Dynasty. Return to Leh. Rest of the day is at leisure. Accommodation: Leh (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).

Day 06: Leh

- Drive to KhardungLa (5620 metres) the highest motorable road in the world. Khardungla is an all-weather road maintained by the Indian Army as its vital link to the Nubra valley, well known for apricots, the fast-flowing Shyok River and also the double-humped Bactrian camel. From the top of the Khardungla Pass one can have a panoramic view of some of the peaks in the region. Return to Leh. Afternoon is at leisure. Accommodation: Leh. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Day 07: Leh – Uleytokpo Camp

- Follow downstream by taking an enjoyable drive from Leh to Uleytokpo via Nimmu the confluence of the river Indus and Zaskar joining it from the south. The important monasteries to see for the next 2 days are Likir, which has today the largest statue of Buddha, Alchi an UNESCO world Heritage monastery with stunning frescoes, Lamayuru with its spectacular moonscape is the furthest monastery on your route. An overnight stay in a picturesque village near Alchi facilitates visits to these monasteries. Accommodation: Uleytokpo (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).

Day 08: Uleytokpo Camp

- Day is at leisure and walk to Ridzong monastery. The Ridzong monastery is located in a hidden valley and is known for its stricter rules. There is also a nunnery here. Accommodation: Uleytokpo Camp (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).

Day 09: Uleytokpo / Leh

- Return to Leh. Rest of the day is at leisure to pursue independent activities and roam the bazaars for shopping etc. The Tibetan SOS village in Choglamsar is good place to see the Tibetan community living in Ladakh with their handicraft center, school etc. The Ladakh ecological center is another worthwhile place to visit for books and a film show on the region and for local handicrafts. The Leh Palace dominating the town was the former home of the Namgyal dynasty. Leh is a bustling town in the months of July and August as it is thronged by foreign tourists and is well known for treks, hikes, expeditions, rafting and kayaking. The grounds overlooking the Leh palace also has a lot of activity the most exciting one being its unique polo tournament.
Accommodation: Leh (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).



Day 10: Leh - Delhi

- Flight early morning transfer to the airport for departure flight back to Delhi. Upon arrival you can proceed for your onward Journey/ Program as per your choice.

Note

Tour Cost Includes	Tour Cost Excludes
1. All the prices are based on per person	1. Any train fare / airfare, unless specified.
2. Accommodation on twin share basis in above mentioned hotels or similar hotels	2. Government Service tax.
3. Daily buffet breakfast at all places.	3. Any meals / enroute meals unless specified.
4. Transfers / Sightseeing Economy / Standard - By an air-conditioned car or similar as per the itinerary Deluxe - By an A/C Couch or similar as per the itinerary.	4. Any rides, safaris. boating charges, additional sightseeing tours other than the mentioned in the inclusions.
5. All taxes except 3.09% Govt service tax.	5. Entrance fees, Camera fees, guide charges unless specified in the inclusions.
	6. Personal expenses like phone calls, laundry, room heater charges, alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages, mineral water, room service, tea/coffee etc unless specified.
	7. Any hike in fuel charges, tax structure (Luxury tax, transport tax or service tax).
	8. Any other expenses / service not mentioned in the inclusions.

Note: [1] AC Coach/ Car. [2] Above mentioned price are inclusive of all taxes. [3] No Hidden Charges



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