



10Days Best of Ladakh/Kashmir Pongong Lake

Ladakh : “The Moonland” Geographically on the Tibetan Plateau, located between two highest mountain ranges in the world, the Himalayas and Karakoram .It’s Tibetan culture which are cut off from the rest of the world for centuries has flourish and left very much untouched. It’s ancient monasteries carved high into the hillsides and it’s unspoilt villages have remained unchanged over the centuries. It’s unique sceneries, lush green river valleys, deep blue skies and colourful lifestyle of the people who live in harmony with its barren land. The average altitude varies from about 9000 ft in Kargil to about 12000 ft in Leh, above sea level. Peopled by a race related to Tibetan stock in culture,religion.language and features, it is also called “**Little Tibet**”

ITINERARY

Day 01: Singapore/Delhi.

Depart from Changi Airport -Fly to Delhi

Day 02:Delhi/Srinagar- Altitude 1730m(KASHMIR)

(B/L/D)

Arrive Delhi early morning at 2:20 am meet and assist at airport and transfer to Hotel for short rest for 4 hours later after breakfast transfer to Domestic airport for flight to Srinagar .The Summer capital of Kashmir,which is located on the foot of Himalayan Mountains,where tourist enjoy living in Houseboats which are anchored on famous Dal lake.A Kashmiri warm welcome greets you on arrival from airport to jetty by car and after which transfer to Deluxe Houseboat by Shikara (Gondolas) After lunch at houseboat Cruise on Dal lake by Shikara visiting the Floating gardens, and Lotus gardens(summers) and cruise will go through back water canals of the lake.Dinner & overnight at Bostan **Premium Deluxe Luxury houseboat.**

Day 03 :Srinagar-Gulmarg - Altitude 2699.6m- Srinagar- Altitude 1730m

(B/L/D)

After breakfast enjoy an excursion to Gulmarg (Meadow of Flowers) at height of 8800 feet above sea-level. Here you will witness the natural beauty of the surroundings of Kashmir set out like a Doll's Villa'e. Gulmarg used to be a favorite hunt of the British in Summer and you will find old fashioned hotels and shops in the village. Gulmarg has the highest 18 hole Golf Course in the world and has developed into a Ski Resort during Winter. Enjoy tour of Gondola Ride from 8800 ft to 10 200 ft 1stphase.Return to houseboat for lunch, visit Shankaracharya Shiva temple situated 1000ftabove Srinagar city and commanding a magnificent view of town and some lakes around Srinagar later enjoy trip to Mughal gardens of Nishat (Garden of Pleasure) and Shalimar(Garden of Love) built by famous Mughal Emperors, also visit silk carpet weaving centre and other handicraft centers Look for pure pashmina while in Kashmir. Dinner and overnight stay at houseboat **Premium Deluxe Luxury Houseboats.**

Day 04 : Srinagar –Sonamarg–Kargil– Altitude2,704 m

(B/L/D)

Depart early morning after breakfast Kargil 203 kms wonderful trip up to Sonamarg (Meadow of Gold) at a distance of 85 kms, situated at a height of 8900 feet above sea level. The distance will take about 3 hours drive up to Sonamarg which goes along the Sindh River. It is also known as the Sindh Valley Tour.The drive is very spectacular with beautiful sceneries along the way.enroute stop at **Kangantown**, an interesting small mountain town where mountain

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people from the surrounding valleys come down for trading. Once you reach Sonamarg you will feel like you are in the **Swiss Alps**. The meadows of Sonamarg have a spectacular beauty from the strewn with the loveliest of Alpine flowers, lots of fir and pine and silver birch trees. After lunch continue drive to Kargil 120 kms via Zojila Pass (3529 m), a scenic drive all the way upto the Pass, after the crossing Zojila pass the landscape completely changes. Drive through Drass Town the second coldest habitant place in the world, enjoy some time exploring Kargil town and here you will see the people are different and these are of Dard Stock which are found in Baltistan region of western Himalayas. Dinner and Overnight at Hotel D'zojila.

