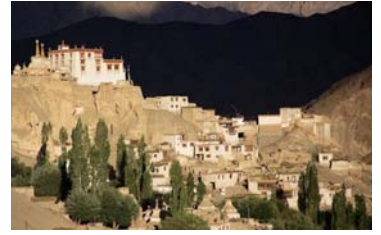




15 Days Trans Himalayan Tour

Srinagar – Gulmarg – Sonmarg – Kargil – Leh – Nubra – Pangong Lake – Alchi – Delhi



13 APR DAY 01

SINGAPORE – DELHI

Flight : 9W17 Dep:2300hrs Arr: 14 Apr 0215hrs

Arrive Delhi, You will be met & greet by **Rediscover India Tours** representative at the Delhi International airport and you would be transferred to your hotel where you will proceed for check-in.

14 APR DAY 02

DELHI – SRINAGAR

Flight : 9W603 Dep:1010hrs Arr: 1130hrs (B/L/D)

After Breakfast, you will be transfer to Domestic Airport and catch 1 hour flight to Srinagar, we will proceed for check-in your Luxury Houseboat. After Lunch you will visit the famous Tulip Garden & Mughal Gardens, created by the famous Mughal Emperors, situated on the banks Dal-Lake in the backdrop of Zabarwan hills encircles the Lake. The garden has rows of Tulips of different colors and shades & Asia's Largest Tulips Garden which grows 1.5 millions tulips with over 70 different colors in 2011 (**Tulip Festival 5 April to 15 April**) **Nishat (Garden of pleasure)** overlooking the crystal clear Emerald green waters of the Dal lake then to Asaf Khan brother of Noor Jehan designed Nishat Bagh or the "Garden of Bliss" in 1633 AD. **Shalimar (Garden of Love)** built by Mughal Emperors, during spring till autumn these gardens are full of flowers. Afterward, pay a visit to Kashmir Famous Hand knotted Silk carpet weaving factory for good bargains. **Back to Houseboats for Dinner & overnight stay**

15 APR DAY 03

PAHALGAM

(B/L/D)

A day excursion to Pahalgam by surface, en-route stopping at Saffron fields and Awantipura Ruins, 09th Century AD temple built by King Avantivarman, dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva. Continue on to Pahalgam, a humble shepherd's village with breathtaking views, surrounded with fragrant pine forests and set in a pristine valley lying next to the Lidder River which harbors a sizeable population of rainbow trout and mahaseer. Enjoy a pony ride or take a bridle walk to feed your cameras with pictures of magnificent view of mountains. **Back to Houseboats for Dinner & overnight stay**

16 APR DAY 04

GULMARG EXCURSION

(B/L/D)

In the Morning, proceed for a picturesque drive to Gulmarg. Prior to that, Mughal emperors vacationed in the Gulmarg valley. It is exquisitely situated in a pine surrounded basin of the Pir Panjal range at an altitude of 2,730 meters above sea level and one of the most famous tourist destinations of Kashmir. One can enjoy Gondola ride (**up to 2nd level, the top level will be optional**), a fun-filled ride of a most unusual kind, Gulmarg's newly constructed gondola lift from high above Gulmarg, through pine-clad slopes is exhilarating. From Gulmarg a pony track leads upwards to Khilnarg, Kangdori & seven springs, a couple of hours by pony longer on foot (**optional pony rides**). Evening Enjoy Shikara cruise on Dal Lake in Shikaras (local Gondola). **Back to Houseboats for Dinner & overnight stay**

17 APR DAY 05

SONMARG EXCURSION

(B/L/D)

Post breakfast we drive to Sonmarg, One of the most beautiful drive from Srinagar. **Sonmarg (Meadow of Gold)** – It is a place of enthralling beauty, lies in Sindh Valley, streamed with flowers, surrounded by mountains and perched at an altitude of 2690 m above sea level. Visited less frequently by tourists, it has as its backdrop, snowy mountains against a clear sky. It is a quiet alpine retreat surrounded with sycamore, silver birch, fir and pine trees and the last halt on the Kashmir. In Sonmarg one can take a pony ride (**Optional Horse Ride**) to Thajiwat Glacier where snow remains round the year. Later return back to Srinagar En-route Visit **Hazratbal Mosque** across the Dal from Shalimar is the mosque of Hazratbal, the only one of its kind architecturally in Kashmir. Made of white marble with adome and a minaret, Hazratbal is the repository of a single hair of the Prophet Mohammed, exhibited to the public on certain days of the year. **Back to Houseboats for Dinner & overnight stay**

