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HIMALAYAS ON WHEELS

KASHMIR TO LADAKH

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Kashmir set like a jeweled crown on the map of India, is a multi-faceted diamond, changing its hues with the seasons - always extravagantly beautiful. Two major Himalayan ranges, the Great Himalayan Range and the Pir Panjal, surround the landscape from the north and south respectively. They are the source of great rivers, which flow down to the valleys, forested with orchards and decorated by lily-laden lakes. The capital city of Srinagar is located 1585 meters above mean sea level.

Ladakh – The Last Sangrila the high altitude desert, in the Trans Himalayas, is bounded by two of the world's mightiest mountain ranges, the Karakoram in the north and the Great Himalaya in the south, it is traversed by two other parallel chains, the Ladakh Range and the Zaskar Range. In geological terms, this is a young land, formed few million years ago. Today a high-altitude desert, sheltered from the rain-bearing clouds of the Indian monsoon by the barrier of the Great Himalaya, Ladakh was once covered by an extensive lake system, the vestiges of which still exist on its south-east plateau of Rupshu and Chushul, in the drainage basins of lakes of Tso-moriri, Tso-kar and Pangong-Tso.

Himalayas on Wheels over 5 High Passes: From East to West Himalayas is 2500 km in length and it is divided as the Eastern Himalayas, the Central Himalayas and the Western Himalayas. From North to South its width is between 300-400 km and is divided as the Shivalik or the outer Himalayas, the Lower Himalayas, the High Himalayas and the Trans Himalayas. You can experience the formation of the Himalayas in this tour covering roughly around 750 km of the Himalayan region. This tour brings you over 5 high passes namely, Zoji La (3529 m) Fotu La (4108 m) and Namika La (3718 m) and Chang-La (5360 m) and Khardungla (5360m).

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09 Aug: ARRIVE DELHI – SRINAGAR D

Arrive Delhi airport and transfer yourself to domestic terminal to board on your scheduled flight to Srinagar - located in the heart of the Kashmir valley at an altitude of 1,730 m above sea level, spread on both sides of the river Jhelum. The Dal and Nagin lakes enhance its picturesque setting, while the changing play of the seasons and the salubrious climate ensures that the city is equally attractive to visitors around the year. On arrival, transfer to anchored Deluxe Houseboat.



10 Aug: GULMARG EXCURSION

125 Km

BLD

After breakfast at Houseboat, depart by surface to Gulmarg - one of the most beautiful summer resorts in Kashmir valley. It is also well known for its golf course during summer season and ski resort during the winter season. Enjoy the splendour of nature and the snowy mountains. Enjoy Gondola ride (Cable car) from Gulmarg to Kongdoor (first half). Afternoon return back to Srinagar and take a stroll to witness the way of life in the alleys and small streets of Srinagar town. Dinner served at your houseboat.

11 Aug: SRINAGAR - SONAMARG - KARGIL (2676m) 210 km, 5-7 hours BLD

After breakfast start the spectacular journey to Sonamarg by car. About 2.5 hours to cover around 80 km through the rural civilization. Drive through spectacular facets of countryside. After Sonamarg start drive up to first pass on our route, Zojila Pass (3529 m). Zojila Pass marks dramatically the boundary line between Kashmir and Ladakh. Dense green forest clad slopes give way to bare multi-colored mountains of stark beauty. Drive through Drass Town en-route, the second coldest inhabitant place in the world. You will notice a sudden change of landscape from lush green to barren Himalayan mountain ranges in a small transition. Overnight at hotel in Kargil. We make a quick photo-stop at Moonland before we continue our journey to Alchi. In the evening visit Alchi Monastery. The monastery was founded in 11th century by the great Monk & Translator, Rinchen Zangpo. On completion drive to Leh for overnight stay.

