



KASHMIR + LADAKH & TAJ MAHAL

Duration: 08 Nights / 09 Days (Validity: May to October)

Destinations Covered: Srinagar, Local, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Kargil, Sham Valley, Leh, Indus Valley, Nubra Valley, Pangong lake & Taj Mahal

DAY 01: ARRIVE SRINAGAR

(EXCURSION TO SHANKRACHARYA TEMPLE & MUGHAL GARDENS)

Upon arrival at Srinagar Airport You will met by our representative and transfer to Houseboat. Rest of the day at leisure for independent activities & one can also enjoy a relaxing Shikara ride on the lake Its one of the most soothing & relaxing aspects of a holiday in Kashmir. Later we take a sightseeing tour of Srinagar (Lake City) visiting Shankaracharya Temple & Mughal Gardens, Nishat Bagh (Garden of Pleasure) & Shalimar Bagh (Garden of Pleasure). Overnight at Houseboat.

DAY 02: SRINAGAR (EXCURSION TO GULMARG)

Morning proceed for a picturesque drive to Gulmarg (Meadow of Gold) – It was discovered as a tourist destination by the British in the 19th century. Prior to that, Mughal emperors vacationed in the Gulmarg valley which is about 03 kms long and up-to 01 km wide. OPTIONAL - One can enjoy Gondola ride or Horse ride at Gulmarg. Afternoon drive back from Gulmarg to Srinagar and overnight stay at houseboat.

DAY 03: SRINAGAR TO KARGIL (VIA SONMARG) – 204 KMS

Post breakfast we drive to Leh via Sonmarg, One of the most beautiful drive from Srinagar. In Sonmarg one can take a pony ride (at your own cost) to Thajiwas Glacier where snow remains round the year. Upon arrival in Kargil we check in at our hotel for overnight stay

DAY 04: KARGIL TO LEH (VIA LAMAYURU)

Post breakfast we drive to Leh enroute visiting LAMAYURU, Belongs to Dripung Kagyu (Red Hat). Then we drive and cross the River Indus and reach ALCHI, Ladakh's most loved monastery. Further we drive to Likir, Likir gompa situated atop a windy cliff top overlooking the beautiful village of Likir and CONFLUENCE OF THE INDUS AND ZANSKAR RIVER just after 4 from Nimmu and further to MAGNETIC HILL which defies the law of gravity. It has been noticed that when a vehicle is parked on neutral gear on this metallic road the vehicle slides up and GURUDWARA PATHAR SAHIB Nestled deep in the Himalayas, which was built by the Lamas of Leh in 1517 to commemorate the visit of Guru Nanak Dev. Upon arrival in Leh you will met by our representative and check in at our hotel for overnight stay

DAY 05: LEH - EXCURSION TO MONASTERIES (50 KMS / 02 HRS – ONE WAY)

Post Breakfast we proceed for Indus Valley Monastery tour including SHEY PALACE, The ancient capital of Ladakh, THIKSEY an impressive complex rising tier upon tier on a hill above the village, HEMIS GOMPA, the largest monastic foundation of Drukpa Kagyu Order of Tibetan Buddhism, SINDHU GHAT & STOK PALACE.

Dinner & Overnight at the Hotel

DAY 06: LEH-NUBRA VALLEY VIA KHARDUNG LA 18,390 FT. (120 KMS / 4 – 5 HRS)

Post breakfast we drive to Nubra Valley. The road journey from Leh to Nubra Valley passes over KHARDUNG LA (THE HIGHEST MOTORABLE ROAD IN THE WORLD) AT 5,602 M / 18,390 FT, around 39 km from Leh.

From the pass, one can see all the way south over the Indus valley to seemingly endless peaks and ridges of the Zaskar range, and north to the giants of the Saser massif. Nubra Valley is popularly known as Ldumra or the valley of flowers. It is situated in the north of Ladakh between the Karakoram and Ladakh ranges of the Himalayas. The average altitude of the valley is 10,000 Ft. above sea level. Upon arrival in Nubra we check in at our Camp / Hotel in Hunder for Overnight stay. In the evening you can walk around the tiny villages to see how the locals live in this part of the world. Dinner and overnight at the Camp.



DAY 07: NUBRA VALLEY TO PANGONG LAKE VIA SHAYOK

After an early breakfast, we drive towards Pangong Tso via Agham & Shyok Valley. Some of the road patches in areas are extremely tough (towards Nubra side) in terms of road conditions but no doubt the journey is very scenic! Later after crossing this adventurous part we drive further towards Durbuk & Tangtse for Pangong. You pass through few small villages of Changthang and finally you can have a sudden view of the Pangong lake situated at 14,000 feet (4,267 m). This famous blue brackish Lake of Pangong is 5/6 Kms wide and over 133 Kms long with half of its running the other side of the "Indo China Border". One rarely feels so close to nature and environment and the scenery is unforgettable. After the success of 3 Idiots, this beautiful natural location has attracted more tourists from all over the world. Overnight stay at Pangong Lake

DAY 08: PANGONG LAKE TO LEH (140 KMS / 6 HRS)

Morning at leisure to explore the beauty of lake and later we drive back to Leh enroute visiting HEMIS GOMPA, the largest monastic foundation of Drukpa Kagyu Order of Tibetan Buddhism. Drive further to Leh and check in at our hotel for Overnight. In the afternoon you can rest and relax. In the evening you can stroll around the market place for some last minute souvenir shopping.

DAY 09: DEPART LEH (FLY OUT) ARRIVE DELHI AIRPORT DRIVE TO TAJ MEHAL

The tour begins with early morning pickup from AIRPORT in Delhi and sets out towards the historical city of Agra. Arrive at the Taj Mahal and immediately feel immersed in the magical atmosphere of this world-famous landmark. With your guide, learn about the history and hidden secrets of the Taj Mahal and admire the incredible beauty of this man-made structure. After your tour of the Taj Mahal, head to the banks of the Yamuna to visit the magnificent Agra Fort. Explore the 15th and 16th century history of the fort which shaped the course of modern India and learn about the battles and rebellions that once took place here. You'll also hear stories about how the fate of the fort is entwined with that of the infamous Kohinoor Diamond. Other interesting and mystifying stories you'll uncover include the Stolen Gates of Somnath Temple by Ghazni and Jahangir's Chains of Justice. At the end of an insightful and educating day, arrive back to Delhi IGIA DROP. Tour concludes. Himalaya Insight Tour thank you for your patronage and ensure a punctual transfer to Domestic Airport to catch the flight for your onward Destination.

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