



## FESTIVAL OF LADAKH - HEMIS

### Tour Itinerary

Duration: 9 Nights / 10 Days

#### Day 01- Arrival

Met on arrival and transferred to hotel. Rooms blocked from 12 noon.

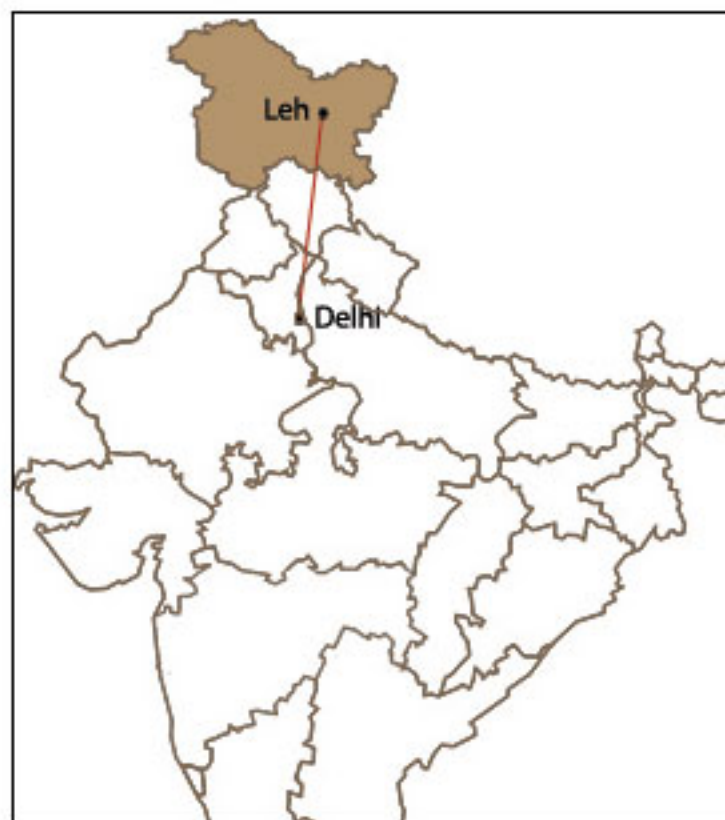
#### Day 02- Delhi / Leh

Early morning fly to Leh,. Welcome in traditional Ladakhi style and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to acclimatize.

**Leh :** The capital of Ladakh, at one time was a major stop on the Asian "Silk Route". 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, malachite, lapis and many other kinds of semi-precious stones, as well as curiously carved Yak-horn boxes, quaint brass locks, china or metal bowls etc.

#### Day 03- Leh

Day excursion to Spituk, Phyang, Sankar Gompa & Shanti Stupa.





#### **Day 04 - Hemis**

After breakfast drive to famous Hemis monastery founded in 1630's by Stag-tsang-ras-pa under the royal patronage of Sengge Namgyall to witness the festival. Hemis is one of the largest and richest Gompas of Ladakh. The two-day festival of monastic dance in June-July has raised the reputation of Hemis particularly high. The festival is dedicated to Guru Padmasambhava, popularly known as second Buddha and responsible for spreading Buddhism in the Tibetan world.

#### **Day 05 - Hemis**

Morning visit Hemis festival and afternoon drive to visit Chemdrey monastery and Thakthog monastery.

#### **Day 06 - Leh - Alchi (via Likir & Basgo)**

Drive to Alchi en route visiting Basgo & Likir gumpa situated atop a windy cliff top overlooking the beautiful village of Likir. It was founded in the 12th Century although the present construction dates back to the 18th century as the original one was destroyed by fire.

#### **Day 07 - Alchi - Lamayuru - Ridzong - Leh**

After breakfast return to Leh en route visiting Lamayuru & Ridzong.

#### **Day 08 - Leh - Delhi**

Fly to Delhi. Arrive & check in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure for independent activities

#### **Day 09 - Delhi**

Day to explore and enjoy sight seeing of Old & New Delhi visiting Gandhi Memorial, Red Fort & Jamma Masjid (Mosque), Qutab Minar & Humayun's Tomb and some souvenir shopping. Evening farewell dinner at an Indian Cuisine restaurant.

#### **Day 10 - Delhi**

Onward destination Fly to onward destination

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