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Introduction

Ladakh is the highest plateau in India with most of it being over 3,000 m (9,800 ft).^[17] It extends from the [Himalayan](#) to the [Kunlun^{\[64\]}](#) Ranges and includes the upper [Indus River](#) valley.

Vegetation is extremely sparse in Ladakh except along streambeds and wetlands, on high slopes, and irrigated places. About 1250 plant species, including crops, were reported from Ladakh. The plant *Ladakiella klimesii*, growing up to 6,150 metres (20,180 ft) above sea level, was first described here and named after this region. The fauna of Ladakh have much in common with that of Central Asia generally, and especially those of the Tibetan Plateau. An exception to this is the birds, many of which migrate from the warmer parts of India to spend the summer in Ladakh. For such an arid area, Ladakh has a great diversity of birds — a total of 318 species have been recorded (Including 30 species not seen since 1960). Many of these birds reside or breed at high-altitude wetlands such as Tso Moriri. Historically, the region included the [Baltistan \(Baltiyul\)](#) valleys the entire upper [Indus Valley](#), the remote [Zaskar](#), [Aksai Chin](#) in the northeast, and the [Nubra Valley](#) to the north over [Khardong La](#) in the Ladakh Range

Tour Duration: 9 nights 10 days

Itinerary Day 1

Pick up from Leh airport and transfer to Hotel Exotic Residency. Complete rest after reaching hotel which will help in acclimatization.

Evening birding session near Indus River. Our representative will get inner line permit for further journey. Night stay on twin sharing basis at hotel Exotic Residency. -

Day 2

Morning birding around Sindhu Ghat area and Shey Marshes. Back to hotel after finishing birding, Lunch at hotel, afternoon visit to Magnetic Hill and Shanti Stupa. Time lapse photography of sunset over Leh city from Shanti Stupa. Return to hotel during evening and night stay on twin sharing basis.

Target Birds: Ibisbill, Carrion Crow, Eurasian Hobby, Common Whitethroat,

Spotted Flycatcher, Northern Goshawk, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Bluethroat,

Common Rosefinch, Hume's Whitethroat, Eurasian Magpie, Common Coot,

Common Moorhen, Mallard, Gadwall, Mountain Chiffchaff, Citrine Wagtail etc.

Day 3

- Early morning departure for Nubra Valley, bird and landscape photography on way. We'll cross warila pass, one of the highest motorable road in this trip, and do birding on the pass. Arrival at Nubra Valley by evening and check in at hotel. Dinner and night stay on twin sharing basis.

Target Birds: Golden Eagle, Bearded Vulture, Saker Falcon, Black-eared Kite, Mallard, Gadwall, Red-billed Chough, Brown Accentor, Robin Accentor, Brandt's Mountain Finch, Tibetan Snowfinch, White-throated Dipper, Hill Pigeon, Alpine Chough, Chukar Partridge, Eurasian Eagle Owl, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Spotted Flycatcher, European Nightjar, Common Whitethroat, White-browed Tit Warbler, Pale Rosefinch, Grey-necked Bunting etc. Target Mammals: Himalayan Red Fox, Tibetan Grey Wolf, Himalayan Marmot, Woolly Hare, Blue Sheep etc.

Day 4-

Morning birding around Nubra, back to hotel for breakfast. Check out after breakfast and departure for Leh. Birding on way targets species like White Browed tit-warbler, golden eagle and lynx. Arrival at Leh by evening and check in at hotel, night stay on twin sharing basis in Leh.

Target Golden Eagle, Bearded Vulture, Saker Falcon, Black-eared Mallard, Gadwall, Red-billed Chough, Brown Accentor, Robin Accentor, Brandt's Mountain Finch, Tibetan Snowfinch, White-throated Dipper, Hill Pigeon, Alpine Chough, Chukar Partridge,

Eurasian Eagle Owl, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Spotted Flycatcher, European Nightjar, Common Whitethroat, White-browed Tit Warbler, Pale Rosefinch, Grey-necked Bunting etc.

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etc. Day 5, 6, & 7

- Check out early morning with packed breakfast and departure for Hanle via Chusul, Day 6 & Day 7 three full days in Hanle

photography on way, arrival at Hanle during late afternoon. One Session of birding around Hanle during evening hours. Night stay at Padma Homestay at Hanle on twin sharing basis. Astrophotography during night.

