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Thiksey Monastery

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## LUXURY-TENTED CAMPING IN LADAKH: LAND OF THE LAMAS

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY  
9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS DELHI & LEH

Remote Ladakh is a beautiful high desert valley set between the Kunlun Mountains and the Himalayas. On this journey, meet craftsmen and visit the medieval temples and Buddhist monasteries or gompas, which house the region's history. Delve into Ladakh's art and culture as you explore the fascinating monuments and admire the collections. Before you head up to altitude, spend some time tracing the course of the Mughal Empire in Delhi.



Departure Date:

Through March 2020

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy  
\*Internal Airfare is from \$420 per person

Price From:  
\*Two

\$4,665

### JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy a performance of traditional dance at your luxury camp

Admire the spectacular views from the Shanti stupa

Travel to a secluded valley to visit the ancient Hemis Monastery

Enjoy an exclusive opportunity to participate in the morning prayer ceremony at the Thiksey Monastery

Walk in the footsteps of royalty at the stunning Stok Palace in Leh, which is also home to a fabulous collection of *thangkas*

### COX & KINGS RECOMMENDS

White water rafting on the Indus, as you pass breathtaking views of the canyons in the Ladakh and Zaskar Ranges

### EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

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#### Day 1: Arrive Delhi

Welcome to India! Upon arrival in Delhi, you will be escorted to your luxury hotel. **The Lodhi – 3 nights**

#### Day 2: Delhi

Immerse yourself in the grandeur of the past as you explore Old Delhi's Red Fort, an opulent bastion of the Mughal Empire. Also visit Shah Jahan's incredible Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in the world. **(B)**

#### Day 3: Delhi

This morning, visit the red sandstone tower of Qutab Minar, built to celebrate the onset of Muslim rule. Then soak up the atmosphere at the garden tomb of Emperor Humayun and admire the imposing India Gate. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon to prepare for your journey to Ladakh, the "land of high passes." **(B)**

#### Day 4: To Leh

Fly north to the high-desert capital of Leh, once an important stop on the trade route that ran through the Indus Valley between

India and western China. Upon arrival, you will be met and accompanied to your home for the next four nights, the Chamba Camp, Thiksey. Relax in your individually designed tent with a private deck and the services of your very own butler. This evening, watch a dance performance as the sun sets on the mountain peaks. After dinner, get a blanket and sit out on your deck to watch the million stars light up the clear skies. **Chamba Camp, Thiksey – 4 nights (B, L, D)**

#### Day 5: Leh

After a morning amid the natural beauty of your camp, spend some time exploring the city of Leh with your guide, including the magnificent 17th-century Leh Palace and the old bazaar. See how Leh was built as you visit a series of traditional houses and interact with a Ladakhi scholar on the architectural history of the old city. End your day with a cup of traditional butter tea as you admire the views from the Shanti stupa. **(B, L, D)**

#### Day 6: Leh

Rise early for tea and coffee before beginning



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your visit to the Thiksey Monastery, which lies about a half mile from your camp. See the two-story statue of the Buddha seated on a lotus and participate in the morning prayer ceremony if you wish. On your guided visit of the monastery, see the beautiful prayer room and shrines dedicated to the guardian deities of the monastery. This afternoon, travel to a secluded valley to visit the Hemis Monastery, which is the oldest monastic institution in Ladakh. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Leh

Enjoy a leisurely morning to stroll around the grounds, linger over breakfast or relax with a good book. After lunch, cross the Indus River to explore the Stok Palace, a medieval fortress that serves as the residence of the Prince of Ladakh. Down in Stok village, walk around the picturesque streets, meet some of the village's inhabitants and enjoy a cup of tea at a quaint Ladakhi house. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: To Delhi

Return to Delhi and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. *The Oberoi Gurgaon – 1 night (B)*

#### Day 9: Depart Delhi

Bid farewell to India as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



<sup>1</sup> Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. \*Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. \*\*Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. <sup>†</sup>Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com. CST - 2105853-50