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4 - 15 JULY 2024 (12D11N) KASHMIR LADAKH
(Delhi, Srinagar, Sonmarg, Kargil, Leh, Nubra Valley, Pangong Lake)

Cost per pax RM5600 (8PAX), RM4900 (16PAX)
Based on RM1 = INR17.35 as per 24 FEB 2024
Final adjustment on the cost is based on the exchange rate at time of final collection

EXCLUDES FLIGHTS BELOW:

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS: BATIK AIR

04 JUL 2024 OD205 KUL DEL 1800 2105
15 JUL 2024 OD206 DEL KUL 2205 0610+1

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS:

05 JUL 2024 15-712 DEL SXR 1130 1300 AIR INDIA EXPRESS
14 JUL 2024 6E-2004 IXL DEL 0735 0900 INDIGO

UPDATE 24 FEBRUARY 2024 Updated itinerary with addition of Kashmir.

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK FLIGHTS UNTIL ADVISED BY US. WhatsApp trip handler **YONG LEE KENG 012 3158353** or email yongleekeng@gmail.com for booking.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humor, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun.





The different landscapes of Ladakh & Kashmir

Our journey through two very different faces of India will take us from the wondrous pine forests and green flowered meadows of Muslim Kashmir to the rugged beauty of raw barren Buddhist Ladakh, Only an overland road trip can do justice to this trip as you will see the drastic change from upper to lower Himalayas, and that is what we will do!

DAY 1 KUL-DEL Assemble KLIA by 0600, "get-to-know" your travel buddies time, and fly **KUL-DEL (0850-1210)** On arrival Delhi, pick-up and transfer to nearby airport vicinity hotel for a free and easy day and good night's rest, maybe dream of the high adventures to come. **Overnight Delhi**

DAY 2 DELHI-SRINAGAR Post breakfast, transfer to Airport for our flight to Srinagar **DEL-SXR (0940-1105)** Situated on the bank of Jhelum, Srinagar is a treasure trove of beauty and it will be a pleasure for many travellers to explore the bounteous beauty of the city. The major beauty of this city are its waterfalls and gardens which were made by the Mughal emperors. Snow-capped mountains, chinar trees and beautiful valleys give a spectacular view to the city. Proceed for sightseeing of Srinagar visiting the **Mughal Gardens, Chashmi-e Shahi (The Royal Spring), Nishat (The Garden of pleasure) Shalimar Bagh (Abode of love), Hazratbal and Shankracharya temple.** Rest of the free time to explore the local market at Lal Chowk also visit art and craft emporium for Kashmiri shawls are exquisite souvenirs to shop for. Made from three fibres, wool, pashmina and Shahtoos, these soft fabrics make wonderful warm shawls. The handmade embroidery is also superb. Wood Carving are extremely beautiful and worth buying as Kashmir is the only part of India where the walnut tree grows. **Overnight Srinagar Houseboat (D)**

DAY 3 SRINAGAR-DOODHE-PATHER-SRINAGAR Post breakfast day excursion to **Doodh-e-pathri**, a bowl-shaped valley about 42 kms from Srinagar. It is a recent discovery in the valley covered with the green carpeted small meadow set in the heart of mountains to the south-west of Srinagar. It is an ideal picnic spot can be visited from here. We will take you to acres upon acres of grassy meadow ringed by forests of pine, and towering beyond them, awesome and majestic snow-clad mountains. A flowing river resounds with soft wind passing through the pine trees of the enclosures of the valley. It is also called as a "**VALLEY OF MILK**". It is said that the cattle grazing in the meadows of **Doode e Pather**, produces rich milk in large quantity. Free and easy evening. **Overnight Srinagar Houseboat (B,D)**

DAY 4 SRINAGAR – KARGIL VIA SONMARG (122 KMS, 3 to 4 hrs drive) Post breakfast drive to Kargil enroute visiting Sonmarg "**Meadow of Gold**". You may take a pony ride (On your OWN) to **Thajiwass Glacier** where snow remains round the year. Continue drive to Kargil via **Zojila pass**. En-route witness Drass village- World's second coldest in-habituated place and you can also see Tiger hill along the way (200 km). Free and easy evening. **Overnight Kargil (B, D)**