18 APR DAY 06

SRINAGAR – LEH

Flight : AI447 Dep:1010hrs Arr: 1100hrs

(B/L/D)

After Early breakfast, we will transferred to airport for flight to Ladakh. Arrive into Leh Met by representative and Welcome in traditional Ladakhi style and transfer to our pre-arranged hotel, rest of the day at leisure to acclimatize. In the evening, we will visit **Leh Palace**, one of the most captivating architectural ruins that attract the attention of the tourists almost immediately with its majestic setting at the edge of the Namgyal hill and overlooking the town and at once looks like a reminiscent of Lhasa 's Potala Palace . The nine-storeyed monument is now in ruins. The palace remains locked and may be opened at request by a monk Leh Palace is also an excellent example of the medieval Tibetan architecture.

19 APR DAY 07

LEH SIGHTSEEING

(B/L/D)

After Breakfast we will proceed for sightseeing of Leh Monasteries **Spituk monastery** was built in 15th century during the reign of Grags 'bum-lde, these new Gelug-pa monastery was built like fortress on the summit of crags. Spituk lies some 5 kms south of Leh. Nesting at the foot of the crags are the flat-topped houses which form the village of Spituk, **Stok Palace** on the way, Stok lies south south of leh on the opposite side of the singe Tsangspo River. Traditional Lunch at Stok and later Continue your sightseeing to **Shanti Stupa**. The Japanese for World Peace built the Shanti Stupa, at Changspa, on the hilltop, and was inaugurated by Dalai Lama in 1985. And the last sightseeing point is **Sankar Gompa**, located at a distance of approximately 3 km from the town of Leh . There are time restrictions for visiting the Sankar Monastery of Leh Ladakh. You can go either between 7:00 am and 10:00 am, or between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. **Overnight stay in hotel**



20 APR DAY 08

LEH – NUBRA

(B/L/D)

After an early breakfast we drive to **NUBRA VALLEY** leads through **KHARDUNG-LA-PASS** (the highest motorable road in the world) at 18,390 ft. 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 Sase massif. **Nubra Valley** is popularly known as Ldorma or the valley of flowers. It is situated to the North of Ladakh between the Karakoram and Ladakh ranges of the Himalayas. Nubra lies at altitude of about 10,000 - ft. above the sea level and is drained largely by the Shiyok river. First visit **SUMUR**, another pretty village on the other side of the river'; **SAMSTANLING GOMPA** here was founded by Lama Tsultims Nima and Monastic community was introduced as Rezong Gonpa. The Gompa has some strict rules and regulations like not allowing women in the monastery after sunset and before sunrise, no smoking etc. Our tented camp - Nubra Organic Retreat is situated in a beautiful village called **HUNDAR** with lot of trees. The site for the camp is so beautiful that it will invite you to explore the village on own. **Overnight stay in Camp.**

21 APR DAY 09

NUBRA - LEH

(B/L/D)

After your breakfast at the camp, visit the **SAND DUNES** to enjoy a camel safari. In second half of the day enjoy a visit to **DISKIT MONASTERY** perched on the rock overhanging the stream which is the source of the energy used by the mills. The monastery is rich, full of tangkas (skill paintings) and above all of magnificent giant statues, effigies of the Buddha and old mural paintings in which can be noted a multitude of influences.. **DISKIT** is the main village or headquarter of Nubra Valley, which has small market consisting of a row of shops and about 500 years old Gompa on the hilltop. The monastic festival called Gustor takes place on 20th and 21st days of the 12th month of Tibetan calendar. Later Return back to Leh.

