

## NORTHERN INDIA

### CHOOSE 1, 2, or 3 WEEKS TO EXPERIENCE!

**Sept. 25-Oct. 2: LEH, LADAKH, India: 7 nights/8 days: \$3462 if paid by check.** (\$3642 if pd by credit card. \$800 deposit holds your spot.)

**Oct. 2- Oct 9: DHARAMSALA, India: 7 nights/8 days: \$3462 if paid by check.** ((\$3642 if pd by credit card. \$800 deposit holds your spot.)

**Oct. 9- Oct. 17: DELHI-AGRA-VARANASI, India: 8 nights/9 days: \$3462 if paid by check.** ((\$3642 if pd by credit card. \$800 deposit holds your spot.)

[Website registration and info](#)

DAY	SEPTEMBER	FLIGHTS	TOWN	HOTEL/EXCURSIONS
<b>WEEK 1 BEGINS</b> 9	Weds., 25	<b>DEL &gt; IXL</b> (Leh)  Bag Allowance: Hand bag: 7 kgs Checked bag: 15 kgs	Leh, Ladakh	<b>Depart for Leh, Ladakh</b>  Day of rest and acclimation to altitude of approx. 12000'. Hotel Indus Valley or Grand Dragon/Leh
10	Thurs., 26		Leh, Ladakh	<b>Leh</b> Visit Tibetan Children's Village school in Choglamsar and learn about the history and struggles of the Tibetan settlement in this region. <a href="https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/where-we-help/asia/india/leh-ladakh">https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/where-we-help/asia/india/leh-ladakh</a> Visit Alchi Monastery, the oldest in Ladakh, over 900 years old, and famed for its stunning murals that rival European frescoes. Later in the evening Interaction with Local Buddhist Monk at Hotel.
11	Fri., 27		Leh, Ladakh	<b>Leh Buddhist Monasteries</b> Excursion to Thiksey monastery followed by Morning Puja ceremony. Thiksey resembles the famed Potala Palace where the Dalai Lama lived in Lhasa, Tibet. The Matriya Temple here has an impressive 49' golden statue of the future buddha that was made for a visit by HH the 14 <sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama. Visit the grand Hemis and Stok monasteries.
12	Sat., 28		Leh, Ladakh	<b>Stakmo Village</b> Visit the small village of Stakmo, which is not typically open for tourists. Lunch with our guide's family, plus enjoy cultural exchange and a rare opportunity to experience life in a small Himalayan Buddhist village up close. Meet the village Shaman (a woman) and have a chance to ask questions.
13	Sun., 29		Leh to Nubra Valley	<b>Khardungla Pass &amp; Nubra Valley</b> Drive 5 hours to the Nubra Valley over the

				Khardungla pass (17,582') and it's exhilarating, breathtaking views. The Nubra Valley (9000') was once on the trading route that connected eastern Tibet with Turkistan and is the most recently opened area of Ladakh. Stay at Mystic Meadow Earth Homes, an eco-tourism accomodation.
14	Mon., 30		Nubra Valley	<b>Hundar Village and Diskit Monastery</b> Visit the other-wordly White Sand Dunes at Hundar. Then to Deskit: the main village of Nubra Valley, which has a small market consisting of a row of shops and a 500 year old Gompa (monastery) with a spectacular view of the valley. Hundar is a beautiful village of trees with a small monastery and ruins of a fort above the village. Then walk or take a short camel safari ride (Double-hump bactrian camels) through sand dunes (optional/extra 700Rs approx. \$10 + tips.)
15	October Tues., 1		Nubra to Leh	<b>Nubra to Leh</b> Morning deprture for Leh Village. Evening explore Leh bazaar for souvenir, visit Leh Jokhang or Leh Mosque by foot.
16 <i>END OF WEEK 1</i>	Weds., 2	<b>IXL&gt;DEL</b>	Leh>Delhi	<b>Leh to Delhi</b> (Roseate House Hotel). <i>*If you are ending your trip here before continuing home tomorrow, add \$149 to your tour cost.</i>
<b>WEEK 2 BEGINS</b> 17	Thurs., 3	<b>DEL&gt;DHM</b>	Delhi >Dharamsala	<b>Depart Delhi for Dharamsala</b> Arrival in Dharamsala from Delhi. <i>*If you are beginning your trip here and arriving in Delhi Oct. 2, add \$149 to your tour cost.</i>
18	Fri., 4		Dharamsala	<b>McLeodganj &amp; HH Dalai Lama Monastery</b> • Visit the Monastery of HH the 14 <sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama. Time to meditate there. Walk the busy village of McLeodganj.
19	Sat., 5		Dharamsala	<b>Nag Bhagsu Waterfall, Gyoto Monastery &amp; Buddhist Nuns</b> • Visit the beautiful Nag Bhagsu temple and waterfall. Whisper your wishes into the statues ear for it to be fulfilled. See people swim in the sacred (and very cold) water from the mountain. • Visit Gyoto Monastery, home of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa, who had a dramatic escape to India from Tibet in 2000. The first Karmapa was born in 1110, the first of the great Tibetan masters to establish an incarnating lineage. Since his death in 1193, successive Karmapas have incarnated for 16 lifetimes so far, and all have played a most important role in preserving and promulgating the Buddhist teachings of Tibet. The current Karmapa may or may not be at the Monastery, as he has been

				<p>in the US for health reasons and has Visa issues he is aiming to resolve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet nuns at Dolma Ling Nunnery (or other) and possibly attend a morning puja or tea.</li> </ul>
20	Sun., 6		Dharamsala	<p><b>Tibetan Gov't in Exile; Tibetan Museum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tibetan Govt in exile. Visit Parliament (if not in session) and learn about the Tibetan govt in exile.</li> <li>• Visit and tour the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives &amp; Museum, see the 11th century Tibetan manuscripts there.</li> </ul>
21	Mon., 7		Dharamsala	<p><b>Norbulingka Institute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the stunning grounds of the Norbulingka Institute, where traditional Tibetan arts are taught. See students and masters creating woodcarvings, hand-embroidery, metal statue making and thangka painting. We will take a 1 day class here to make a painting, most likely of one of the 8 auspicious symbols of Buddhism.</li> </ul>
22	Tues., 8		Dharamsala	<p><b>TCV and Kangra Fort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit and tour the Tibetan Children's Village in Upper Dharamshala. What started in 1960 as a place of refuge for destitute children from Tibet is now a village of 1500 children from infants to grade 12. It was founded by the younger sister of HH Dalai Lama, Jetsun Pema. Students live here, some are orphans and some are not. Meet the kids, the director and see how they thrive in circumstances that most of us haven't experienced firsthand.</li> <li>• Visit the hilltop location of Kangra Fort, which dates back to 4300 BC and is counted among the oldest forts in the Himalayas and the 8<sup>th</sup> largest in India, covering 463 acres. When it was built, elephants carried enormous stone uphill. It's said to have had so many treasures that even Alexander the Great tried to overtake it unsuccessfully. Many treasure walls have been uncovered and there are said to be more yet undiscovered. A 7.8 earthquake damaged the fort in 1905 and killed 20,000 people yet it still stands.</li> </ul>
23 <b>END OF WEEK 2</b>	Weds, 9	<b>DHM&gt;DEL</b>	Dharamsala>Delhi	<p><b>Departure Day for Delhi.</b> Surya Hotel, Delhi.</p>
<b>WEEK 3 BEGINS</b> 24	Thurs, 10		Delhi	<p><b>Delhi Excursion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the stunning B'hai Lotus Temple where you can spend some time in meditation.</li> <li>• Akshardhan Swami Nayaran Temple (plus boat ride through History of India exhibit there)</li> <li>• Jama Masjid Mosque and Chodni Chowk rickshaw</li> </ul>

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25	Fri., 11	DEL>AGR	Delhi > Agra	<p><b>Departure for Agra (home of Taj Mahal)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drive 3 hours to Agra. Free time at leisure. Evening see the inlaid marble craftsmanship demonstration.</li> </ul> <p>Hotel: Courtyard Marriott Agra</p>
26	Sat., 12		Agra	<p><b>Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Itmad-ud-Daulah</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Privately guided tour of Agra city: Visit the impressive Agra Fort, built by Emperor Akbar between 1567-1573. It encompasses an enormous complex of courtly buildings, now a UNESCO world heritage site. The World famous Taj Mahal - Its perfect proportions and exquisite craftsmanship have been described as “a vision, a dream, a poem, a wonder”.</li> </ul> <p>Also visit small but elegant Itmad-ud-Daulah Tomb (1622) lyrically described as a “jewel box in marble”. The tomb is a combination of white marble, coloured mosaic, stone inlay and lattice work. Stylistically, it is the most innovative 17th century Mughal building.</p>
27	Sun, 13	DEL>VNS	Agra > Delhi > Varanasi	<p><b>Departure Day: Drive to Delhi &amp; fly to Varanasi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The religious capital of Hinduism, Varanasi was previously known as Kashi - the city that illuminates. The present name is derived from the fact that the city is at the confluence of the rivers Varuna and Asi. It is also called CITY OF TEMPLES. The shimmering red and golden water of the Ganges when rays of dawn falls on them, the ghats (steps), the temples, and cremations all are an experience in themselves.</li> </ul> <p>Hotel: Madin Varanasi</p>
28	Mon, 14		Varanasi	<p><b>Ganges Sunrise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-dawn guided private boat cruise on the Ganges at sunrise. This a magical time, as pilgrims and sadhus trickle out of the maze-like lanes and head for the ghats (steps to the river). Here they wash clothes, perform yoga asanas, offer prayers and take a ritual dip. Return to hotel for breakfast.</li> <li>• Guided tour of Bharat Mata Temple, Durga Temple and the Benaras Hindu University and its art gallery. Bharat Mata Temple is known for its large and unusually detailed stone map of</li> </ul>

