



JOURNEY TO THE ROOF OF THE WORLD – 10 DAYS

Overview

Embark on a nomadic journey in canvas luxury. Unfurl the centuries-old culture of Ladakh, exploring her fascinating monuments, quaint monasteries enriched with ancient art forms, fairs, and festivals. Be part of the region's unique rituals - enjoy the ancient sport of Polo, brought to Ladakh in the 17th century by the Royals. Try your hand at archery set amidst the most dramatic and breath-taking landscape. Raft on the gentle Shyok River and stop for a delicious picnic lunch at the most picturesque hamlet.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Delhi

Upon arrival at the Delhi International Airport, you are met and assisted by one of our representatives and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel [-/-]

Day 2: In Delhi

After breakfast, begin your guided tour of the capital today highlighting the remarkable contrast between Old and New Delhi.

Take a cycle-rickshaw ride through the busy lanes of the colourful **Chandni Chowk** Market followed by a visit to the **Jama Masjid**.

In the afternoon, visit the **Humayun's Tomb**, **Gandhi Museum**, and drive past the President's house.

Overnight at Hotel [B/-]



Day 3: Fly to Leh, Ladakh

Flight Duration: 1.25 hours approx.

Early morning, you are transferred to the airport to board flight to Leh. Following your arrival at Leh, transfer to your luxury tented camp. Soak in the serenity and picturesque surrounding as you relax and acclimatize today. Your excursion specialist 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.

Overnight at Camp [B/L/D]

Day 4: In Leh

Today brings a late start, leaving the morning free for you to enjoy a leisurely breakfast and walk around the camp site. This afternoon following lunch, you will visit the famed **Matho Monastery**.

We then proceed on a gentle orientation tour of Leh. Our Leh City Heritage walk ushers you to the labyrinth of by-lanes of Leh City under the gaze of the imposing 17th century nine storied Leh City Palace.

Overnight at Camp [B/L/D]

Day 5: In Leh

Start early morning with tea and coffee followed by a visit to the **Thiksey Monastery**, which stands about a kilometre from your camp. At the monastery, you will have the privilege to participate in the Buddhist morning prayer ceremony at sunrise.

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 kilometres (45 mins) from your camp. 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.

Overnight at Camp [B/L/D]

Day 6: Drive to Nubra

Drive Time: 4.5 – 5 hours approx.

Following breakfast this morning, your exciting journey continues through some of the region's most awe-inspiring and dramatic landscapes, passing through the **Khardung La Pass** (5570 meters / 18,381 ft.), considered to be the highest motorable road in the world. From the pass one gets to see the Nubra Valley and rich agricultural lands interspersed with poplar and willow trees, giving the landscape a lush green look. Following a packed lunch in the village of Khardung continue onwards driving past the famous sand dunes of Nubra, arrive at the village of Diskit.

On arrival check in at another luxury tented camp. This camp here is inspired by the aesthetics of safari camping and equipped with every modern comfort to pamper your senses.

Rest on your own private deck and breathe in the tranquillity of the serene water body reflecting the high mountains and cloudless blue skies.

Overnight at Camp [B/L/D]

Day 7: In Nubra

Visit the hidden **Yarab Tso Lake** followed by the Kalon Farm experience at Sumur and camel safari.

After a sumptuous breakfast, we drive to the picturesque village of **Sumur** located across the Shyok and Nubra Rivers. A lovely drive through the farmlands of Sumur brings you to a traditional local farm which promises you delectable promises of a sumptuous homely lunch.



Visit the house of the Kalon family which allows you a glimpse into their rich historicity of this region.

This evening, we go for an adventurous ride on the **double hump Bactrian camel** on the sand dunes of the **Hunder** cold desert. Relive the dreams and glories of the merchants, mercenaries, and monks as they trudged these very sands in search of Gold, Glory and God in the days of yore.

Overnight at Camp [B/L/D]

Day 8: Drive back to Leh

After an early morning wake up call, we drive you up towards the **Diskit Gompa**, considered to be the oldest and largest Buddhist monastery in the Nubra Valley. Start the day with a special prayer high up near the towering Maitreya Buddha.

Return to the camp for a hearty breakfast and after breakfast get ready for your journey back to Leh Valley through picturesque landscape traversing through Wari - La (5,300 mtrs / 17,384 ft) the fourth highest motor able pass in Ladakh.

NOTE: If Wari-La is closed due to any local conditions, then the drive will be back through Khardung-La.

On arrival at the Leh Valley, check into your hotel where rest of the evening is at leisure to relax or explore the local market on your own.

Overnight at Camp [B/L/D]

Day 9: Fly back to Delhi

Flight Duration: 1.25 hours approx.

After breakfast, bid farewell to the Land of the Lamas as you are transferred to the airport for your flight back to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi, check in to your hotel. We keep this day as a buffer day because flights from Leh tend to get delayed or cancelled due to weather conditions.



Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]

Day 10: Final Departure

Today you will be transferred to the airport in time to board your flight back home. **[B]**

Trip Ends

Note: All information in this itinerary is accurate to the best of our knowledge but please note that changes to our trips can and do occur. This may be due to our effort to improve our program or logistical reasons such as changes in flight schedules, traffic conditions, weather conditions, or government policies. Dharma Adventures will make every effort to keep you informed of any changes but cannot be held liable for any alterations made to the published itinerary.

[B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner]