MESMERIZING LADAKH

Day 01 Arrive Delhi
Upon arrival at Delhi International Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to the hotel to check in.
Overnight: Hotel

Day 02 Delhi
Breakfast at the hotel.
Proceed for sightseeing of Old Delhi - visiting Jama Masjid,Raj Ghat and drive past the Red fort. Later visit the temple at Akshardham.
In the afternoon proceed for sightseeing of New Delhi visiting Qutub Minar, drive past India Gate, the President's Residence, Parliament House and the Secretariat buildings.
Overnight: Hotel

Day 03 Delhi – Leh (by Flight) - Thiksey
This morning, following your arrival into Leh, you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to your residence, Chamba Camp, Thiksey. Soak in the serenity of the surroundings as you are accorded a traditional Ladakhi welcome. You will be then accompanied to your well-appointed Luxury Tent after your check-in formalities at the Reception Tent is completed.
There will be no activity on your day of arrival as it is medically mandated that you relax and undergo minimal exertion to enable you to acclimatize to the rarefied oxygen levels at this high-altitude. The Excursion Specialist at Chamba Camp, Thiksey will meet with you to discuss the itinerary suggested and help you plan your excursions and make changes if required, to suit your interests, choices and leisure.
You may take a stroll through the blessed hamlet of Thiksey and engage with the joyous local community and its pastoral lifestyle, immersing you to the scintillating peace and tranquility.
Overnight: Chamba Camp, Thiksey

Day 04 Thiksey
Today brings a late start, leaving the morning free for you to enjoy a leisurely breakfast and walk around the camp site, taking in the sights and the peaceful milieu where each tent opens out on to alfalfa pastures. Enjoy the view of the willow trees as the wind gracefully brushes the branches and the rustling sound of the poplar trees create an aura of unmatched beauty and serenity, making you unwind and relax.
Or, you may take an easy, invigorating walk in the vicinity of the camp through the lush farmlands of Nyerma, with insight into ancient knowledge of medicinal herbs, agricultural practices and religious life in the nunnery.
Return to the camp for lunch.

This afternoon following lunch, you will visit the Leh City.

We then proceed on a gentle orientation tour of Leh. Our Leh City Heritage Walk ushers you to the labyrinth of by-lanes of Leh City under the gaze of the imposing 17th century nine storied Leh City Palace.

Our walk takes you through this last big frontier town where everything from daily needed rations, locally spun woolen clothing, rugs, yak fur and yak tail and ritualistic items can be sourced. The city boulevard presents a cauldron of shops which sell Pashmina shawls, stoles to Tibetan handicraft items. Few scattered curio shops also offer Tibetan silver jewelry and traditional Ladakhi jewelry set with turquoise, jade & emerald.

Your walk concludes near Chubi village where your vehicle will pick you up and take you to Shanti Stupa, perched upon a great vantage point over Leh, with spectacular views of this mesmerizing stone strewn landscape.

Overnight at the Chamba Camp, Thiksey

Day 05 Thiksey

An early morning start with tea and coffee followed by a visit to the Thiksey monastery, which stands about a kilometer from your camp. This beautiful monastery houses a two storey statue of the Maitreya Buddha seated on a lotus and boasts of a spectacular view of the Leh valley. At the monastery, you will have the privilege to participate in the Buddhist morning prayer ceremony at sunrise.

Continue on a guided tour of the monastery, visiting the beautiful prayer room which has many handwritten and painted books as well as the temple dedicated to goddess Tara with her 21 images placed in glass-covered wooden shelves. You will also see small shrines devoted to the guardian divinities including Cham-Sing, the protector deity of Thiksey.

After a leisurely breakfast at camp, proceed to explore the jewel in the crown of the Drukpa lineage, the Hemis Monastery, the biggest monastic institution of Ladakh, situated about 23 kilometers (45 mins) from Thiksey. Built in a secluded valley, the monastery belongs to the Drukpa School or the Dragon Order of Tibetan Buddhism. Explore the many interesting facets of this institution, established under the patronage of King Senge Namygal in the 17th century, where young lamas are taught literature, history, philosophy, yoga and tantra. The monastery halls are adorned with beautiful statues and mural paintings.