				the Indian subcontinent. Time allotted for shopping for silks and other items. Return to the Ganges in the evening to witness the incredibly profound Aarti Puja.
29	Tues. 15		Varanasi	<b>Sarnath</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golden Temple (Kashi Vishwanath)</li> <li>• Sarnath (excavated site) home of Buddhism. This is where Buddha gave his first sermon.</li> <li>• Sarnath Museum</li> <li>• Lord Buddha Tibetan Temple</li> </ul>
30	Weds. 16	VNS>DEL	Varanasi > Delhi	<b>Fly to Delhi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay at the Roseate House. (Lunch on your own at airport.)</li> </ul>
31	Thurs, 17	DEL>Home	DEPART	<b>Depart for home from Delhi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer to the airport included</li> </ul>

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## India and Nepal 2019

### THE COST INCLUDES:

- Arrival assistance at Delhi & ride to hotel/ Departure transfer
- Rickshaw rides if on itinerary (Delhi & Varanasi)
- Hotel accommodation in a twin / double sharing room. (Inquire for single pricing)
- All necessary transportation and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- English-speaking local guide in each city during sightseeing and excursions
- Bottled water will be available in car during sightseeing and excursions
- Meals as per mentioned in the itinerary
- Tipping for driver and guide at each city
- Ganges sunrise boat ride (Varanasi)
- One photo of group in front of Taj Mahal for each group member
- Meetings with Local Buddhist Monk (in Leh)
- Lunch with Local family (in Leh)
- Permit to visit Nubra Valley
- All govt taxes
- Internal airfare\*

\* THE INTERNAL AIRFARES MIGHT CHANGE AT THE TIME OF ISSUING / BOOKING TICKETS BECAUSE THESE ARE DYNAMIC AIRFARES & NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL PURCHASE.

### ABOVE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- India Visa fees or procurement (instructions below)
- Airfare to/from your home city to New Delhi, India
- Early Check -in and Late Check-out

- Additional days in hotel as needed, if joining the tour in Weeks 2 or 3.
- Insurance and/or rescue or medical events of any form
- Costs arising out of flight cancellations/road blockades/landslides/riots and events beyond our control
- Excess baggage fees
- Tipping as mentioned below in the Tipping section
- Photography charges in certain monasteries and monuments (\$3-5 if at all)
- Expenses of personal nature such as bar bills, communication charges, laundry, and any other expenses not mentioned in the above cost
- Any other cost not mentioned above

## Terms & Conditions

### Payment policy:

**Payment 1:** Deposit of \$800USD per person (per segment chosen) will confirm your spot on the trip today.

**Payment 2:** 66% of your remaining balance due **March 15, 2019**.

**Payment 3:** Remaining balance due **July 17, 2019**.

If a trip is booked within the period of 60 days before it commences, then full payment is due.

Please remit deposits and trip fees by check. If paying with a credit card, a processing fee is added. See pricing details at the top of the first page.

### Cancellation Policy:

This trip cost is based on 4-6 people participating in each of the four segments (Nepal, Leh, Dharamsala, and Delhi-Varanasi-Agra). If there are less than 4 and your segment you be will advised of alternate options for the tour. If you decide against the options presented or your tour is cancelled by us you will be advised by **July 11, 2019**, and a full refund of will be given to you. It is our goal to give you the best tour experience possible and we will work with you to make it so.