DAY 5 KARGIL – LEH VIA SHAM VALLEY (210 KMS, 6 to 7 hrs drive) Post breakfast leave for Leh, en-route visit **Mulbekh**, Giant Living Buddha Sculpture on Rock Mountain, Lamayuru, also visit the 11th Century **Lamayuru Monastery** en-route visiting the mesmerizing **Moon Landscapes** (you will believe why the name of this area is Moon land. Exactly the same formations of Land are visible as on the moon). **Lamayuru**; is spectacularly located along the valley plain and surrounded by mountains on all sides. Later drive to Leh and visit the **Alchi Gompa**; the complex of temples located within the village is the most celebrated of Ladakh's monasteries and dates back to the 11th century. En-route visiting **Gurudwara Patthar Sahib**. Nestled deep in the Himalayas, A drive of another 4 km took us to **Magnetic Hill** which defies the law of gravity & further Driving through a picturesque landscape we reached the **Confluence of The Indus and Zaskar River**, Just before Sasputal a road to the right takes you for your

visit to the **Likir Monastery**, Likir is one of the most active monasteries in the region. As you drive up to the monastery a recently installed colossal gilded image of the Maitreya out in the open is one of the most impressive sights in Ladakh. After visiting the Monastery you will continue your drive along the River Indus to or Uletokpo or Tingmosgang enroute visiting **Ridzong Monastery**, there is the option to walk up to the Monastery for those that wish to do so. Hidden at the end of a steep valley, the first view of the Monastery is dramatic. (234 km). By evening you will reach at Leh and transfer to hotel. Free and easy evening. **Overnight Leh (B, D)**

DAY 6 LEH Post breakfast start your day visiting **Shey Palace Monastery** or the Shey Palace is an ancient monastery located 15km from Leh. It once served as the summer capital of Ladakh but is mostly in ruins now. Located on top of a hillock, it offers stunning panoramic views. The highlight of the monastery is 39ft tall **Shakyamuni Buddha** statue which is the second largest Buddha statue in Jammu & Kashmir. Rancho's School (**Druk Padma Karpo School or Druk White Lotus School**), which is also known as 3 Idiots School, is a Buddhist cultural school located in Shey village, close to Shey palace and monastery & **Sindhu Ghat**, the banks of the Indus River in the Ladakh. It is a very peaceful river-bank in the surreal landscape of the Ladakh. **Thiksey**; A significant symbol of the pride and glory of the Gelug Sect of Tibetan Buddhism, Thiksey Gumpa is located on a hilltop at an altitude of 3,600 meters above sea level. It is the largest monastery in Ladakh, towering 12 stories high, that is surrounded by the dreamlike beauty of the snow-capped mountains and panoramic views of Indus Valley. En-route visiting **Stakna Monastery**; or Stakna Gumpa is a Buddhist monastery of the Drugpa sect in Stakna, Leh district, Ladakh, northern India, 21 or 25 kilometres from Leh on the left bank of the Indus River. It was founded in the late 16th century by a Bhutanese scholar and saint, Chosje Jamyang Palkar. **Hemis** is situated around 45 kms to the south of Leh on the western banks of the Indus River. The Hemis Monastery is the biggest and very richly endowed monastery of Ladakh. It was built in 1630. Impressive and intriguing, Hemis is different from the other important monasteries of Ladakh. The monastery is decorated on all four sides by colourful prayer flags which flutter in the breeze and send prayers to Lord Buddha. Free and easy evening. **Overnight Leh (B,D)**

