

SNOW LEOPARD EXPEDITION

General information about the tour itinerary and the proposal

ITINERARY

1. Taking full pre- cautions in dealing with COVID 19 – wearing face mask, use of the sanitizers in public places, keeping social distance as per WHO guidelines.
2. Our services are mindful of hygiene throughout the tour.
3. This is a challenging expedition; therefore, physical & mental fitness and resistance is required.
4. We suggest to bring your own personal sleeping bag, trekking shoe waterproof, inner thermal wear, rain & windproof jacket & trouser, towels, sunscreen lotion, hat, gloves, toiletries, spare socks, warm jacket & sunglasses, enough batteries etc. -Binocular -Spotting (SCOPEV) -Tripod (for photographers)
5. Focus of this expedition is Snow Leopards and other Himalayan wildlife in extreme winter, Ladakh's winter life, culture, monks and monasteries.
6. Highest point is Rumbak 3800 mt
7. Climate, usually sunny days but dry chilly winds, temperature can drop to *minus 20- 35 degree centigrade*.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

1. The quote is based on 01 paying person in a Single Room and 02 paying persons sharing ONE room
2. The validity of the quote is from January till March 2022
3. This is only an indicative price and will vary under following circumstances
 - The quote is based on the taxes, which are currently applicable. In case there is any change in the taxations, the cost
4. In this itinerary, some of the festivals or events, which can be experienced are: (festival dates for 2022 are not yet announced officially)
 - Spitik Gustor (in January/February month)

- Stok Guru Tseschu (in February/March month)
- Matho Nagrang (in February/March month)

HOTELS/MEALS

1. The hotels or tents follow the guidelines issued by the Government and World Health Organization to handle COVID-19 – the health, safety and hygiene protocols are followed:
 - Mandatory use of Protective gears i.e. masks for all our staff members and suppliers while present on hotel premises
 - Regular temperature checks upon entering the hotel
 - Sanitization of personnel, suppliers, associates and guests, of all surfaces
 - Deep cleaning and disinfection of common areas, guestroom, and restaurants
 - Ensuring social distancing in lobby, restaurant and all such areas
 - Use of hand sanitizers in all areas including restaurants
 - Sanitizing of guest luggage, supplies and such like.
2. The hotels included in Delhi are a mix of modern and boutique in the 3 star to 4 star category.
3. In Leh, the hotel included is A class Ladakhi style hotel with heating facility
4. During trek simple and basic Alpine trekking tents included with complete trekking arrangements like alpine tents, thick mattresses, all meals, ponies/porters, service of cook, helper, trek guide, trek permission etc...
5. We suggest the hotels, which has location advantage - centrally located or close to the airport or close to the local market
6. The check in time at the hotels in Delhi are 1400 hrs and check out time varies between 1100 to 1200 hrs and in Leh, the check in time at the hotel is 08.00 am and check out time 10.00 am
7. The meal plan is with all meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) throughout the stay in Leh and during trek. In Delhi only breakfast is included.
8. During the meals – mineral water, soft drinks or any other kind of drinks are not included

TRANSPORT/DRIVER

1. We have taken all precautions towards COVID 19 – Hygiene and using mask by our drivers. The vehicle will have hand sanitizers and guests will also be provided with good quality masks.
2. The vehicle which we have included is a MEDIUM SIZED VEHICLE – the vehicle will be comfortable travel on the Indian roads
3. The vehicles are insured and our drivers are trained
4. They are well versed with the roads and the destinations
5. The drivers can understand English at a communicative level, if only spoken slowly
6. The usage of the vehicle is as per inclusions in the itinerary
7. When you are on the road using our vehicle – mineral water is with compliments (02 bottles per person per day)

LOCAL GUIDES

1. The guides will be different in each city. They will speak English
2. They will take you around the city – talk about the city in general, about the historical facts of the city, explain the history of the monasteries/monuments
3. The guide will also explain to you the do's and don'ts during the city tour
4. Included services of local Naturalist guide during Snow Leopard Expedition from Day 5 to Day 11 as per the itinerary proposed.

ENTRANCE FEES TO THE MONASTERIES

1. We have included onetime MONASTERIES FEE at each monastery as mentioned in the itinerary
2. The guide will be taking care of the same when he is there with you
3. There are camera fees at each monastery – the fees vary from monastery to monastery and also depends on the model and make of the camera
4. The monasteries open in the morning (the opening hours vary from monastery to monastery) and generally close by the sunset
5. The tickets will be sold till an hour before the close of the monasteries – the guide or our office in each city will guide you about the opening and closing timing of the monasteries

6. During the visit of some monasteries there are restrictions – be it with regards to the dress or restriction on photography
7. We have also included Environment Fee & Wildlife entry fee in protected area for clients, guide, helper, pony etc. during Snow Leopard Expedition.

Some of the main attractions are as follows:

1. Gentle walking tour to explore Leh town
2. Chance to see Snow Leopard Conversation centre in Leh before starts the expedition.

AIRFARES

1. The flight schedules mentioned in the itinerary are subject to change without any notice
2. The fares will also vary as per the dates
3. The check in baggage allowance on the flights (Indigo, Go Air, Spice jet, Vistara) are 15 kilos per person per sector. Air India allows 25 kilos of check in baggage allowance

SUGGESTED OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (AT EXTRA COST)

In addition to the activities, which we have included, we can also suggest other activities as per your interest on extra supplement cost:

1. Half day city tour of Delhi
2. Cycle rickshaw ride through silver market in Delhi