



Banjara Camps & Retreats

Drives of Life :Manali-Ladakh -Srinagar | 11 Nights & 12 Days



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Day 1 | Arrive Manali Alt2015 Meters

Reach Manali and get transferred to your pre-booked hotel relax and take a short walk around the area. Stay overnight at hotel.

Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2 | Manali-Jispa Alt 3150 M | 140kms (5-6hrs)

After an early breakfast get driven to Jispa by 0730 hrs (to avoid traffic jams at Rohtang) drive across **Rohtang La** and see the landscape changes drastically from lush greenery of Manali to barren landscape of Lahaul and Ladakh. **Have lunch at any of the Dhabas at Kokhsar of your own.** Reach Jispa in the afternoon. Check into Safari Tents at a campsite, right besides the gushing **Bhaga River**. Stay overnight at the Tent.

Meals Included : Breakfast + Dinner

Day 3 | Jispa - Sarchu 4290 M | 85kms (2-3hrs)

Have breakfast and enjoy some walking/hiking in order to acclimatize your self to the high altitude. Later have lunch and get driven to Sarchu. Reach there and check into your tents. Have dinner and stay overnight.

Meals Included : Breakfast + Lunch+ Dinner





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Day 4 | Sarchu– Leh Alt 3505 M | 260 km (6-7 hrs)

Start an early day at 0730 hrs carrying **packed lunch**. Cross **Lachalung La** and reach Pang. Then drive through some amazingly stark terrain to reach the second highest motorable pass; **Tanglang La**. Reach Leh and check into your hotel and stay overnight.

Meals : Breakfast + Packed Lunch + Dinner

Day 5 | Leh Sightseeing

Post breakfast at hotel enjoy sightseeing of Leh including **Thiksey and Shey Monastery**. Drive to **Stok Village** and enjoy a **traditional Ladakhi meal** in a village home, later see **Stok Palace & Museum**. Spend **sunset at Shanti Stupa** for unforgettable views of Leh Valley & town. Stay overnight at the hotel.

Meals : Breakfast + Traditional Ladakhi Lunch + Dinner





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Day 6 | Leh- Nubra Valley 3048 M Deskit | 116kms (5-6hrs)

Have breakfast and leave by 0800- 0830 hrs on a stunning drive over the mighty **Khardung La (5602 M)** into the verdant **Nubra Valley**. Reach the base of the valley at Khalsar. Here the road forks & the broad valley get divided into two distinct parts by the Shyok & Nubra Rivers. The RHS branch goes all the way to **Siachen Glacier**. We move on the other branch and reach **Deskit Village** in the afternoon. Check into your hotel rooms and have hot lunch. Relax for a while and early evening we drive about 10 minutes to reach the dunes of Hunder, here those interested can enjoy a ride on the **Double Humped Camels**. Be back in Deskit by 1630 hrs and reach the vantage point with a huge outdoor statue of the **Sakhyamuni Buddha** near **Deskit Gompa** to enjoy great sunset views. Stay overnight in the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch+ Dinner



Day 7 | Deskit- Leh

Leave after a leisurely breakfast, and drive back via Khalsar & over Khardung La to reach Leh in the afternoon. On arrival check into the hotel and later have a sumptuous hot meal. Reach Leh by late afternoon. Rest a while and leave for the bazaar to shop for Thangkas, Chunky antique Silver Jewelry with Turquoise embellishments, mementos, Apricots & apricot based beauty products. Stay overnight at hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast+ Hot Lunch +Dinner.





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Day 8 | Leh-Pangong Tso (4260 M / 14000 ft) | 150kms / 5 hrs

Leave after a leisurely breakfast get driven to Pangong. At the foot of the **Chang La pass** on the other side we reach **Tangse**. Stop to enjoy your **lunch in the Ladakhi style dining** area of a local home-cum- guest house. Later carry on your drive and reach Pangong by early evening. Check into a Deluxe Tents bang on the lake shore at a campsite. Enjoy spectacular views of the mountains of the Changchenmo range to the north, their reflection shimmering in the ever changing blues and greens of the lakes brackish water. Stay overnight at the tent.

Meals Included: Breakfast+ Lunch in Tangse +Dinner

Day 9 | Pangong Tso- Hemis- Leh 165kms 5-6hrs

Enjoy your early morning cuppa & a spectacular sunrise by the lake shore. On the drive back to Leh, take a detour at Karu to see the glorious **Hemis Gompa** atop a hill in the periphery of the Hemis National Park. Reach Leh by late afternoon. Rest for a while and leave for the bazaar to shop for **Thangkas, Chunky antique Silver Jewelry with Turquoise embellishments, mementos, Apricots & apricot based beauty products**. Spend **sunset at Shanti Stupa** for unforgettable views of Leh Valley & town Return back to your hotel for the overnight stay.

