

# "Land of High Passes"

## (6Nights/7Days)

[ **Highlights: Leh city, Hall of Fame, Shanti Stupa, Nubra Valley, Pangong Lake, Changla Pass, Shey, Thiksey, Hemis, Khardung-la Pass K Top.**]

### **Day 01: Arrival at Leh (3505 meters/11567 feet above sea level)**

On arrival at Kushok Bakula airport Leh - 3500m above sea level you will be transfer to hotel and check in. Half day at rest for acclimatization. Evening drive to visit Shanti Stupa, a Buddhist white-domed Stupa on a hilltop in Changspa, it was built in 1991 by Japanese Buddhist Bhikshu, Gyomyo Nakamura and part of the Peace Pagoda mission. Later visit Leh Palace. In the evening walk around local market. Dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel in Leh.



### **Day 02: Sham Valley**

Day start with Hall of Fame, which was constructed by the Indian Army to commemorate the sacrifice of soldiers during Indo-Pak wars, Kali Mata Temple, followed by Spituk Gompa - an 11th century structure, next on the list of attractions is the majestic Gurudwara Patthar Sahib. Nestled deep in the Himalayas, it was constructed by the Lamas of Leh in 1517 to honour the visit of Guru Nanak Dev - the founder of the Sikh faith. Drive another few km to witness the magic of Magnetic Hill that defies the law of gravity. It has been noticed that when a vehicle is parked on neutral gear on this metallic road, it seems to slide up and further. Driving through a picturesque landscape, we reach the confluence of the Indus and Zaskar River. Proceed back to hotel via same route. Dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel in Leh.



### **Day 03: Leh to Nubra via Khardungla Pass – 1882 Ft/5550 Mtrs. (125 Kms /0 5-0 6 hrs)**

Today at morning drive to Nubra valley, driving over the highest motored pass in the world. The exciting journey through serpentine roads lead you to the Khardungla Pass at an awesome height of 5550 meters. We stop at the pass to admire and click some photographs of the fantastic view. The valley is situated on an old caravan route at the confluence of the Shayok and the Nubra rivers. On the way visit the charming valley, of Deskit – the tiny capital of Nubra. We will visit the Deskit Gompa, perched on a rocky spur above the village, with a commanding view of the entire valley. At Deskit Monastery you will visit 106-feet high, statue of Maitreya Buddha atop on the hill. The monastery has intriguing images of many deities. From Deskit we will drive to Hunder past an area of sand dunes and get acquainted with the famous Bactrian camels, small population of shaggy double-humped animals, which in the old days, were used as pack animals on the Central Asian Trade routes are now used as riding animals in the high deserts. We will ride the double hump camel at hunder on direct payment basis. In the evening, we will drive back to the camp/hotel. Dinner and overnight in camp/hotel at Nubra.

### **Day 04: Nubra to Pangong Lake via Shayok (165 Kms/05 – 06 hrs)**

After breakfast at camp/hotel we drive to next destination Pangong Lake (situated at 14, 500 ft above sea level) via Shayok and onto Tang Tse and Spangmik (Pangong). It's a short cut and it a beautiful route. The road follows the Shayok River, and climbs up a mountain before finally descending into Shayok village. It takes less than an hour to reach Shayok, and you will be delighted at the sight of the rather big village surrounded by barren mountains, the entire setting being very picturesque. Afternoon we reach at Pangong Lake and enjoy your day at Pangong Lake. Dinner and overnight stay in camp.





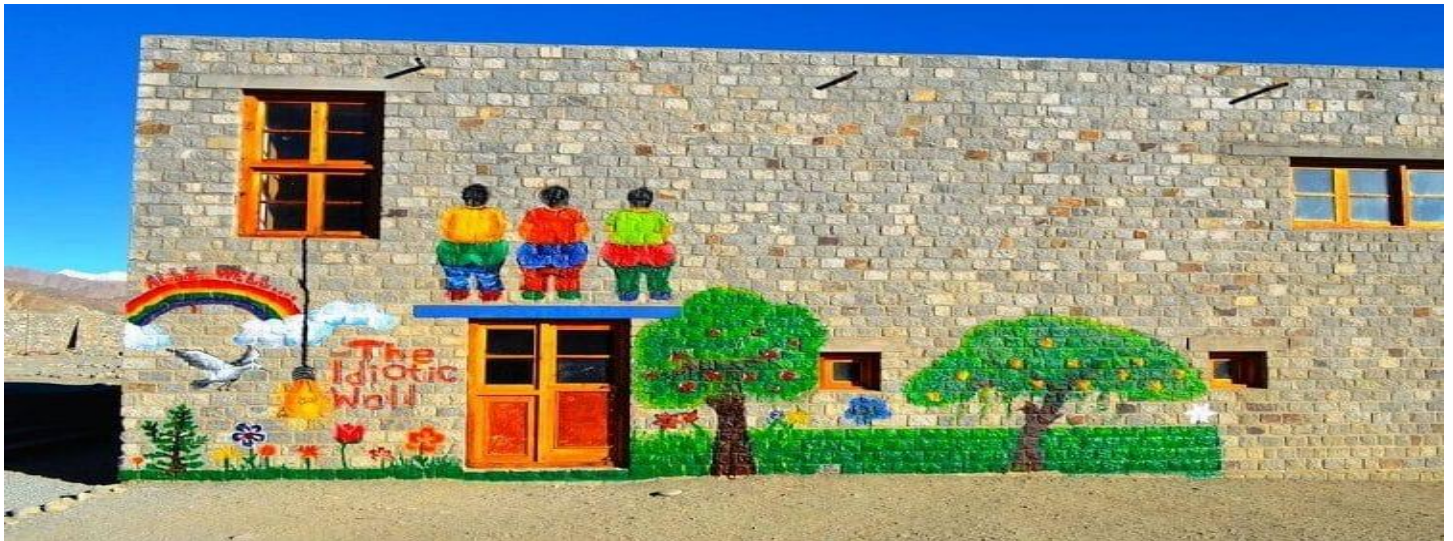
### **Day 05: Pangong to Leh via Changla Pass - 5486 Mtrs. (160 Kms/05 – 06 Hrs)**

Get up early morning to witness the sunrise view at the lake. Enjoy your breakfast and drive back to Leh via Changla Pass 5486 Mtrs. Arrive Leh and check in at the hotel. Evening free for shopping or leisure. Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.



### **Day 06: Tour of Shey, Thiksey and Hemis Monastery.**

After a leisurely breakfast, we drive to visit Hemis Monastery situated 45km west of Leh, Hemis is the largest and the wealthiest monastery in Ladakh. From Hemis, you are driven back taking the same route to visit Thiksey Monastery, located on a hill-lock with formidable views of the Indus valley. Thiksey is especially noteworthy for its gigantic seated statue of the Maitreya Buddha and is also known for its (Dukhang) assembly hall which houses hundreds of rectangular prayer books, stacked between wooden covers and bound in silk. After that we continue to drive through series of chortens to visit Shey Palace the former summer palace of the King of Ladakh **3 Idiots School Campus Sindhu Darshan** Visit. Sindhu Darshan and Shanti Stupa visit. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Day 07: Depart from Leh.

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