

## WINDOW ON LADAKH

**Duration: 08 – 24 August 2017 (16N / 17D)**

**Highlights:** Alchi Murals, Lamayuru Lunar Landscapes, Rafting on Indus River, Turtuk Village, Khardungla Pass, Pangong Tso Lake, Tso Moriri Lake



### **DAY 1: 08 Aug 2017**

#### **ARRIVAL IN DELHI**

Transfer to hotel and evening free for market. Stay overnight in Delhi.

### **DAY 2: 09 Aug 2017**

#### **DELHI to LEH**

Arrive at Kushok Bakula Airport Leh situated at 3500m altitude. Be met by our representative at the airport and transfer to your hotel in Leh City 3 to 4 km. On arrival at the hotel welcome drink and then proceed to your room and spend full day at rest to acclimatize yourself completely to the high altitude of Ladakh, which is must. In the evening easy walk to Leh Bazaar. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY 3: 10 Aug 2017**

#### **LEH to ALCHI (60 km, 2 hrs)**

After breakfast we drive to Alchi, a village famous for its monastery. A national heritage site, Alchi Gompa is known for its magnificent and well preserved 11th & 12th century paintings. En route we visit the Hall of Fame museum, Gurudwara Pathar Saheb, Sangam Point (Zaskar and Indus rivers confluence) and Magnetic Hill. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY 4: 11 Aug 2017**

#### **ALCHI to LAMAYURU (70 km, 3-4 hrs)**

After breakfast proceed for rafting on the Indus River at Uley Topo. Later drive to Lamayuru Monastery which is one of the oldest Monasteries in Ladakh. It is situated in a region that is often called Moonland because of its unique geographical landscape and undulating series of mountains that resemble the surface of the moon. Stay overnight at the hotel.



### **DAY 5: 12 Aug 2017**

#### **LAMAYURU to LEH (135 km, 4-5 hrs)**

After breakfast drive to Leh. In the evening we visit Shanti Stupa, a magnificent white-domed structure that offers spectacular views at sunrise and sunset. The Stupa looks best at night, when it is beautifully illuminated with glittering lights. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY 6: 13 Aug 2017**

#### **LEH to TURTUK (212 Km, 5-6 hrs)**

After breakfast we leave for Turtuk via the world's highest motorable road, the Khardungla Pass, at 18380 feet. Turtuk is a small village that lies very close to the border with Pakistan. The people here are of the Aryan race and lay claim to producing the world's best apricots. Stay overnight in tent resort.

**DAY 7: 14 Aug 2017**

**TURTUK**

On an early morning trek, enjoy breathtaking views of the Karakoram ranges and the villages below. After lunch we visit Turtuk Yul village, Jama Masjid and Mohammad Khan's House. We also stop at Ismail Guesthouse to witness local weavers make Pashmina & Balti caps. Fruits to eat include mulberries in July, cherries and apricots in August and apples in September. Stay overnight in tent resort.

**DAY 8: 15 Aug 2017**

**TURTUK to HUNDER** (81 km, 3 hrs)

After breakfast we head to Hunder for a safari on double-humped Bactrian camels over the sand dunes. From the 17th century until India's partition in 1947, Bactrian camels have been used as pack animals by traders from Central and South Asia and became domesticated for riding and transport purposes in this desert region. Stay overnight in tent resort.



**DAY 9: 16 Aug 2017**

**HUNDER to LEH** (155 km, 5 hrs)

After breakfast we return to Leh. En route we visit Deskit Gompa which is considered to be one of the oldest monasteries in Ladakh. Stay overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 10: 17 Aug 2017**

**LEH to PANGONG TSO** (160 km, 6 hrs)

After breakfast we leave for Pangong Lake via Changla pass at 5486 meters. While ascending Changla pass enjoy the beautiful panoramic view of the villages below. At Lukung, take in the landscape set against the backdrop of the Lake. This famous blue brackish Lake is 5-6 km wide and over 144 km long with half of it running along the Indo-China border. One rarely feels so close to nature. The atmosphere and scenery are unforgettable. Stay overnight in tent resort.

**DAY 11: 18 Aug 2017**

**PANGONG TSO to LEH** (160 km, 6 hrs)

After a late breakfast we depart from Pangong Tso and reach Leh by afternoon. Rest of the evening is free to explore the Tibetan markets and buy souvenirs like singing bowls, prayer flags and dried fruits like apricots and walnuts. Stay overnight at the hotel.



**DAY 12: 19 Aug 2017**

**LEH to TSO MORIRI** (275 km, 7-8 hrs)

After an early breakfast we drive to Tso Moriri via Chumathang where hot water springs are located. The drive to Leh is very scenic as we drive parallel to the River Indus. En route stop at Tso Kaigar Lake for photographs. Wildlife to be seen include Tibetan wild ass (Kiang), marmots, bar headed geese, Brahminy ducks and black neck crane. Stay overnight in camp resort.

**DAY 13: 20 Aug 2017**

**TSO MORIRI to TSO KAR** (94 km, 4-5 hrs)

After breakfast we visit Korzok Monastery and later Tso Kar via Puga. This journey is through rugged roads but the destination is really beautiful. Enjoy the lake and different migratory birds. Stay overnight in camp.

**DAY 14: 21 Aug 2017**

**TSO KAR to LEH** (175 km, 6 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Leh via Debring and Tanglang La Pass, at 17582 feet the world's second highest pass after Khardungla Pass in Ladakh. Stay overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 15: 22 Aug 2017**

**LEH**

Leisure day spent in Leh. Stay overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 16: 23 Aug 2017**

**LEH to DELHI**

Early morning transfer to Kushok Bakula Airport Leh to board flight to Delhi. Be met by our representative at the airport and transfer to your hotel to check-in and freshen up. Enjoy lunch at a renowned restaurant that showcases cuisines of Northeast India. Afternoon guided heritage walk in Old Delhi. Farewell dinner featuring traditional family-style Rajasthani vegetarian Thali guaranteed to tickle your taste buds! Stay overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 17: 24 Aug 2017**

According to your flight schedule, drop at the airport for onward journey. TOUR ENDS.

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**Cost per Person**

**1 to 6 Pax = \$140 per day per person**

**7 to 12 Pax = \$130 per day per person**

**Prices Include:**

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis in double occupancy
- All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Tea and Dinner)
- Drinking water
- Transfers to and from the airport
- Transportation by SUV (Innova or Xylo)
- Rafting/Camel/Elephant Safari charges
- Entry fee to all parks/monuments/folk dances
- English-speaking tour guide

**Prices Do Not Include:**

- Any kind of personal expenses or optional tours or extra meals ordered
- Anything not specifically mentioned under the head "Prices include"
- Tips, insurance, laundry, phone calls, medication, visa fees
- Any kind of drinks (alcoholic, mineral, aerated)
- Connecting flights, trains or other conveyance
- Cost incidental to any change in the itinerary/stay on account of flight cancellation due to bad weather, ill health, roadblocks and/or any factors beyond control.

**Terms & Conditions:**

- Prices valid from 1st October 2016 to 31st March 2018.
- Prices valid for minimum 2 and maximum 4 pax traveling together in one vehicle.
- 50% non-refundable and non-transferrable advance payment to be deposited at the time of booking confirmation with balance due in cash on arrival.