

Ladakh Photography Tour with Golden Temple

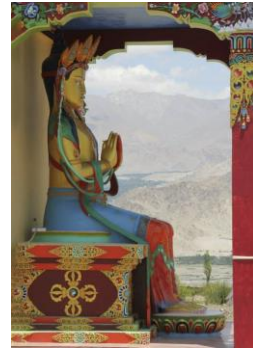
Tour Date: 20 JULY – 1 AUGUST 2024, 12 nights

Tour Cost: AUD 8,300 single | AUD 7,800 twin share per person



Susan and Atik welcome you to this tour

Images by Atik and his friend Visnu



July 20 – New Delhi (Hotel Roseate or Similar)

Accommodation - Hotel Grand Imperial (or Similar) 1 night

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On arrival you will be greeted by Atik and transferred to the hotel. In the evening we will have dinner together and talk about our beautiful journey to Leh – Ladakh and Golden Temple with Wagha Border.



July 21 - Arrival Leh.

Accommodation - Hotel Chomal Cottage or Similar 3 nights

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Early in the morning we will board the flight to Leh. (1.20 Hours) Upon arrival at the Leh Airport, we will be received by our representative and transferred to our hotel. Enjoy a simple & light lunch today at your hotel. Leh is at 11000 ft, so we strongly recommend taking complete rest & drink ample water on the first day, where you should not indulge in any strenuous activity. Rest of the day is free to acclimatize to the high altitude. In the evening take a walk to the local bazaar in Leh.



July 22 - 23 – Leh

(B L D)

Sightseeing around Leh (90 Kms round trip)

After breakfast we will visit Hall of Fame, Spituk Monastery and Kali Mata Temple, Magnetic Hill, Gurudwara Patthar Sahib and Confluence of Zaskar - Indus rivers. In the evening we will visit Leh Palace, Donkey Sanctuary and Shanti Stupa for a beautiful sunset view. Dinner at the hotel.

LADAKH HALL OF FAME : The Hall of Fame is a glorious museum constructed by the Indian Army. It is worth a visit for every citizen. You can see the memorabilia, eminent defense personalities with biographies, images and weapons used during the Kargil and other key strategic battles fought in Ladakh and belongings of the enemy soldiers found at war site. All the martyr and gallantry awards are displayed.

SPITUK GOMPA: 8 Kms from Leh, it stands prominently on the top of hillock commanding a panoramic view of the Indus Valley for miles. Many icons of Buddha and fine Thangkas are to be found in this 15th century Gompa. The Gompa also houses a collection of ancient masks, antique arms, and an awe-inspiring image of Mahakaal. The face of the Kali image is kept covered and is revealed only at the annual function in January every year.

MAGNETIC HILL : Defying the Law of Gravity. This place is close to the Gurudwara Shri Pathar Sahib. It has been noticed that when a vehicle is parked on neutral gear on this metallic road the vehicle slides up-hill that's the Believe it or not of Ladakh!

GURDWARA SHRI PATTHAR SAHIB: The Shrine known as Gurudwara Pathar Sahib is situated about 25 kms from Leh town on the Leh-Srinagar road. Built in the everlasting memory of Shri Guru Nanak Deve Ji the great prophet who sanctified the place by his sacred visit during the year 1517 while on his second missionary tour (2nd Udassi 1515-1518). The Guru reached here via Nepal, Sikkim, Tibet Yarkand and Leh after having spiritual discourses with the sidhas at Mount Sumer (Central Himalayas).

CONFLUENCE OF THE ZANSKAR & INDUS: On the way to Sham Valley before Nimu village one can have this magnificent view of two rivers in wed-lock! In seasons they have different colors and flow and wildness.

LEH PALACE : The Palace overlooks Leh town and is modeled on the Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet. The palace was built by King Sengge Namgyal in the 17th century, but was later abandoned when Dogra forces took control of Ladakh in the mid-19th century. The royal family moved to Stok Palace. Leh Palace is nine storeys high. The palace, a ruin, is currently being restored by the Archaeological Survey of India. The palace is open to the public and the roof provides panoramic views of Leh and the surrounding areas. The richest collection of jewelry, ornaments, Thangkas, ceremonial dresses, crowns, and centuries-old pieces of jewelry are kept here for public display.

SHANTI STUPA (Japanese Peace Pagoda) : Shanti Stupa/Japanese peace pagoda is build by a Japanese religious organization headed by Head monk Nakamura with the help from the organization and local people. It is situated at a hill top in Changsha village providing a bird eye view of the Leh town and the surrounding mountain peaks. Architecturally it has the Japanese touch with small clean rooms on the side for meditators and the main Japanese shrine at the entrance.



July 24 – Leh to Khardung La to Nubra Valley (140 Kms / Approx 05-06 Hrs)

Accommodation - Hotel Stone Hedge or Similar 2 nights

(B L D)

Today after breakfast check out of the hotel & we will start our journey to Nubra Valley through Khardung La, which is the World's highest motorable road at 18,832 feet above sea level. At Khardung La pass the snow-capped peaks and the mountain views are amazing. The road then passes through a bridge laid on A Glacier which finds its way in the Guinness Book of world records. Drive through the Valley which is extremely beautiful for photography.