22 APR DAY 10

PANGONG LAKE EXCURSION

(B/L/D)

After an early breakfast we leave for Pangong Lake through **Changla pass** 5486 Mtrs. **Pangong Lake**, situated at 14,000 feet (4,267 m). 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. One rarely feels so close to nature and environment and the scenery is unforgettable. En-route Visit 2 Famous Monasteries **Thiksey Gompa** an impressive complex rising tier upon tier on a hill above the village. The monastery has a beautiful 30 m high gold-plated statue of Maitreya Buddha, the Buddha of the future is one of the most beautiful monasteries of Ladakh Drive further to visit the famous **Hemis Gompa**, this is the largest monastic foundation of Drukpa Kagyu Order of Tibetan Buddhism. Evening return back to Leh and **overnight stay in at Hotel**

23 APR DAY 11

LEH – ALCHI

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we drive to **Phyang**. It was built during the reign of King Jamyang Namgyal in late 15th century by lama Kunga Dragspa. **Likir gompa** situated atop a windy cliff top overlooking the beautiful village of Likir. **Basgo** is certainly the most impressive of Ladakhi citadels despite its ruined state. Amidst the ruins of the fort there are two large temples and adjoining one of there is a small shrine. The most beautiful one is the higher one, which is known as the Chamba Lha-khang and which was built by Tsewang Namgyal, son of Tashi Namgyal, about the middle of 16th century. Then we drive and cross the River Indus and reach **Alchi**, Ladakh's most loved monastery. Over a century old, its wall paintings are very similar to those of the Tabo gompa in Spiti, Himachal Pradesh. Unlike other monasteries, which are usually on a cliff top or cling to a mountainside, Alchi is at ground level and is nestled in the shade of a garden. After visiting the Alchi Monastery we check in at **Alchi resort for overnight stay**

24 APR DAY 12

ALCHI – LEH

(B/L/D)

After breakfast start early morning drive to Lamayuru, and Ridzong back to Leh. **Lamayuru** is around further towards Kargil. **Lamayuru monastery** belongs to Dripung Kagyu (Red Hat) like Phiyang. The oldest structure in Lamayuru is the Singey Lhakhang built by the founder of Alchi Lotsava Rinchen bzangpo in 11th century. Lamayuru lower Ladakh its also called as sham. **Rizong Gompa** is known as the paradise for Meditation. Rid-zong is the most recent of the Gelug-pa foundation in Ladakh. The monastery has been built picturesquely at the head of a gorge reached by a side-valley running north from the Indus near a village Uletokpo. Rid-zong is best known as best disciplined monastery of the whole of Ladakh. Evening Explore Leh Market, A stroll along the main bazar, observing the varied crowd and peering into the curio shops, is an entrancing experience. Chang Gali, behind the main bazar is less bustling but has intriguing little shops selling curios and jewelry like pearls, turquoise, coral, as well as curiously carved Yak-horn boxes, quaint brass locks, china or metal bowls etc. for **overnight stay at hotel**

25 APR DAY 13

LEH – DELHI – AGRA

Flight : 9W2246

Dep:0730hrs

Arr: 0845hrs

(B/L/D)

After early Breakfast transfer to airport to catch the flight to Delhi, Arrive Delhi & upon arrival you will depart by surface for Agra - the city of Taj, a sublime expression of historic and architectural marvels. Spend your evening relaxing after your full-day long journey. Arrive Agra and check in at your Hotel later Explore the 16th century Agra Fort with its battlements, apartments, gardens and audience halls. This powerful fortress of red sandstone encompasses, within its 2.5-km-long enclosure walls, the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. **Back to hotel for Overnight Stay**

26 APR DAY 14

AGRA - DELHI

(B/L/D)

Today early morning enjoy an extended visit to the magnificent Taj Mahal known as the most opulent wonder of the modern world and witness its transformation as the monument reflects the warm glow of sunrise. **Overnight stay in hotel**

27 APR DAY 15

DELHI - SINGAPORE

Flight : 9W18

Dep: 0845hrs

Arr: 1705hrs

Today we will have to leave early for our flight back to Singapore. There will be packed breakfast distributed on your way to Delhi Airport. Arrival and check in for flight back to home sweet home.

Remarks:

Final itinerary by local tour operator will be deemed accurate. Sequence and timings of itinerary are subject to change without prior notice.

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