



HIMALAYA INSIGHT TOUR

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LADAKH

Package Code: HI-5

Duration: 07 Nights / 08 Days (Validity: June to Sep)

Destinations Covered: Leh, Monasteries, Sham Valley, Nubra Valley, Turtuk, Pangong Lake, Tsomoriri Lake & Tsokar Lake

The Journey Begins Now!

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 MARKET & SHANTI STUPA**. Dinner & 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. Later you proceed 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. On your return drive to Leh you first 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. Finally you arrive back at Leh for an overnight stay at your Hotel.



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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. A visit to a Ladakhi home can be arranged. Dinner and overnight at the Camp



DAY 04: NUBRA VALLEY- TURTUK

Day in the valley can be dedicated to visiting Turtuk Village and Hunder desert. These two places will take the entire day to explore. You can start early after breakfast and can return to your accommodation after sunset. While exploring Turtuk village, you have to also keep a tap of the time if you don't want to miss the astounding sunset scene in Hunder desert. So, it is advisable to leave Turtuk after lunch to reach Hunder on time. TURTUK Inhabited by the Balti people, this village was open for tourists only in 2010. Untouched by time, this village introduces you to the Balti Muslim culture and gives you a rare opportunity to meet Balti people and see their lifestyle. Located on the bank of Shayok River, Turtuk is home to around 300 families, who live in this 'border village' right on the boundary of the Pakistanadministered region of Gilgit-Baltistan. Later we drive back to HUNDER. Dinner & Overnight at the Camp.



DAY 05: NUBRA VALLEY TO PANGONG LAKE VIA SHAYOK

In the morning visit / explore Deskit, Hunder and the Sand Dunes where you can enjoy a short camel safari using the double-humped Bactrian camel found here (optional on direct payment). Later drive to Pangong Lake via Shyok Village crossing Durbuk and Tangste finally reaching the beautiful Pangong lake. After full day of sightseeing around the Lake check-in at fixed tented camp near the lake at Spangmik or drive back for 30 kms to Tangtse and check into Hotel / Guest House for dinner and overnight stay.



DAY 06: PANGONG LAKE TO TSOMORIRI LAKE

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This route is well-defined and prominent for people traveling from Pangong Tso to Tso Moriri. The journey starts from the Spangmik region where Pangong is situated. Along the shoreline of Pangong lake; the route goes deep into the Tsaga La pass. One has to cross Man, Merak, Chushul to reach the Tsaga La Pass. From there, one has to head towards Sumdo while crossing Loma, Nyoma, and Mahe bridge. From the Mahe Bridge, one has to take the conventional route coming from Leh to Tso Moriri. Cross the Sumdo, Kiagar Tso, and finally reach Tso Moriri.

This entire route is a wonderful journey irrespective of the beauty offered by the two terminals. There are sections between Man and Tsaga La that are a bit tricky with muddy roads and quicksand but it's also the challenge offered by various trails in Ladakh that makes it a wonderful place. This entire journey is through the wonderful and beautiful shoreline of Pangong. For people on private cars having low ground clearance, it is important for them to be prepared for hiccups. The stretch from Tsaga La to Mahe is a spree with no problems at all. This is probably one of the best ways to reach Tso Moriri Lake from Pangong.



DAY 07: TSOMORIRI - MAHE - PUGA - TSOKAR - TANGLANGLA - LEH

The day will start with a drive to Mahey village, a picturesque village with spurting fountain and white clouds hanging upon. From there, you will proceed towards Puga Valley, famous for Butan gas. Thereafter, you will continue towards Tsokar via Polokongka pass (at 13500 ft.). After visiting the Tsokar Lake, you can also see Thugke gompa. The place is quite known for wild Asses, seen grazing and moving in flocks. From here you will drive towards Leh. On the way, you will stop to Tanglangla pass, the second highest motorable pass in the world at 5350 m. Later we drive back to leh enroute visiting Hemis Gompa, the largest monastic foundation of Drukpa Kagyu Order of Tibetan Buddhism and after visiting Hemis we Drive further to Leh and check in at our hotel for Overnight



DAY 08: 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.