DAY 7 LEH – NUBRA VALLEY VIA KHARDUNG LA 18,390 FT. (120 KMS, 4 to 5 hrs drive) Post breakfast drive to **Nubra Valley**. The road journey from Leh to Nubra Valley passes over **Khardung La (The Highest Motorable Road in The World) at 5,602m (18,390 Ft)**, around 39 km from Leh. From the pass, one can see all the way south over the Indus valley to seemingly endless peaks and ridges of the Zaskar range, and north to the giants of the Saser massif. Nubra Valley is popularly known as Ldumra or the valley of flowers. It is situated in the north of Ladakh between the **Karakoram and Ladakh** ranges of the Himalayas. The average altitude of the valley is 10,000 Ft. above sea level. En-route visit **Diskit Monasteries** also known as Diskit Gumpa or Diskit Gumpa is the oldest and largest Buddhist monastery in the Nubra Valley of Ladakh, northern India. It belongs to the Gelugpa sect of Tibetan Buddhism. It was founded by Changzem Tserab Zangpo, a disciple of Tsong Khapa, founder of Gelugpa, in the 14th century. Later enjoy the Double Hump Camel ride the double-hump camel (ON YOUR OWN), a native of Gobi Desert, and is found on a vast expanse of cold-desert areas across Mongolia, China, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and parts of Afghanistan. Evening walk around the tiny villages to see how the locals live in this part of the world. Also visit a Ladakhi home and experience the Ladakhi cuisine. **Overnight Nubra Valley (B,D)**



DAY 8 NUBRA DAY EXCURSION TO TURTUK VILLAGE (80 KMS) Post breakfast proceed for day excursion to **Turtuk**, a small

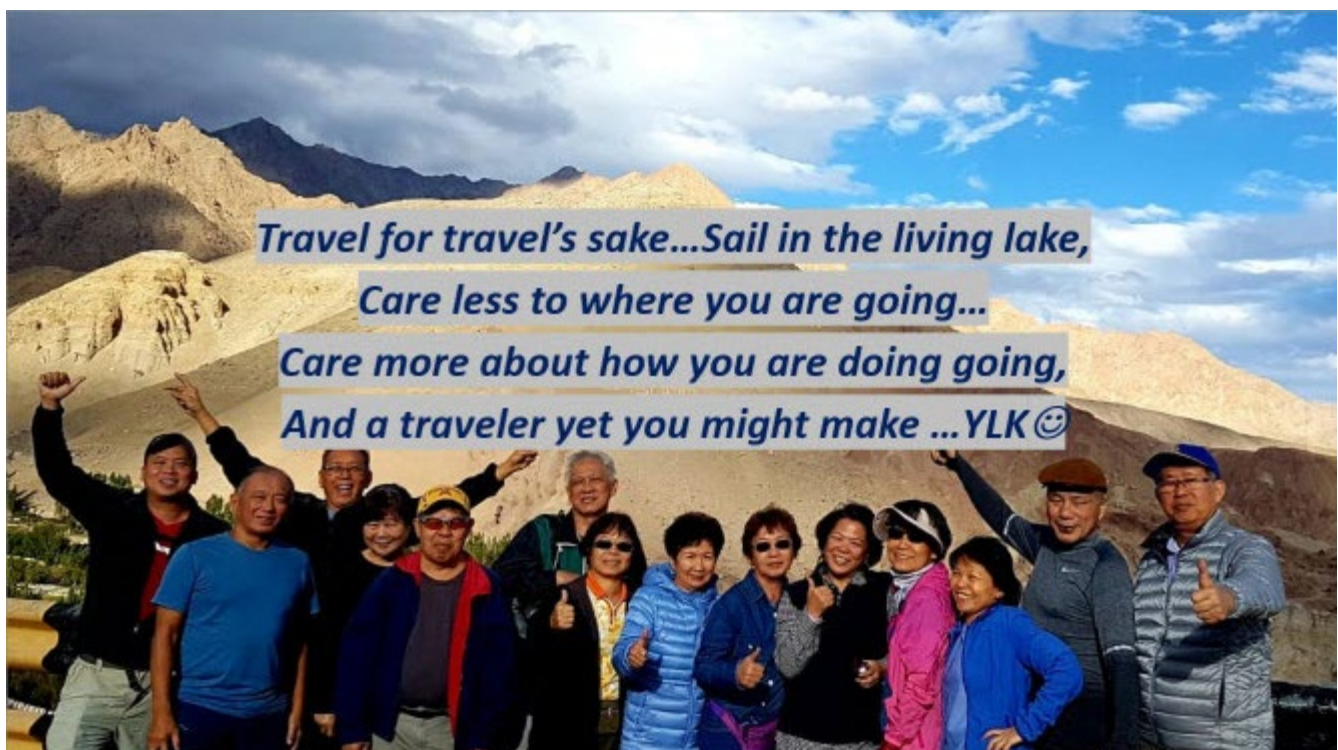
village that lies on the banks of the **Shyok River** in the Nubra valley region and consists predominantly of Muslim population. The village is a gateway to the **Siachen Glacier** and consists on the line of control to the Pakistan occupied Kashmir. The place has vast greenery and serene beauty and is a hidden gem due to its spectacular flora including a wide number of apricot trees. The place has recently opened up for tourists and is still unexplored. This is the northernmost village of the country that had long been a part of Pakistan till India reclaimed it in the 1971 war. Thus, this is the last village up the region where tourists are allowed from 2009 and that adds to the fun of visiting this place. **Turtuk** has some great places to explore like the 16th century Minarets and Mosques, the Royal House of the Yabgo dynasty, the ruins of Pun Khar, K2 Peak's view, and the villages that can be explored through camping and cultural tours. The place is highly worth a visit because it is a place that continues to follow the Balti culture of Pakistan and the place has extremely warm and hospitable Muslim locals who would make you feel at home there. Later drive back to Nubra. **Overnight Nubra Valley (B,D)**

