



# 13 Night/14 Day Tour of the Himalayas



**This tour takes in some of the most significant sites of Northern India. From the Golden Temple of Amritsar to the base of the Dalai Lhama at Dharamsala, one of the most spectacular Himalayan hill stations, you will go to the fabled, isolated land of Ladakh with its ruined palace and mountain sanctuaries. Alternatively, you can fly to Kathmandu, Capital of Nepal, and visit the wildlife sanctuary at Royal Chitwan.**



DAY 1: Delhi - Welcome at the airport and transfer to your hotel  
DAY 2: Delhi- After breakfast at the Hotel proceed to a city tour of Old & New Delhi.

DAY 3: Amritsar - After breakfast at the Hotel proceed to Amritsar 6 hrs drive. Visit the Golden Temple, the most sacred site of the Sikh religion.

DAY 4: Dharamsala - Drive to Dharamsala about 5 hrs drive. At an altitude of about 1400m, Dharamsala is in a spectacular location. Visit the town and the Tibetan Monastery.

DAY 5: Dharamsala - Enjoy another day in the spectacular mountain scenery before returning to Amritsar.

DAY 6: Dharamsala - Amritsar - Leh Transfer to the airport at Amritsar for flight for Leh. At 3,500m Ladakh is known as the Roof of the World its capital, Leh, is on the ancient Silk Road. The rest of the day is spent at leisure acclimatising to the altitude.

DAY 7: Leh- Visit the ruined palace which was built at the same time as the Potala Palace in Lhasa.

DAY 8: Leh- After breakfast at the Hotel take an excursion to the monastery of Spituk with its ancient collection of masks, and then to the monastery at Phyang, famous for its ritual dancing.

DAY 9: Leh - Visit Tikse which is one of the most imposing monasteries in Ladakh with many temples, stupas, statues and wall paintings. Visit the village of Shey, once an important royal residence

DAY 10: Leh - Today's excursion visits Hemis, the largest monastery in Ladakh, surrounded by spectacular mountains.

DAY 11: Leh- Visit the small village of Stok and its palace which houses a rich collection of royal artifacts and jewellery.

DAY 12: Leh- The drive to the World Heritage site of Alchir takes you through some of the most exciting Himalayan scenery. Go on to Likir, a ruined Buddhist citadel perched above the Indus Valley.

DAY 13: Leh - Delhi Transfer to the airport for the flight to Delhi and spend the rest of the day touring the town.

DAY 14: Delhi- Transfer to International airport for departure.



Ladakh

**Please enquire for prices for this tailor-made tour.**

The Tibetan Buddhist monasteries of Ladakh are called Gompas, and are home to many monks and nuns who live, study and practice their religion there. They are usually situated high up on barren mountainsides and have rich collections of Buddhist Thangka paintings, art and artifacts. As these are not monuments but living religious sites, visitors are asked to respect the rules and be sensitive to the culture. Women may not be allowed into some rooms. There is a small entrance fee, or a donation is expected.

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# 12 Night / 13 Day Tour of the Himalayas



## Alternative Tour to Nepal

From Amritsar you can fly to Kathmandu to visit the fascinating country of Nepal. Here you have the opportunity to see the rare wildlife at the Royal Chitwan Park, where you can take a trip on an elephant, or down the river in a canoe. After one night in a Park Lodge, you will stay in an exotic palace. Your flight will take you back to Delhi for your onward connection.



DAY 6: (First 5 days as previous tour) Dharamsala - Amritsar - Kathmandu After an early start transfer to the airport at Amritsar to board the flight for Kathmandu.

DAY 7: Royal Chitwan - After breakfast at the Hotel drive to Royal Chitwan 3 hrs. The Royal Chitwan National Park on the Nepal/Indian border is home to the tiger, Indian rhinoceros, leopard, sloth bear and many other rare animals. Spend the night in a park lodge.



DAY 8: Wankaner - Drive to Wakaner (5 hrs) and check in to your exotic palace hotel. Rest of day at leisure.

DAY 9: Royal Chitwan - Today a ride on the back of an elephant through the park gives the best opportunity to see the many birds and animals. In the afternoon canoe down the Narayani River.

DAY 10: Kathmandu - After the breakfast drive to Kathmandu (3 hrs) and visit the many holy sites in hte city, including the Stupa at Bodnath, which is the largest stupa in Nepal.

DAY 11: Kathmandu - Visit Patan, and its beautiful temple architecture built by King Ashoka and in hte afternoon the Palace at Bhaktapur which has retained its mediaeval character.

DAY 12: Kathmandu - Delhi - After lunch at the Hotel take a afternoon Flight to Delhi. On Arrival at the Domestic airport take a brief tour of Delhi.

DAY 13: Delhi - Transfer to airport for onward flight.

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