Meals Included : Breakfast + Lunch at Restaurant Café Cloud +Dinner





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Day10 | Leh – Lamayuru – Kargil (2676M) 235 kms /7-8 hrs

Leave after breakfast by 0730 hrs and drive towards Srinagar. On the way visit **Hall of Fame , Magnetic Point , Pattharsahib Gurudwara and Nimmu (confluence point of river Zaskar and river Indus. Reach Lamayuru**, enjoy the moonscape terrain also, enjoy lunch at **Niranjana Restaurant**. Carry on over Fotu La and short of Namika La to Kargil by late afternoon. Check into your rooms at the hotel and stay overnight.

Meals Included: Breakfast+ Hot Lunch +Dinner

Day 11 | Kargil – Srinagar (3140 M) 204 kms /7 hrs

Check out after breakfast and leave on a drive from Kargil into the verdant landscapes of the Srinagar area. Drive via Drass, the second coldest place on the planet. You may stop for a while to see some landscape features made famous courtesy the Kargil conflict with Pakistan in 1999- Tolo- ling, Mushkoo Valley & Tiger Hill. Cross over the mighty Zoji La and soon you enter the verdant picture perfect meadow covered vales of the Sonamarg region. Stop here for a while to explore the area and also have lunch. Later resume the drive and reach Srinagar by late afternoon/early evening. Check into a room in a houseboat. **Photo ops:** green meadows of Sonamarg, Thajiwas Glacier, Kargil war famous peaks (Tiger, Tololing). Stay overnight at hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast+ Hot Lunch +Dinner

Day12 | Srinagar-Airport drop

Early morning at around 5:00 am visit floating market at **Dal Lake by Shikara**. Return back to the houseboat and have breakfast. Later check out and get dropped at the airport to board flight for your onward destination.

Meals Included : Breakfast





About Nubra Valley

In the days of yore, the fertile **Valley of Nubra** formed a part of the overland route between **Tibet** and **Turkestan**. Once dotted with garlands of camel and yak caravans, this **Silk Route** glen is also known as the '**Valley of Flowers**' of Ladakh, and is amongst the greenest valleys in the region – ideal for your holiday break. One can understand why anyone would envy the flowering glen of Nubra valley. During early summer, Nubra is clad in endless bushes of yellow and pink wild roses, and once the valley is through with the season of roses around August, a carpet of wild lavender lies gently on it. Nubra is also a relatively warmer valley in Ladakh, and the comparatively benign climate helps yield better crops and fruits, making Nubra the 'Ldumra', or orchard of Ladakh. The romance of the Silk Route still hangs in the air as you cross the formidable **Khardung La** – The **highest 'motorable' pass** on the planet- which connects Leh and the Nubra Valley. The road from Leh rises steeply to meet Khardung La and then dramatically plunges into a whirlpool of bends and turns to gradually unfold itself along the rushing Shyok and the Nubra Rivers. Visit the Deskit and **Hunder villages**. The road connecting **Deskit** with the quaint little Hunder Village winds through a gorgeous stretch of **sand dunes**. You could spend a pleasant evening around these natural marvels that border a stream, and have snow-capped peaks for a backdrop. Keep your eyes open for the **double-humped camels** and Seabuck-thorn forest! The more adventurous ones could take a camel ride from Hunder to Deskit. We recommend on way to Nubra and in Nubra valley:

- * **Enjoy a hot cup of tea at army check post just after Khardung La.**
- * **Enjoy a Bactrian camel ride at Hunder (no fear of falling as these are two humped camels!).**

Please note : Prepaid number doesn't work in Leh & Ladakh. Also, not all postpaid numbers work in the region, as only BSNL postpaid number works in the Nubra valley (Deskit-Hunder-Turtuk). However, in Turtuk and Pangong , one will have to get to certain place in order to get the network.

◆ Also, Nubra Valley and Pangong gets limited electricity due to its complex location (at times hot water buckets is provided for shower)



Important Note:

Food & Hygiene:

◆ Food is a mix range of vegetarian/ non- vegetarian with a choice of Indian, Continental & Chinese food. All meals are buffet meals. There is no room service at most places.

Fitness:

◆ You should be in good health if you wish to hike. Please take your doctor's advise if you are a heart patient, asthmatic, pregnant or suffer from epilepsy.

Altitude Sickness:

◆ Acclimatization to altitude above 3000 meters takes time. The body undergoes a number of physiological changes some of which are immediate like increased pulse rate & respiratory rate. These changes plus the effect of intense sunlight, walking & dehydration may cause loss of appetite, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, sleeplessness, mild shortness of breath etc.

◆ The best treatment is prevention! Avoid rapid ascents; take acclimatization symptoms seriously using rest days/Diamox tablets. If symptoms are severe, DESCEND IMMEDIATELY.

Medicine:

◆ We keep a first aid kit. Please bring your personal medicine.

Tipping:

◆ Tipping amount is at your discretion.

Photography:

◆ Please ask your guide before taking photographs inside any monastery. If you plan to photograph locals, please take their permission before doing so.