DAY 9 NUBRA VALLEY – PANGONG LAKE (150 KMS, 6 to 7 hrs drive) Post breakfast, we leave for Pangong Lake via Shayok route, reach Pangong Lake by lunch, after check in at the camp explore the beauty of Pangong Lake- which is the highest salt water Lake in the World, shared by two countries India & China. Upon arrival, visit the location of 3 Idiots also known as shooting point. After the success of 3 Idiots, this beautiful natural location has attracted more tourists from all over the world. **Overnight Pangong Lake (B,D)**

DAY 10 PANGONG LAKE TO LEH VIA VIA CHANGLA PASS 5486M (140 KMS, 6 hrs drive) Post breakfast driven to Leh. Evening you can stroll around the market place for some last-minute souvenir shopping. **Overnight Leh (B, D)**

DAY 11 LEH – DELHI Free and easy morning, transfer to airport to board the flight to Delhi, **IXL-DEL (1400-1525)** On arrival, transfer to hotel for relaxing evening on own, **Overnight Delhi (B)**

DAY 12 DELHI - KUL Free and easy day to self explore Delhi. Transfer to airport after dinner/ dinner at airport to board on your international flight for the onward journey, DEL-KUL (taking back a wonderful holiday experience! **(B)**



TERMS AND CONDITION

1. COST COVER ACCOMODATION, GROUND TRAVEL VIA CHARTERED TRANSPORTATION AND LEH INNERLINE PERMIT.
2. ACCOMODATION WILL BE IN GUEST HOUSES AND HOTELS. ALL MEALS PROVIDED EXCEPT LUNCHES ON YOUR OWN. EXCEPT IN **DELHI**, ONLY BREAKFAST PROVIDED
3. **NOT COVERED** ARE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, DOMESTIC FLIGHTS, LUNCHES (RM20X12 DAYS IS ENOUGH), MEALS IN DELHI, INDIA VISA (USD 25 DOUBLE ENTRIES, VALID OR 30DAYS) AND UNSPECIFIED MISCELLANOUS FEES
4. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND IN-TOWN ACITIVIES ARE NOT COVERED, EXCEPT FOR AIRPORT TRANSFERS.
5. COST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE FLUCTUATION IN EXCHANGE RATE

6. **DEPOSIT OF RM2000** IS PAYABLE TO CONFIRM THE PLACE

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