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HIMALAYAN JEEP SAFARI

DAY 01 ARRIVAL DELHI

Assistance & Traditional welcome on arrival in the capital of India & followed by transfer to Hotel for Overnight.

From the spacious and planned streets of New Delhi, the imperial capital of India, Delhi is perhaps one of the best examples in the world where the 'old' meets the 'new'. Strolling through the streets of Delhi the contrasts continue. You will experience the ringing bells of bicycle rickshaws, see Mercedes Benz cars driving around Eating out also offers a variety of options from a rich Mughlai curry to a wood fired pizza. On this sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi your senses will come alive as you encounter the many sights and sounds this amazing city has to offer.

DAY 02 DELHI

After breakfast meet with our executive who give briefing about your tour & hand over all your travel documents. Later start the full day tour.

Tours starts with visit of Old Delhi, the 17th century walled city of Shah Jahanabad, Visiting the great Jama Masjid, the principal mosque of Old Delhi. Built in the year 1656 AD by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, it is the largest & best known mosque in India. Later we walk down or take a rickshaw ride through Chandi Chowk, the old marketplace of Shah Jahanabad now a picturesque bazaar to reach Red Fort, built in the year 1648 by Shah Jehan.

Later you will visit New Delhi. In New Delhi you will visit sights such as the impressive Qutub Minar, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. built by Qutub-ud-Din Aibek in 1199 from sandstone and marble, Humayun's Tomb, memorial of Mughal Emperor Humayun, built in the year 1562. The complex is a World Heritage Site & the first example of this type of Mughal architecture in India., India Gate (War Memorial Arch) and Lakshminarayan Temple, a modern Hindu Temple. You will drive past the President's House, Parliament House, Government Secretariat Buildings and Connaught Place shopping centre.

DAY 03 DELHI / MANALI :

After breakfast provide in time transfer to railway station to connect the Shatabadi Express for Kalka. Assistance on arrival at Kalka Station & followed by drive to Manali, In the evening in Manali & check into Hotel for Overnight.

DAY 04 MANALI :

Manali Situated at the northern end of Kulu Valley, Manali has spectacular views of snow capped peaks and wooded slopes. The Beas rushes along its rocky course amid grassy meadows carpeted with wild flowers which wagtails hop along from stone to stone along the stream's edge. Manali offers marvellous walks through dappled orchards and fairy tale forests of deodar. Visit the Vashist sulphur springs and Jagatsukh 6 kms away in the midst of a picturesque village. Hadimba Devi temple, built in 1553 AD is dedicated to the Goddess Hadima (Hirma Devi) the wife of Bhima. It has a four tiered pagoda-shaped roof with a doorway carved with figures and symbols. Visit the Tibetan monastery and is famous for its carpet weaving and Tibetan handicrafts. Overnight in Manali

DAY 05 MANALI / JISPA (115 kms) :

After breakfast drive to Jispa. Today we scale the Rohtang Pass, gateway to the high desert mountains and plains. After crossing at 13,000ft, we will stop for the night at the tiny settlement of Jispa... which has a surprisingly good hotel, considering its remote location. Jispa sits at the foot of the mighty 16,000-foot Baralacha Pass at an altitude of some 13,000ft – again providing valuable acclimatization time before heading up to the really high stuff. Overnight at Fixed camp.

DAY 06 JISPA / SARCHU (115 kms) :

After breakfast drive [115 KMS, 6 HRS DRIVE] Jispa to Sarchu. The day begins with the climb over Baralacha La, riding a sinuous ribbon of tarmac. Having crested the pass, views open up over the arid Mare Plains and on to the snow-capped mountains beyond. We will set up camp for the night on the edge of the plains at Sarchu, sleeping again at around 13,000ft. Overnight at Fixed Camp.

DAY 07 SARCHU / LEH (253 kms) :

After breakfast, drive to Leh. The road from Sarchu crosses high mountain Passes, Nakeela Pass (4750 m) and Lachalung La (5066 m) to reach the Army Camp in the Pang valley. The dry barren mountains around Pang are eroded in very spectacular way. They look like giant fortress like structures with spires, pinnacles and windows. From Pang, the road climbs up and reaches a different world altogether. Here is the flat high desert of More Plains, 50-60 km of road bisecting it. This is Rupshu, an extension of Changthang plateau of Tibet. The road then climbs for Tanglang Pass (5360 m), the second highest mountain Pass in Ladakh and then finally reaches Leh. This 475 km Himalayan journey is a visual delight with no tone moment of boredom en route. Overnight in Leh

DAY 08 LEH (EXCURSION TO SHEY, THIKSEY & HEMIS) :

After breakfast, Proceed for Indus Valley monastery tour. We start with a visit to Shey the ancient capital of Ladakh. The monastery here has a huge gold-gilded statue of

