

## Ancient Monasteries (14 Days/ 13 Nights)

Srinagar-Kargil-Rangdom Gompa-Rangdom-Padam-Bardan Gompa-Padam-Kargil-Uletokpo-Leh

Tour three different parts of Jammu and Kashmir whose landscapes are completely different from one each. These will take you to some of the most ancient monasteries of the region that were virtually untouched by the winds of modernization and change till very recently. In between, take in some of the most picturesque and ethereal views of snow capped Himalayan mountains that you may have ever seen.

### Day 1: Srinagar

On arrival at Srinagar airport. Our representative will meet you and escort you to Houseboat. Afternoon Shikara ride on Dal lake visiting interesting places around the Lake. Overnight at Houseboat.



### Day 2: Srinagar

Morning half day tour of world famous Mughal gardens visiting Nishat (The Garden of Pleasure) built by Asaf Jah in 1636 AD and Shamilar Bagh (Abode of Love) built by Jehangir for his beloved Nur Jahan in 1619 AD. Afternoon Visit Srinagar Old city Jamia Masjid, Shah Hamdan mosque, Srinagar Museum and enjoy the walking through the narrow bazaar of the city. Overnight at Houseboat.



### Day 3: Srinagar - Kargil

Full day drive to Kargil. After Sonmarg you start steep ascending most rough road and wet Zojila pass 3527 Mtrs known as (Gateway of Ladakh) continue drive towards Drass second coldest place in the world here we stop for tea and passport check. Another two and half hours drive will take us Kargil. Overnight at Hotel.



### Day 4: Kargil - Rangdom Gompa

After Kargil drive towards Zaskar valley on the way see Panikar and Parkachan villages view of Nun & Kun peaks are seen.. Arrive Rangdom in the evening . Overnight in Tents.



### Day 5: Rangdom - Padam

After short drive, we stop at Rangdom Gompa and visit the Gompa Continue drive to Padam which is the Capital of Zaskar valley on the way cross Pensila pass 4401 Mtrs and some ancient Buddhist villages. After crossing Tungri bridge visit Sunni Gompa finally we reach Padam in the late afternoon. Overnight in Tents.



### Day 6: Padam

full day to visit Pipitong, Thonde Gompa and Zangla 3450 Mtrs this is the most beautiful village with ancient Zangla Gompa and you may get chance to visit Queen's house at Zangla. On the way return visit Karsha Gompa which is one of the oldest Monastery. Overnight in Tents.



**Day 7: Padam - Bardan Gompa**

Full day trek to Bardan Gompa on the way back visit Padam market and Padam Gompa. Overnight in Tents.



**Day 8: Padam - Kargil**

Full day drive to Kargil and in the evening we reach Kargil. Overnight at Hotel.



**Day 9: Kargil - Uletokpo**

Full day drive to Uletokpo and we have to cross highest pass on Srinagar leh route Fotula 13749 Fts. On the way visit Mulbek and Lamayuru monastery one of the oldest Monastery in Ladakh region. Continue drive to Uletokpo in the late afternoon one may visit to Rizong monastery by foot 5 Kms to and fro. Overnight in Tents.



**Day 10: Uletokpo - Leh**

After short drive we reach to Alchi Monastery and continue drive to Leh via some interesting Buddhist villages. Afternoon free for personal activities. Overnight at hotel.



**Day 11: Leh**

Full day excursion to Shey, Thiksey and Hemis Monastery which is most popular Monastery in Ladakh region. return back to Hotel in the late afternoon. Overnight at Hotel.



**Day 12: Leh**

Morning half day sightseeing tour of Spituk and Phyang monastery. Afternoon visit by foot to Kings palace, Tsemo Gompa, Leh Mosque, Leh Bazar and Shankar Gompa. Overnight at Hotel.



**Day 13: Leh**

Morning half day excursion to Stok Palace/Museum and on the way back visit Tibetan Refugee Camp. Afternoon day at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.



**Day 14: Leh**

Transfer in time to the airport to connect onward destination flight.