A trip cancellation charge will be levied as follows if notice is received:

- Before **May 17, 2019**: 45% of trip cost
- Between **May 18-July 16, 2019**: 66% of trip cost
- Between **July 17 to start of trip**: 100% of trip cost

If your final payment is not received when due then it is considered cancelled by you and no refund is due. No refunds will be made for unused trip arrangements such as transportations, hotel accommodations, meals, sightseeing and other after the trip commences. The exception is for circumstances beyond our control and in that case it would be submitted to your travel insurance for a claim. Be sure to purchase your own travel insurance, we do not provide it.

### HOTEL CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT POLICY:

- The check in time is 14:00 check out time is 12:00 hours. Late checkouts and early check in are subject to availability.
- Checkouts after 16:00 hours are subject to the following charges: 25% of the room rate between 16:00-18:00 hours, 50% between 18:00- 21:00 hours and 100% of the room rate after 21:00hours.
- All arrivals prior to 6 am are billed from the previous night. Arrivals between 06:00 hours and 08:00 hours will be charged 50% of the applicable rate.

### SPECIAL NOTES:

- The itinerary calculations are based on present Government Tax and current fuel prices. In future if the Government decides to increase the Government Taxes or there is a significant rise in fuel prices there will be addition surcharges to the prices quoted.
- Flight schedule may be subject to change without notice

## **VISAS & PASSPORT**

• Apply for your Indian e-Visa here: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>  
It is \$100USD last time I applied.

• In filling out your Indian e-Visa, you need an address of where you will be. Put this:

The Roseate House Hotel

Address: Asset 10, Northern Access Rd, Aerocity, Hospitality District, Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, Delhi 110037

Phone: +91 11 7155 8800

• If you need to fill in a Reference in India, use the name of our coordinator:

Waseem Raja

26 Community Centre, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, India

cell +91 9810677745

The Company is Royal Expeditions but you don't need to put that in.

• DO NOT say that you are doing any volunteer work in India or visiting any farms or livestock. That requires a different Visa. Just say it is touring.

• Your passport should **have at least six months validity from the date of arrival in India**. The passport should have at least **three blank pages** for stamping by the India Immigration Officer and for Nepal (if visiting there).

• International Travellers should have return ticket or onward journey ticket.

• If you been to countries that have yellow fever, you may need to carry your Yellow Fever Vaccination Card with you in India. That is the only REQUIRED vaccine.

• I find the online Visa application confusing at best. Do your best, the main thing is to get your name EXACTLY as on the passport. If after filling out your form and paying it says your payment didn't go through, check again in several hours. You will receive a pdf of your Visa. Print 2 copies and bring with you.

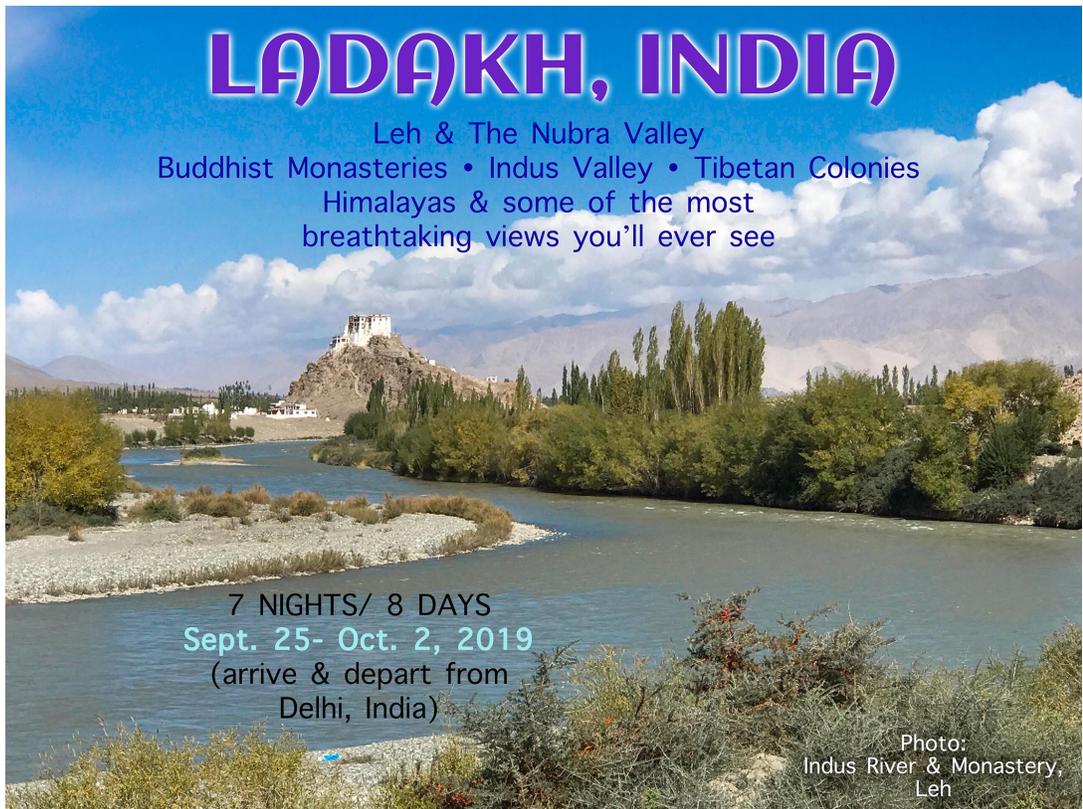
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After registration you will receive detailed info about:

- Tipping Guidelines
- Luggage Size/Weight Requirements
- Weather
- Spending Money
- Misc. & Medical
- Food
- Travel Insurance
- Travel to India

...plus a few forms to sign

Any questions, please email Deb: [debdelisi@gmail.com](mailto:debdelisi@gmail.com)



# LADAKH, INDIA

Leh & The Nubra Valley  
Buddhist Monasteries • Indus Valley • Tibetan Colonies  
Himalayas & some of the most  
breathtaking views you'll ever see

7 NIGHTS/ 8 DAYS  
Sept. 25- Oct. 2, 2019  
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Delhi, India)

Photo:  
Indus River & Monastery,  
Leh



# Dharamsala, India

Home of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama • Temples • Kangra Fort •  
Tibetan Gov't in Exile & Museum • Tibetan Children's Village School

7 NIGHTS/ 8 DAYS  
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from Delhi, India)

Photo:  
Hillside in Dharamsala

# Delhi-Agra-Varanasi, India

Agra: The Taj Mahal & inlaid marblework artisans

Varanasi: The Holy Ganges River and Hindu temples

Sarnath: Home of Buddha's first sermon

Delhi: a Confluence of  
Cultures, Temples & Mosques

8 NIGHTS/ 9 DAYS

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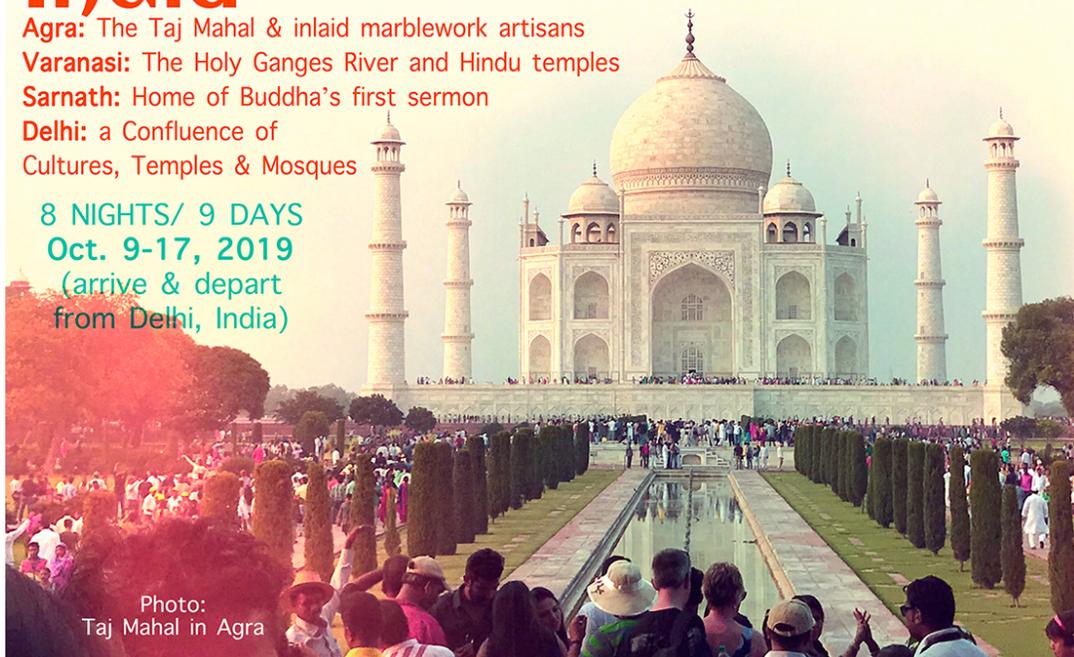


Photo:  
Taj Mahal in Agra