12 Aug: KARGIL - LAMAYURU – GURUDWARA PATHAR SAHIB – LEH (3500m) 216 Km, 6 hours drive BLD

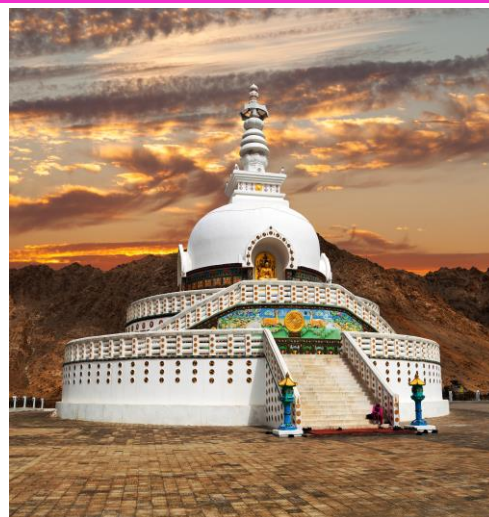
After breakfast drive to Alchi stopping at Mulbeck, where a 1400 years old image of Maitry-the future Buddha, built atop a huge rock. The image commemorates the victory of Buddhism over Bonism, and in turn, the end of sacrificing of human and animal lives. We drive over Fotula Pass (4108 m) and Namikala Pass (3718 m) the highest point on the Leh - Srinagar road. En route visit Lamayuru monastery and Naropa Cave. Lamayuru is one of the most significant gumpa set amidst majestic scenery. The 900 years old finest monastery in Ladakh, houses the image of Chanaric – The God of Compassion and Mercy – of which Dalai Lama is considered to be reincarnated. dISKIT Before reaching Leh we visit Gurudwara Pathar Sahib around 30 km before Leh.

13 Aug: LEH WALK AROUND (3500m) ACLIMATISATION/EXPLORATION BLD



A day to explore the surroundings of Leh town. We visit Gurudwara walk to Shanti Stupa followed by walk to Leh Palace. You can shop for turquoise and silver jewelry that come from Tibet and Burma. Main Market in Leh is a wonderful place to shop. Two of the places that are worth checking are Ladakh Art Palace and Lhasa Embroidery.

Tibetan Refugee Market on Old Leh Road is another ideal place for shopping in Leh. For Tibetan-Ladakhi items of art one can head to Government Emporium. Popular souvenirs picked up by tourists include, Thangka paintings, small prayer wheels, music bowls, Ladakhi carpets, rugs, shawls and stoles.



14 Aug: LEH – KHARDUNGLA – DESKIT (3144m) 130 km, 4 hours BLD

After a nice breakfast at your hotel start your drive to Nubra valley via Khardungla (Highest motorable road in the world, 5360m. From Khardungla you can have stunning view of Indus Valley and the Karakoram ranges if the weather remains very clear. Later descend down to Nubra Valley. Afternoon stroll to a small sand dune in Hunder where you can enjoy a camel ride on two hump camels, specific to Nubra Valley only. The domesticated Bactrian camel has served as a pack animal in inner Asia since ancient times.

15 Aug: DESKIT – SHYOK – PNAGONG LAKE 227 km, around 7 hours drive BLD

In the morning enjoy sunrise by a local monastery while the chants go along during morning prayers. Drive along the Shyok river up to Khalsar and divert your way out of Khardungla road to continue along the Shyok Valley till the village of Shyok. Be ready for an adventurous ride on a pebbled path, which makes it more thrilling by crossing the river Shyok few times. We shall meet the normal Leh to Pangong route at Durbuk and continue our way to Tangse. A small village, where everyone needs to stop for the security check. Tangse, just beyond the foot of the pass, has an ancient temple as well. But the main attraction of this circuit is the Pangong Lake, situated at 14,000 feet (4,267 m). The surrounding views reflected on the lake are simply mesmerizing. The color of the lake keeps changing throughout the day. Overnight Camp.

