



Ladakh Village Experience

Discover dramatic landscapes of compelling beauty on Shakti's Ladakh Village Experience in India's remote far north.

9 days – departures between
15 May and 30 September 2009

Situated 3500 metres up on the high plateau, Ladakh's geographical remoteness has contributed towards it remaining the most intact Tantric Buddhist society left on earth. High altitude desert, streaked by thundering rivers, rugged snow capped mountains and deep turquoise lakes leave visitors awe-struck as they walk, river raft and drive through this beautiful land. Stays in village houses in three unspoilt villages in the Indus valley provide a wonderful insight into the unchanged rural way of life of the friendly Ladakhi people.

Your Shakti tour guide provides the level of care, attention to detail and high standard of service synonymous with the quality of product and service that J&H Tours offers their guests. We highly recommend this experience to our guests who wish to encounter a unique and wonderful insight into the people, villages, landscape and wildlife of Northern India.

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Ladakh Village Itinerary

Day One – Arrive Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, you will be met and taken to your hotel for your overnight stay in a deluxe room in the magnificent Taj Mahal hotel.

Day Two – Delhi to Stok

You will be driven to the airport for your early morning flight with your guide to Leh and a short drive afterwards to your impressive Tibetan style house in the charming village of Stok, home to Ladakh's royal family. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure at the foot of Stok Kangri, Ladakh's highest mountain.

Day Three – Stok

Today your guide will take you on a gentle walk that includes Stok Village, Stok Palace and museum and Heritage House. Cars are available at any stage of the walk to assist.

Day Four – Monastery visits and Leh bazaar

Experience the early morning Buddhist prayers, a private audience with the Rinpoche (head priest) and the finest examples of Ladakhi religious architecture at Thiksey Monastery. You continue to Sakti for a two hour walk, to Hemis – Ladakh's largest monastery – and to Leh to visit the busy central bazaar.

Day Five – Stok to Taru

Depart Stok by car this morning to visit the village and monastery at Phyang. Tours from mid June to mid September include floating down the Indus River for two hours on a raft. After Phyang, you are driven to your traditional house at picturesque Taru on top of a narrow valley. Explore the village or simply relax.

Day Six – Taru to Nimoo

We depart Taru for a 2.5 hour walk descending to the village of Nimoo where the Zaskar and Indus rivers meet. Refreshments are served at your village home before you are driven to Chilling, the traditional home to metal smiths, to view a local artisan at work. Return to Nimoo through the Zaskar canyon by car.

Day Seven – Alchi and Lekir

Enjoy a day trip by car to the famous monasteries at Alchi and Lekir by car. 11th century Alchi is the only monastery in Ladakh to be built on flat ground and 14th century Leki monastery belongs to the Yellow Hat sect.

Day Eight – Nimoo

The owner of your village house is also the head of the village and the Ladakhi medicine man. He will take you on a tour of Nimoo that includes an opportunity to try archery. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure or a walk in the surrounding area.

Day Nine – Nimoo to Delhi

Depart Nimoo early this morning to Leh Airport for your flight to Delhi where you will have use of a room at the Taj Mahal hotel before your international flight departs.

Tour Cost - Land Only - Delhi to Delhi - Valid 15 May to 30 September 2009

US\$5,150 per person twin share + US\$555 per person economy airfare Delhi/Leh/Delhi

US\$2,995 single supplement + US\$555 per person economy airfare Delhi/Leh/Delhi

Tour Inclusions

- 8 nights accommodation in double room on twin sharing basis as specified in the itinerary + a day use room at the Taj Mahal in Delhi at the end of the tour
- Transport services using air-conditioned Innova/Scorpios in Ladakh
- All meals and beverages on tour from breakfast on Day Two to Breakfast on Day Nine
- Accompanying guide/escort in Ladakh
- Mineral water during the tour and drives
- Porterage at the airports
- All activities as per the itinerary
- All taxes

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Tour Exclusions

- International air-fare, visa fees, airport tax or any kind of insurance cover
- Items of personal nature like telephone calls etc
- Beverages at the Taj Mahal not included with breakfast
- Any other meals and beverages than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Tipping – Tour guide, local guides, drivers and porters
- Liability for change in itinerary due to reasons beyond our control like change in flight and train schedule; cancellation of flights/trains, political disturbances, natural phenomenon, etc
- Any other item not specifically mentioned in Tour Inclusions

Shakti's General Terms

- Prices are subject to a minimum of 2 paying guests
- The prices are on per person basis in US\$ and are subject to any revision of tax structure (minor fluctuations dependent on Indian Government legislation)

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