

MALAYA INSIGHT TOU

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Kashmir & Ladakh Tour

Duration: 08 Nights / 09 Days <u>(Validity: Mid May to October)</u> Destinations Covered: Srinagar, Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonmarg, Kargil, Leh, Monasteries, Nubra Valley & Pangong Lake

The Journey Begins Now!

DAY 01: SRINAGAR

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.

SRINAGAR (EXCURSION TO SHANKRACHARYA TEMPLE & MUGHAL GARDENS)

Post breakfast 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 PAHALGAM DAY TRIP

Leave after breakfast & proceed to Pahalgam, we drive to Pahalgam via Pampore where you can visit famous saffron fields, Awantipora and the village of Bijbehara which remains famous as the bread basket of Kashmir. We switch from the national highway 1A at Khanabal and drive through the second largest city of Anantnag. Pahalgam is a picturesque valley around 97 kilometers South of Kashmir. Known as Pahalgam (which means The Shepherds Village), the valley is renowned the world over for its exotic forests, pretty water streams and imposing snow peaks. In Pahalgam you can visit Aru valley, Beetab Valley and Chandanwari (on direct

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payment basis) as well as take a horse riding trip to Baisaran meadows. After sightseeing around the mountain valley for most of the day, we will drive back to Srinagar and transfer to the Hotel for our overnight stay.



DAY 04: 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 05: 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 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 Zanskar 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.

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DAY 07: NUBRA VALLEY TO PANGONG LAKE (150 KMS / 5 HRS)

After an early breakfast we check out from Camp or hotel and drive towards Hunder where you have opportunity to ride on a bacterian camel (double humped) amidst the sand dunes of this high altitude desert with snowcapped mountains on the horizon. On the return stop at Diskit which is the headquarter town of Nubra Valley. Stroll around the bazaar observing the shops and local people going about their daily chores. 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). Upon arrival we check in at our Camp/Hotel Near Pangong lake Dinner & Overnight at the Hotel



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 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)

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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