16 Aug: PANGONG LAKE – HEMIS – LEH 173 km, 4-5 hours + 2-3 hour visit BLD



In the morning enjoy sunrise at Pangong Lake. Later drive back to Leh via same route over Chang-La Pass visiting Hemis monastery on the way. Visit to Ladakh is not complete without visiting **Hemis monastery**. It is one of the largest and most important monasteries with excellent library, well preserved wall paintings and good Buddha figures. On arrival transfer to Hotel. Evening to explore the market and some last moment shopping. Overnight hotel.

17 Aug: LEH

FREE DAY FOR OWN ACTIVITIES

BLD

Another day to explore the Leh town. Take your time to indulge yourself in shopping, visiting the local markets, alleys and bazaar. You can utilize the time to finish your last minute shopping. A relaxed evening at your hotel in Leh.

18 Aug: LEH – DELHI – FLY HOME

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Early morning transfer to airport for your scheduled flight to Delhi. On arrival, visit around Delhi. Free day for own activities or shopping around Delhi. In time transfer to airport for board on your scheduled flight to Singapore.

Hotels & Camp Envisaged

| Srinagar | Kargil | Leh | Nubra | Pangong |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Deluxe Houseboat | Zojila Residency | Spic n Span | Hotel Stendel | 100 Sky Camp |

Hotels Subject to availability

Land Tour Cost S\$ 2188 Per Pax – Save S\$ 250

Special Hindu Centre Cost S\$ 1938 PP

Single Room Supplement, if Single Room is Needed: S\$ 535 Per Pax Exgra

Estimated International Airfare including 25 kg check in baggage

Singapore Airlines Present Airfare as on 28 March, 2024 S\$ 491.40

The same can go as high as S\$ 1000

Domestic Airfare included 15 kg check in baggage: S\$ 390 to S\$ 520

International + Domestic Air India cost around S\$ 715 Per Pax as on 28 Mar, 24

Land Tour Cost Includes

1. Airport transfers and all transport costs in chartered transport as per the itinerary including 5 persons per MPV from Srinagar to Leh airport.
2. Hotels as indicated in the itinerary with all meals provided in hotels, restaurants and food stall along the route as shown in the itinerary.
3. Cable Car Ride from Gulmarg to Kangdoor and Small boat (Shikara) Ride at Dal Lake.
4. 1000 ml of bottled water per person per day.
5. All monastery entrance charges and all other entrance charges as per the itinerary.
6. **Odyssey Manager*** from Srinagar houseboat to Leh.

Tour Cost Excludes

1. International & Domestic Airfares
2. All expenses of personal nature like drinks, tips telephone calls etc.
3. Any other expenses paid due to any change in dates and itinerary.
4. Travel, medical & evacuation insurance or any expenses associated with medical and evacuation expenses if any.

We strongly recommend to buy suitable travel insurance once you book the tour to safeguard your interest.

Tiping guideline provided based on number of person in group

Travel Insurance:

To protect customers STB stipulate every agent to advice guests to buy travel insurance covering Travel Agent Insolvency before transferring any payment to us. We suggest you to buy your own travel insurance. Here are the links to travel insurance with estimated cost:

NTUC Income cost between S\$ 55 – S\$ 218

<https://www.income.com.sg/buy/travel-insurance>

DBS Chubb cost between S\$ 72 – S\$ 96 or more

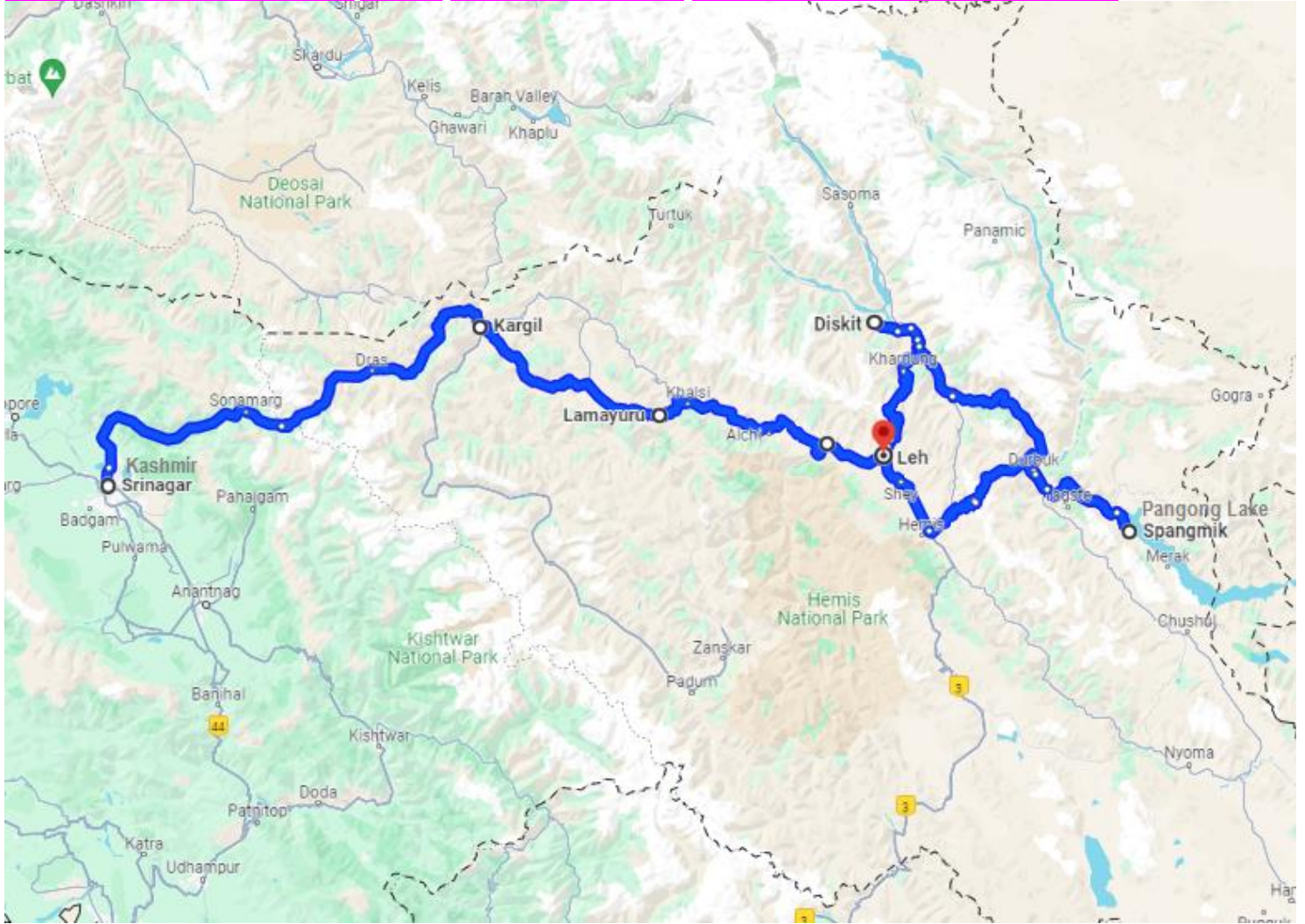
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How to Book:

1. Send us your name as on passport or scan copy of information page of your passport.
2. Transfer S\$ 780 deposit to book land tour only in our DBS Bank Account no: 0039494505 or UEN: 201327786N.
3. Air ticket cost advised at the time of booking
4. Full amount of cost of flight of your selected flight to be paid once the airfare is advised.
5. Balance S\$ 1200 to be made 30 days prior to departure date.

Note: Sequence of itinerary may change due to domestic flights availability or any other operational reasons.

Outline Route Map of your Himalayas on Wheels Part 3:



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