

Jashn E Navroz | Turtuk, Ladakh | Dates 25March-31March'18 | 6 Nights & 7 Days



Leh – Nubra Valley (Turtuk Village) – Pangong Lake – Leh

Trip starts at: Leh airport | Trip ends at: Leh airport

"As winter gives way to spring, as darkness gives way to light, and as dormant plants burst into blossom, Nowruz is a time of renewal, hope and joy".

Come and experience this festive spirit in lesser explored gem called Turtuk. The visual delights would be aptly complemented by some firsthand experiences of the local lifestyle and traditions like a Traditional Balti meal combined with Polo match. During the festival one get to see the flamboyant and vibrant tribe from Balti region, all dressed in their traditional best.

**Day 01| Arrive Leh (3505 M/
11500 ft.)**

Board a morning flight and reach Leh airport. Our representative will receive you at the terminal and you then drive for about 20 minutes to reach Leh town. Check into your room. It is critical for proper acclimatization that people flying in to Leh don't indulge in much physical activity for at least the first 24hrs. So the rest of the day is reserved for relaxation and a short acclimatization walk in the vicinity.

Meals Included: L & D

Day 02| In Leh

Post breakfast, visit Shey Monastery & Palace and then the famous Thiksey Monastery. Drive back and before Leh take a detour over the Indus to reach Stok Village. Enjoy a traditional Ladakhi meal in a village home later see Stok Palace & Museum. Enjoy the rest of the day in Leh seeing the Palace & Bazaar **Photo ops:** the gompas & the monuments, the Stok & Rimo range of mountains from various vantage points, at Stok Village, in Leh Palace and at the Bazaar.

Meals Included: B, Traditional Ladakhi L & D

Day 03| Leh - Nubra Valley at Turtuk (avg. alt. of Nubra Valley is 3048 M) 215 km / 8 hrs)

We leave after breakfast on a stunning drive over the mighty Khardung La (5602 M) into the verdant Nubra Valley. We 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, via Deskit & Hunder, past the Thoise Airfield. The wide open Nubra Valley starts closing in dramatically with the rocky mountain face getting darker & darker, finally bursting out into the verdant & vibrant Turtuk area at the north western end of the valley. Upon reaching check into safari tents at a verdant campsite amidst fields & orchards, sprinkled with clumps of wild & vibrantly colored blooms. Relax for a while, have your evening cuppa, and go for a short stroll to enjoy the sunset.

Meals Included: B, Packed L & D

Day 04| In Turtuk

This day you will witness the inauguration of an extraordinary festival – Nawroz “new day” which is celebrated from 21st march every year – the first day of spring. The Nawroz Festival provides a colourful mixture of dances, performances, live music, sports – ‘POLO MATCH’ which is the main highlight of this festival played each day during this week.

Meals Included: B, Traditional Balti L & D

Day 05| Turtuk - Leh

Post breakfast retrace your route past via dunes of Hunder. Reach Deskit by afternoon and enroute visit huge outdoor statue of the **Sakhyamuni Buddha near Deskit Gompa**. Reach Leh by evening. Stay overnight at the hotel.

Meals Included: B, Packed L D



Day 06| Lehigh – Pangong Tso (4260 M / 14000 ft) - Leh 150 km / 5 hrs each way

Leave as early as possible carrying packed breakfast on an incredible drive from Leh on the road to Manali past Shey & Thiksey. At Karu we take a detour and start ascending to cross the Ladakh range over Chang-La (5,475 M / 17950 ft). At the foot of the pass on the other side we reach Tangse. Stop to enjoy your breakfast in the Ladakhi style dining area of a local home-cum- guest house. If there is time, a few kms after Tangse take a short detour to see a small, recently built wooden Buddhist temple, with delectable traditional wood carvings. However, the main attraction of this circuit is the grand Pangong which you would reach by afternoon. Spend a couple of hours enjoying the beauty of this place. Have your packed lunch. Leave by 1500 hrs so that you cross Chang La with daylight to spare and reach your resort in Leh by say 2000 hrs.

Meals Included: B, Packed L & D

Day 07| Departure Day

After completing check out formalities be ready for transfer to the airport for your return flight home taking with you the memorable moments you had during your stay in Ladakh.

Meals Included: B

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Inclusions:

1. Accommodation for 06 nights / 07 Days with meals specified in the itinerary.
2. Land transfers by **Toyota Innova** as per the itinerary.
 - Transportation services start on Day 01 with pickup from Leh airport till a drop on Day 7 to Leh airport.
 - Includes all sightseeing, waiting charges, driver's expenses, parking & toll charges, road taxes.
3. 02 bottle of mineral water per person during the road travel OR sightseeing tour
4. All meals as per mentioned in the itinerary.
5. All sightseeing, waiting charges, driver's expenses, parking & toll charges, road taxes
6. Presently applicable Government taxes, which are subject to change.

Exclusions:

1. Any En route/ personal expenses.
2. Camera/Camcorder charges
3. Entries to gompas & monument.
4. Camel Ride at Dunes of Hunder
5. Any expenses incurred due to factors beyond our control like a natural calamity/ man-made calamity.
6. Any Air fare.
7. Any Visa charges
8. Expenses on account of factors beyond our control like flight / train cancellations, landslides.

Note:

- Any increase in the tax rates or new taxes, imposed by the government in the run-up to this trip would be borne by the guest.