



Main Tour Itinerary in Brief

Day	Routing	Description
Day 1	Chamba Camp,Thiksey	Following your arrival at Leh, transfer to the Chamba camp in Thiksey. Soak in the serenity and picturesque surrounding as you relax and acclimatize.
Day 2	Chamba Camp,Thiksey	The Little Tibet experience: Visit the Matho Monastery and orientation tour of Leh.
Day 3	Tour Ends	Walk in the footsteps of Buddha: Visit the Alchi Monastery and Nimmu Village or explore the Alchi Monastery and opt for a rafting excursion.
Day 4	Chamba Camp,Thiksey	Experience the two Paths to Nirvana: Participate in the early morning prayer ceremony at Thiksey Monastery and later visit the Hemis Monastery.
Day 5	Chamba Camp,Thiksey	The day is at leisure or you can opt for an excursion to Pangong Lake or to Stok or to Tso Kar.
Day 6	Chamba Camp,Thiksey	Bid farewell to the Land of the Lamas.





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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 then be 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 enabling 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.



Day 2 - The Little Tibet experience: Visit the Matho Monastery and orientation tour of Leh.

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 your lunch.

This afternoon following lunch, you will visit the famed Matho Monastery.

The village of Matho is located at the mouth of a deep gorge running out of the Zaskar Range and across the river Indus. Founded in 1410 by Lama Dunpa Dorje, it belongs to the Sakya Order. It is noted for its six-hundred-year-old thangkas and its conservation project of the monastery undertaken by local women and led by a spirited team from all parts of the globe.

We then proceed on a gentle orientation tour of Leh. Our Leh City Heritage walk ushers you to the labyrinth of the 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. A few scattered curio shops also offer Tibetan silver jewelry and traditional Ladakhi jewelry set with turquoise, jade and 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.



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Day 3 - Walk in the footsteps of Buddha: Visit the Alchi Monastery and Nimmu Village or explore the Alchi Monastery and opt for a rafting excursion.

After a sumptuous breakfast, embark on a spiritual exploration of the monastic treasure of Ladakh.

Driving through picturesque landscape along the River Indus, arrive at the fabled Alchi Monastery, built in the 11th century. Founded by Ringchen Zangpo, the Great Translator, the Alchi Gompa displays a Kashmiri influence in its art and architecture. Within the monastery you will see beautiful Tibetan and Gandhara style murals of Ladakh, frescos and images of the Buddha.

On your way back from Alchi, you will drive past the Basgo fort, built in the 16th century. Basgo, literally "Cow's Head" in the local language, was the center of power and politics in this region at one point of time.

Relish a delectable lunch in a picturesque setting in the hamlet of Nimmu before you drive back to your residence -Chamba camp, Thiksey.

Alternatively, combine your visit to Alchi with our optional rafting excursion. The day begins with a drive through the pastoral countryside, arriving at the put-in point. Take a gentle rafting trip down the Indus River, floating past traditional Ladakhi villages, enjoying the mesmerizing views, and the contrast between the greenery of the Nimmu village on one bank and the stark barren landscape of the other. Relish hot lunch at Sangam in a picturesque setting. Following lunch continue to the fabled Alchi Monastery.

On your way back to camp, stop by at the hamlet of Nimmu for a gentle walk through the bountiful fields and savor a taste of local hospitality.



Day 4 - Experience the two Paths to Nirvana: Participate in the early morning prayer ceremony at Thiksey Monastery and later visit the Hemis Monastery.

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 rooms 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.

Return to the camp for a hearty breakfast.

The rest of the morning is free, allowing you time to relax and take in the pristine beauty around you. After a sumptuous lunch 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 Namgyal 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.



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Day 5 - The day is at leisure or you can opt for an excursion to Pangong Lake or to Stok or to Tso Kar.

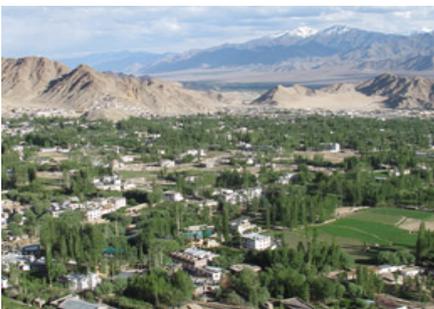
The day is at leisure or you may choose to embark on an excursion to Pangong Lake. Take in the breath-taking views and setting of the blue lake set amidst the lofty Himalaya mountains. A popular location for many Bollywood movies, enjoy some unique moments.

Following a lunch return to the comfort of your camp in Thiksey.

Alternatively, you may choose to visit the village of Stok. For this excursion you will drive 19 kilometres (40 mins) to visit the Stok Palace, across the River Indus. Take a walk through the Palace, a beautiful medieval fortress, serving as the residence of the Queen Mother and Prince of Ladakh. A section of this palace has been converted into a museum which houses some of the most interesting and priceless collections of the Royal family. Admire some of the exquisite royal perak (headgear) embedded with priceless coral and turquoise. The museum also exhibits Royal costumes, coins, photographs and paintings. Continue onwards to the Stok village. Explore the rustic beauty of the village as you walk down the narrow lanes, catching a glimpse of local village life, culminating at a quaint Ladakhi house, where you can enjoy traditional hospitality.

Or, take a day trip to the mesmerizing Tso Kar - The White Lake, which lies beyond the dizzying heights of Tanglang La Pass (5,328 mtrs/ 17,582 ft) - the world's second highest motorable pass also makes for an unforgettable experience. A twin lake separated by a freshwater stream makes it an ancient nesting ground for a lot of birdlife.

You can also hope for a chance meeting with the famed "Chang Pas" or the nomads of the trans -Himalayas who dwell a nomadic life primarily as animal herders and follow an annual migration route in these desolate yet compelling high altitude desert in search of fresh pastures for their livestock comprising of the Pashmina goats popular for the luxurious 'Cashmere Wool' and Yaks in the Rusphu valley.



Day 6 - Bid farewell to the Land of the Lamas.

Today you bid farewell to the enchanting and breath-taking mountainous and rugged terrain of Ladakh, as you transfer to the Leh airport and board your flight to your onward destination.



Main Tour - Inclusions / Exclusions

Inclusions

- Prices include arrival and departure transfers to and from Leh airport by AC Innova.
- Accommodation in Hollywood double luxury / presidential suite tents.
- All meals as mentioned in the itinerary, including tea, coffee and soft beverages.
- Guided excursions as specified in the tour program.
- Still camera fees (not professional) as applicable.

Exclusions

- Prices do not include international or domestic airfare.
- Any optional tour mentioned in the itinerary.
- Goods and services tax of 5% shall apply on the total billing for all bookings. Subject to change without prior notice.
- Taxes not mentioned in the package inclusions, insurance and gratuities on the campsite for housekeeping, food and beverage services.
- Gratuities to guides and drivers.
- Expenses of personal nature like telephone calls, laundry, alcoholic beverages, portorage at airports / and railway stations.
- Professional still and video camera fees.
- Pre or post tour accommodation and any other tour extensions.



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Date/Rates - Main Tour - 2019

Validity: 15 May 2019 to 10 October 2019

Note :

*The above stated prices are on per person basis for the entire package.

*GST is extra



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