



SHORT ESCAPE TO LADAKH

BEST TIME – APRIL TO OCT

CODE: HI- 001 Duration: 04 Nights / 05 Days

(Validity: May to October) Destinations Covered: Leh, Monasteries, Sham Valley, Indus Valley, Nubra Valley & Pangong Lake

DAY 01: ARRIVE LEH

Arrival Leh Kushok Bakula Airport (This must be one of the MOST SENSATIONAL FLIGHTS IN THE WORLD. On a clear day from one side of the aircraft can be seen in the distance the peaks of K2, Nanga Parbat, Gasherbrum and on the other side of the aircraft, so close that you feel you could reach out and touch it, is the Nun Kun massif.) Upon arrival you will met by our representative and transfer to Hotel for Check in. Complete day for rest and leisure to acclimatize followed by Welcome tea or Coffee at the Hotel. Evening Visit to LEH PALACE, LEH MARKET & SHANTI STUPA. Breakfast & Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 02: LEH TO SHAM VALLEY (92 KMS / 4 HRS)

After breakfast you drive downstream along the River Indus on Leh – Kargil Highway. Enroute visiting **GURUDWARA PATTHAR SAHIB** Nestled deep in the Himalayas, which was built by the Lamas of Leh in 1517 to commemorate the visit of Guru Nanak Dev. A drive of another 4 km took us 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 & further Driving through a picturesque landscape we reached the **CONFLUENCE OF THE INDUS AND ZANSKAR RIVER** 4 km before Nimmu village, Just before Saspul a road to the right takes you for your visit to the **LIKIR MONASTERY**. The name Likir derives from the word Lukhgil (coiled snake) as the site appears to be encircled by two great serpent spirits – Nanda and Taksako. Likir is one of the most active monasteries in the region. As you drive up to the monastery a recently installed colossal gilded image of the Maitreya out in the open is one of the most impressive sights in Ladakh. After visiting the Monastery you continue your drive along the River Indus to ALCHI, visit the **ALCHI GOMPA**.

The complex of temples located within the village is the most celebrated of Ladakh's monasteries and dates back to the 11th century. Later precede to the 11th century **LAMAYURU MONASTERY** Enroute visiting the mesmerizing **MOON LANDSCAPES** (you will believe why the name of this area is Moonland. Exactly the same formations of Land are visible as on the moon), Lamayuru is spectacularly located along the valley plain and surrounded by mountains on all sides. The monastery has gradually expanded over the years and newer structures have been built around a large courtyard. The antiquity of this site is evident from the large number of chortens, similar to those at Alchi. Finally you arrive back at Leh for an overnight stay at your Hotel. Breakfast.

DAY 03: 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 Breakfast overnight at the Camp.

DAY 04: LEH VIA PANGONG LAKE VIA SHAYOK, CHANG LA

After an early breakfast we check out from Camp or hotel and drive towards Hunder. Later 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). 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. After **HEMIS** we proceed for **THIKSEY** an impressive complex rising tier upon tier on a hill above the village, **SHEY PALACE**, The ancient capital of Ladakh. After visiting **SHEY PALACE** we Drive further to Leh and check in at our hotel for Overnight. In the evening you can stroll around the market place for some last minute souvenir shopping

DAY 05: DEPART LEH (FLY OUT)

Tour concludes. Himalaya Insight 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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