Buddha Sakyamuni with a large silver lamp burning in front of the statue. Then we visit Thiksey Gompa an impressive complex rising tier upon tier on a hill above the village. The monastery has a beautiful 30 m high gold-plated statue of Maitreya Buddha, the Buddha of the future. Drive further to visit the famous Hemis Gompa founded in 1630's by Stag-tsang-ras-pa under the royal patronage of Sengge Namgyall. Hemis is one of the largest and richest gompas of Ladakh. The two-day festival of monastic dance in June-July has raised the reputation of Hemis particularly high. The festival is dedicated to Guru Padmasambhava, popularly known as second Buddha and responsible for spreading Buddhism in the Tibetan world. Later in the evening we drive back to hotel. Overnight in Leh

DAY 09 LEH / ALCHI (VIA PHYANG, LIKIR & BASGO) :

After breakfast, drive to Phyang, The monastery is remarkably built on the hilltop, similar to the Likir monastery. This monastery belongs to the Degungpa order. And we drive further to Likir and visit Likir gompa situated a top a windy cliff top overlooking the beautiful village of Likir. It was founded in the 12th Century although the present construction dates back to the 18th century as the original one was destroyed by fire. In its courtyard is a yellow-coloured 3 storey high mammoth statue of the Lord Buddha, which was constructed by a resident monk. The top floor has an impressive museum containing old tangkhas and weapons used many centuries back. Basgo, The seat of power of a branch of the Namgyal family. It is here in 1680 A.D. that invading Mongol and Tibetan armies were held in check over a three year long siege. Original 16th century murals and other arts of Basgo are well worth a visit. Then we drive and cross the River Indus and reach Alchi, Ladakh's most loved monastery. Over a century old, its wall paintings are very similar to those of the Tabo gompa in Spiti, Himachal Pradesh. Unlike other monasteries, which are usually on a cliff top or cling to a mountainside, Alchi is at ground level and is nestled in the shade of a garden. Overnight in Alchi camps

DAY 10 ALCHI / LAMAYURU / RIDZONG / LEH :

After breakfast, start early morning drive to Lamayuru, and Ridzong back to Leh. Lamayuru lower Ladakh it's also called as sham. Lamayuru Gompa: The oldest holy site in Ladakh, it was a bon shrine prior to the advent of Buddhism. Also known as Yung Drung (Swastika) it is sited on a high promontory overlooking the village and valley. For sheer spectacle value no other Gompa can match Lamayuru. After visit at lamayuru Gompa the drive to Ridzong Gompa: There is no road to Rizong Gompa hence one has to walk to the monastery which is deep into the mountains. Rizong Gompa is known as the paradise for Meditation. Guru Padma Sambhava is believed to editated here for years. One can still find the small caves where Lamas used to meditate for years cutting themselves from the rest of the world except for a one feet square outlet window from where they accept the one time meal of the day. After Ridzong visit, drive back to Leh and check in at our hotel. Overnight in Leh

DAY 11 LEH / NUBRA (126 km) :

After breakfast drive to Nubra Valley the road to the Nubra Valley goes through the highest motorable pass in the world at Khardung La (5602m) The Pass is almost permanently covered in fog and snow, On arrival in the Nubra valley Nubra means green used to be on the trading route connecting Tibet with Turkistan, and was the navy of Turkisatn which invaded it several times. Also know as the Valley of flowers, Nubra has always been well cultivated and fertile, with the best climate in Ladakh, so grains and fruit, such as apples and apricots, have always been plentiful. Ninety per cent of Nubra's population is Buddhist. Nubra's very known monastery, Samstaling is situated on the mountainside just above Sumur. This was the route taken by the trade caravans, and Panamik, the last village on this circuit, was at that time a busy centre, the last major settlement before the caravans plunged into the mountains of the Karakoram and the Kun-Lu. Here they invariable halted for a few days to make final preparations for getting over the mountains, or to recuperate after wards. There would be no supplies, not even grazing for the animals, for about 12 days after Panamik, so they had to carry all their provisions for that time. The Government maintained a granary to sell foodgrains for the men, and even for the horses. Overnight in camp at Nubra

DAY 12 NUBRA / LEH :

After breakfast drive to Leh over the Khardungla pass. On arrival check in at hotel. Rest of the day free in Leh. Overnight in Leh

DAY 13 LEH :

After breakfast, Morning: Excursion to Spituk, Sankar & Stok. Rest of the day free for leisure at Leh. Spituk monastery, which was founded by Od Lde, in the 11th century AD. In those days the gompa belonged to the Kadampa School but Gelukpa order was introduced during the region of King Dragspa Bum ilde, when Lama Lhawang Lotus restored the monastery, Sanker Gompa, which is towards the north of the Town, it has an impressive). And further drive to Stok, Stok Palace Museum which is about 12 kms from Leh across Indus River. It houses some old statues and other equipment. After finishing the tour we drive back to hotel, Evening at leisure. Overnight in Leh

DAY 14 LEH / DELHI (BY FLIGHT) :

Early in the morning, assistance and transfer to the airport to board the flight Delhi. Assistance on arrival in Delhi airport and transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day free in hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Late evening: Assistance at the time of check out from hotel and transfer to the international airport to connect flight for onward journey.

DAY 15 DELHI DEPARTURE

End of Services.