Return to camp for lunch. The rest of the evening is at leisure, allowing you time to soak in serenity of your beautiful camp location.`

Overnight: Chamba Camp, Thiksey

Day 06 Thiksey- Nubra -Diskit

Following breakfast this morning, your exciting journey continues through some of the region's most awe-inspiring and dramatic landscapes, passing through the Khardung La Pass (5570 mtrs / 18,381 ft.), considered to be the highest motorable road in the world. From the pass one gets to see the Nubra Valley and rich agricultural lands interspersed with poplar and willow trees, giving the landscape a lush green look. Following a packed lunch in the village of Khardung continue onwards driving past the famous sand dunes of Nubra, arrive at the village of Diskit.

Your arrival at Chamba Camp, Diskit comes as a delightful oasis after your adventurous drive. Our camp here is inspired by the aesthetics of safari camping and equipped with

every modern comfort to pamper your senses. Rest yourself on your own private deck and breathe in the tranquility of the serene water body reflecting the high mountains and cloudless blue skies. Be at leisure as the wind
whispers fables of the famed Silk Route and the mighty mountains boast of stories untold. Loose yourselves to the peaceful pleasures of solitude.
Overnight: Chamba Camp, Thiksey

Day 07 Diskit
After a sumptuous breakfast, we drive to the picturesque village of Sumur located across the Shyok and Nubra Rivers.
You can also opt to drive towards the most northern road on the Saichen Glacier route and then hike towards the hidden lake - Yarab Tso – which is one of the high altitude and sacred lakes in the Nubra Valley. It holds crystal clear holy water, secluded within a rocky terrain.
We then whisk you to experience local life and be privy to the special initiative by the Women's Alliance of Nubra. These hard working women have collaborated to come together in activities like handicrafts, documentation of natural and oral history along with traditional performing arts.
A lovely drive through the farmlands of Sumur brings you to a traditional local farm which promises you delectable promises of a sumptuous homely lunch.
Visit the house of the Kalon family which allows you a glimpse into their rich historicity of this region.
This evening, we usher you for an adventurous ride on the double hump Bactrian camel on the sand dunes of the Hunder cold desert. Relive the dreams and glories of the merchants, mercenaries and monks as they trudged these very sands in search of Gold, Glory and God in the days of yore.
Overnight: Chamba Camp, Thiksey

Day 08 Diskit
Soak in the solitude and serenity of our camp location amidst the whispering winds of the sand dune of Diskit and hear of lost stories of the bygone Great Game played out in this frontier wilderness.
Overnight: Chamba Camp, Thiksey

Day 09 Diskit -Leh
After an early morning wake up call, we drive you up towards the Diskit Gompa. Perched on a hill in the village of Diskit and considered to be the oldest and largest Buddhist monastery in the Nubra Valley, it belongs to the Gelugpa (Yellow Hat) sect of Tibetan Buddhism.
It is a sub-gompa of the Thiksey monastery and has a statue of the Cho Rinpoche "the crowned Buddha" in the prayer hall, a huge drum and several images of fierce guardian deities. An elevated cupola of the monastery depicts a fresco of the Tashilhunpo monastery of Tibet.
Start the day with a special prayer high up near the towering Maitreya Buddha.
Return to the camp for a hearty breakfast and after breakfast get ready for your journey back to Leh Valley through picturesque landscape traversing through Wari - La (5,300 mtrs

/ 17,384 ft) the fourth highest motor able pass in Ladakh. En route, enjoy seeing the shepherds graze their pashmina goats, stop for photograph of the scattered villages. Not to be missed is spotting the famous yaks grazing in the meadows along the streams.
NOTE: If Wari-La is closed due to any local conditions, then the drive will be back through Khardung-La.
On arrival into the Leh Valley, check into the Chamba Camp, Thiksey.
Evening is at leisure to relax & unwind in the luxurious environs of your camp.
Overnight: Chamba Camp, Thiksey

Day 10: Leh – Delhi (By Flight)
Today you bid farewell to the enchanting and breath-taking mountainous and rugged terrain of Ladakh. After your transfer to the Leh airport, board your flight to Delhi.
Upon arrival meet and assist and transfer to hotel where room is booked for Day use till departure flight.
Evening intime transfer to International airport for flight to onwards destination;

Day 11: Depart Delhi

END OF OUR SERVICES

NOTE: (The sequence of the excursions can be changed depending on the weather conditions.)