Nubra Valley is the Oasis of Ladakh as you see some colorful trees in this region. Arrive Nubra and enjoy an adventurous ATV ride (Quad Bike Ride, complimentary basis for one ride). When we reach our camp, check in & enjoy your lunch. After lunch visit the Hunder sand dunes and get the sight of the Double Hump Bactrian camels (camel ride to be on direct payment basis). Enjoy leisure time at the Sand Dunes of Nubra valley spread across Hunder Village. Later in the evening we return to camp.



July 25 - Nubra - Excursion To Turtuk - Nubra

(B L D)

One of the most fascinating journeys in Ladakh, this is a less popular destination recently opened for tourists. If you have a thirst for a beautiful location this is the place. En-route enjoy spectacular mountain ranges and Villages. This region is controlled mainly by the Ladakh Scouts a rear department of the India Army. This border village was recaptured by the Indian Army in 1971. Locals have relatives across the border (Line of Control) and depend mainly on farming vegetables & apricots besides providing mules and porters. Baltistan a beautiful village with charming people "On the night of December 13, 1971, the people of this village went to sleep in Pakistan. The next morning, they woke up in India." We are in Turtuk, listening to a villager recount the history of this remote northwest corner of Ladakh, which until that night was part of Baltistan in PoK. A full day rough excursion and evening back to Nubra Valley.



July 26 - Nubra To Pangong (165 Kms / Approx 05-06 Hrs Total)

Accommodation - Pangong in Camp 1 night

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After an early breakfast we leave for Pangong Lake through Changla pass **17,998 ft** (5486 m). The long easy ascent takes you to Changla pass through its winding roads passing through Sakti Village. Stop at the Changla Pass for a quick photograph session and drive down to the village of Tangtse, where you can relax for a cup of tea. Leaving Tangtse for Pangong we will pass through few small villages of Changthang and finally you can have a sudden view of the Pangong Lake situated at 14,000 feet (4,267 m). This famous blue Lake of Pangong is 5/6 Kms wide and over 133 Kms long with half of it is running the other side of the "INDO CHINA BORDER". One rarely feels so close to nature and environment and the scenery is unforgettable. After the success of 3 Idiots, this beautiful natural location has attracted more tourists from all over the world.



July 27 - Pangong to Leh

Accommodation - Hotel Chomal Cottage or Similar 1 night

(B L D)

Morning at leisure to explore the beauty of lake and later we drive back to Leh and check in at our hotel. In the evening you can stroll around the marketplace for some last minute souvenir shopping.



July 28 – Leh to New Delhi

Accommodation - Hotel Roseate or Similar Delhi 1 night

(B L D)

Leave on time for Leh airport to board your flight to New Delhi.



July 29 – New Delhi to Amritsar

Accommodation - Hotel Ranjit Vilas or Similar

1 night

(B L D)

After breakfast we will catch the train to Amritsar. (7 hours) Once we arrive in Amritsar we will go to our hotel. The afternoon is free to take some rest. In the evening we are going to the Wagah Border to see border of INDO – PAK where every evening the lowering of the flags ceremony at the Attari–Wagah border is a daily Central Armed Police Force's (CAPF) practice that the security forces of India (Border Security Force) and Pakistan (Pakistan Rangers) have jointly followed since 1959. The drill is characterized by elaborate and rapid dance-like manoeuvres and raising legs as high as possible, which have been described as "colourful". It is both a symbol of the two countries' rivalry, and a display of brotherhood and cooperation between the two nations.



July 30 – Amritsar to New Delhi.

Accommodation - Hotel Dharampura or Similar 1 night

(B L D)

After breakfast we will go to visit the Golden Temple. It is famous for its full golden dome. It is one of the most sacred pilgrim spots for Sikhs. The Mandir is built on a 67-ft square of marble and is a two storied structure. Maharaja Ranjit Singh had the upper half of the building built with approximately 400 kg of gold leaf.

After visiting the temple, we will drive to the airport to catch flight to New Delhi. This evening we will go for a walk in Old Delhi. Dinner in city.



July 31 – New Delhi to Fly Home

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After breakfast we will go to visit Jama Masjid, Old Delhi streets, Lodhi Garden. After late lunch we will drive to airport to catch flight to home.

Optional extra day to visit the Taj Mahal with Atik at your cost.



August 1 - New Delhi to Agra or Fly Home

After an early visit to the Taj Mahal, drive back to Delhi, a little sightseeing if time permits then drive to the airport for your flight home.

Please note that circumstances could mean the itinerary may change slightly, but every day will be full, enriching and rewarding.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 x domestic flights
- Room with Breakfast
- Lunch and Dinner
- Entrance of Monuments
- Passes for Leh & Ladakh
- Luxury bus with driver
- Water, Soft Drinks on bus

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Alcoholic beverages, laundry or personal items
- Indian visa
- Comprehensive travel insurance / trip cancellation insurance (required), please let us know if we can offer you a competitive quote.

PRICING

Option 1 – Single

AUD 8,300 per person

Deposit required to secure place: AUD 800 per person

Option 2 – Twin Share

AUD 7,800 per person

Deposit required to secure place: AUD 800 per person

Final Balance

Final balance due: 10 April 2024

HOW TO BOOK

If you would like to join this wonderful photo tour with Susan Moss, the mechanics of booking your trip are made easy. Here is a secure link to provide your travel details and reserve your place on the Ladakh Photography Tour with Golden Temple.

Go to secure [**BOOKING FORM**](#)