Day 05: Kargil – Leh-Altitude 3,256 m**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast along with picnic lunch, we leave for Leh (230 km), enroute visit Mulbeck and Lamayuru Monasteries. **Mulbeck** this is high image of Maitry the future Buddha about 1400 years old built on huge rock. The image commemorate victory of Buddhism over Bonism and also to end the sacrificing of human and animal lives, on word proceed to **Lamayuru**. After crossing **Namikala pass** (3737 m) and **Fotula Pass (4294 m)**, the highest point on Srinagar Leh road from the pass one can enjoy spectacular views of Karakoram mountain ranges, arrive Lamayuru and proceed to monastery, the finest monastery in Ladakh, this about 900 years old and houses the image of Chanaric (The God of compassion and Mercy) of which Dalai lama is considered to be reincarnated. The paintings on the walls are the sketches of the Gods of Buddhist mythology. After lunch drive to Leh with a panoramic landscape and stop at Khaltse village the drive goes all along the Indus River. Arrive Leh Check in hotel and Dinner Overnight hotel Lasssermo.

Day 06 : Leh- Altitude 3,256 m**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast visit various monasteries around Leh, Shanker Gompa, it is a monastery of yellow sect of the Buddhism, it houses the image of Chanaric and various tankas and visit Shanthi Stupa and also visit Leh palace and Leh bazaar and visit Tibetan Market, Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 07: Leh–Altitude 3,256 m**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast leave for Shey, Thiksey and Hemis Monasteries. Shey is 15 kms from Leh is set up on a hill, the monastery has two storey statue of the sitting Buddha wrought of copper and gold that leaves the sense breathless. Thikse enroute to Hemis gompa provides a panoramic view of the green Indus valley. Thikse houses beautiful tankas, there are 60 resident lamas. Later visit Hemis the Ladakh biggest monastery the Gompa contains quite a few gold statues and stupas decorated with precious stones. It has a super collections of tankas including the one which is supposed to be the largest tanka in existence and is exhibited once in every 11 years. Return in the late afternoon to Leh. Visit Ladakhi family in the afternoon. Dinner and Overnight stay in hotel.

Day 08: Leh/Pongong Lake**(B/L/D)**

After early breakfast depart at 5 30 am for Pongong Lake 140 kms one way, situated at 4267m through Changla Pass 5490 meters above sea level enjoy the beautiful panoramic View of the villages below the pass, after crossing the pass halt for picnic lunch at Tsoltak, the summer pastureland of the YAKS, Arrive DURBUK and from there a short drive takes you to the western shore of the lake. Enjoy the land scape in the back drop of the lake. A long narrow basin of inland drainage, hardly six to seven kilometer at its widest point and over 130km long, it is bisected by the international border between India and China. The first view of the lake is breath taking because of striking colors of its water especially towards evening when it is deep blue. Return to Leh afternoon and enjoy some shopping in the bazaar for Tibetan artifacts at Tibetan Market. Overnight and dinner at hotel.

Day 09: Leh /Delhi**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast transfer to Leh airport for a short spectacular mountain flight to Delhi, on arrival check in hotel and later coach will be provided for half day to explore Delhi sights and to do some shopping in Connaught circus area and later farewell dinner at North Indian Tandoori Restaurant or Chinese restaurant. Overnight stay in Hotel Golden Tulip or Country Inn Suites.

Day 10: Delhi/Singapore 9W 18 Dep at 8 45 am - 5 15**(B)**

After early breakfast, transfer to International airport for flight to Singapore.

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COST:\$2580 (Twin/Trip sharing) Minimum 4 to travel

Travel period: End of April - September only

Cost Includes:

- ❖ Airfare SIN/DEL/SIN
- ❖ Domestic Air fare Del-Srinagar/Leh-Delhi
- ❖ Accommodation as per above itinerary
- ❖ All meals as per itinerary
- ❖ All transfers and tours by Air con transport, Non Aircon Toyota Innova jeeps in Kashmir Ladakh ,airport assistance,
- ❖ Private tours/ English speaking Guide
- ❖ Entrance fees to all **Monuments**, all interstate taxes, inner line permits, and Government taxes.
- ❖ A visit to Ladakhi Family
- ❖ All Government taxes

Cost does Not includes:

- ❖ Personal Travel insurance, Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharge: \$430 All taxes are subjected to changes upon issuing ticket, India Visa Fees: \$60(Singaporean),Tipping guideline USD5 per pax per day