Target Birds: Eurasian Eagle Owl, Golden Eagle, Bearded Vulture, Tibetan Partridge, Himalayan Snowcock, Tibetan Snowcock, White-throated Dipper, Brown Dipper, Asian House Martin, Common House Martin, Common Swift, Red-fronted Serin, Black Redstart, Plain Leaf Warbler, Tickell's Leaf Warbler, White-browed Tit Warbler, Common Rosefinch, Citrine Wagtail, Chukar Partridge, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush Mountain Finch, Tibetan Snowfinch, Mongolian Finch, Hume's Short-toed Lark, Robin Accentor, Hill Pigeon, White-throated Dipper, Grey-necked Bunting, Pallas's Gull, Black-bellied Tern, Common Tern, Desert Wheatear, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush etc.

Target Mammals: Desert Hare, Himalayan Marmot, Nubra Pika, Woolly Hare, Ladakhi Urial, Blue Sheep, Himalayan Red Fox, Himalayan Marmot, Silvery Mountain Vole, Woolly Hare, Tibetan Wild Ass, Tibetan Grey Wolf, Himalayan Red & Pallas cat etc. On day 7th overnight stay in Tso Kar.

Day 8

Morning birding at Tsokar, back to hotel during lunch time. Check out after lunch and departure for Leh. Birding at Tanglang La on way to Leh. Arrival at Leh during even hrs and night stay at hotel Exotic.

Tso Kar. Two full days birding. Night stay at Lotus Camp on twin sharing basis. Target Birds: Tibetan Lark, Eurasian Eagle Owl, Goosander, Blue Rock Thrush, Red

fronted Serin, Great Rose finch, Red-fronted Rose finch, Common Rose finch,

Mountain Chiffchaff, White-winged Redstart, White-throated Dipper, Tibetan

Partridge, Mongolian Finch, Groundpecker, Little Owl etc.

Target Birds: Eurasian Magpie, Tibetan Sandgrouse, Black-necked Crane, Upland Buzzard, Chinese Ruby throat, Tickell's Leaf Warbler, Twite, Northern Raven, Hill Pigeon, Brown-headed Gull, Common Tern, Goosander, Hume's Short-toed Lark, Great Rose finch, Lesser Sand plover, Greater Short-toed Lark, Tibetan Partridge, Tibetan Lark, Eurasian Eagle Owl, Mongolian Finch, Spotted Flycatcher, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush

Target Mammals: Woolly Hare, Plateau Pika, Ladakh Pika, Tibetan Wild Ass

etc. Day 9

Morning birding at Tsokar, back to hotel during lunch time. Check out after lunch and departure for Leh. Birding at Tanglang La on way to Leh. Arrival at Leh during even hrs and night stay at hotel Himalaya.

Target Birds: Saker Falcon, Golden Eagle, Upland Buzzard, Bearded Vulture, Common Kestrel, Desert Wheatear, Pied Wheatear, Brown-headed Gull, Lesser Sand Plover, Common Redshank, Common Greenshank, Green Sandpiper, Bar-headed Geese, Ruddy Shelduck, Black-necked Crane, Horned Lark, Hume's Short-toed Lark, Blandford's Snow finch, Tibetan Snow finch, Streaked Rose finch, Great Rose finch, Little Owl, Groundpecker, Tibetan Sandgrouse, Tibetan Snowcock etc.

Target Mammals: Tibetan Wild Ass, Argali, Blue Sheep, Ladakhi Urial, Ladakh Pika, Himalayan Marmot

etc. Day 10

Early morning drops at Leh airport. Tour Concludes.

Tour Leader
Aditya Chavan

Tour Cost Includes

Conveyance charges from Leh airport to Leh airport as per itinerary. All night stays as per itinerary All meals as mentioned in the itinerary

All entry fees, guide charges, taxi and driver charges

Service of a dedicated professional wildlife photographer and naturalist for the entire tour Applicable taxes

Tour Cost Excludes

Cost of Oxygen Cylinder and masks Travel cost from participant's home town to Leh airport and back. Any extra food item not included in the meal as per itinerary

Any alcoholic beverage Any non-alcoholic beverage not included in the meal as per itinerary

Laundry, phone call, etc. personal charges

Tips

Anything which is not mentioned in "Tour cost includes"

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