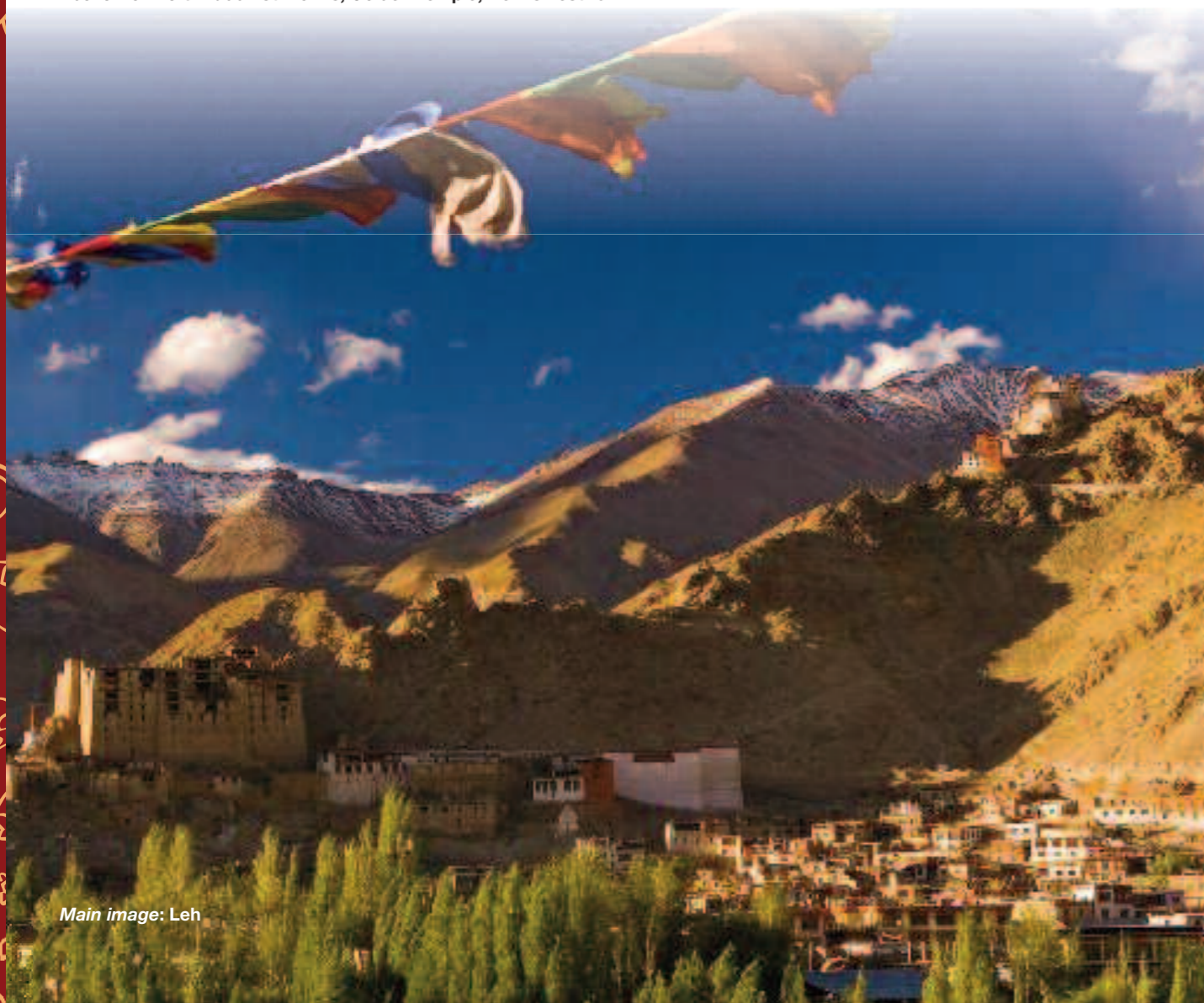


High Road to Leh

Ladakh is a land of awe-inspiring physical features, rugged and **spectacular**. Bounded by two of the world's **mightiest mountain ranges**, the Karakoram to the north and the Himalaya to the south, it is both historically and culturally Tibetan. Ancient monasteries and villages continue to preserve their traditional ways of life. The tour also takes you to **The Golden Temple in Amritsar**, and Dharamsala - abode of the Dalai Lama. The best season to visit is between July and September.



Above from left: Buddhist Monks, Golden Temple, Hemis Festival



Main image: Leh



Golden Temple



..... Connecting flight

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Arrive Delhi and transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the Oberoi Maidens.

Day 2 Delhi

Full day sightseeing of Old and New Delhi, including Humayun's Tomb, Qutab Minar, Jama Masjid (Mosque) and India Gate. Overnight at the Oberoi Maidens. (B)

Day 3 Delhi to Amritsar

Train to Amritsar (Pool of Nectar). Evening visit Wagah, the India/Pakistan border, to witness Beating Retreat and the Changing of the Guard. Overnight at Ista. (B)

Day 4 Amritsar to Dharamsala

Morning visit The Golden Temple, the Sikh's most sacred. Drive to Dharamsala in the magnificent Dhauladhar hill range, through dense pine and deodar forests. Remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight at Honor House. (B)

Day 5 Dharamsala

Free day to explore McLeod Ganj, the residence of His Holiness The Dalai Lama. The impressive monastery has larger than life images of the Buddha, Padmasambhava and Avalokteshvara. Overnight at Honor House. (B)

Day 6 Dharamsala to Palampur

Drive to Palampur, the tea plantation centre in the 19th century. With many picturesque hamlets, colonial architecture, temples and forts there is much to see. Afternoon free to explore. Overnight at the Taragarh Palace. (B)

Day 7 Palampur to Manali

Morning drive through stunning scenery to Manali (2,050 m), set among verdant forests under the high Himalaya. Overnight at the Manali Resort. (B)

Day 8 Manali

Day free to relax or explore the town. Overnight at the Manali Resort. (B)

Day 9 Manali to Jispa

Drive over the spectacular Rohtang Pass (3,978 m) to Jispa, via Gondla. Arrive Jispa (3,142 m). Overnight at the IbeX. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Jispa to Sarchu

Drive across the highland wilderness and over the Barlacha Pass (4,892 m) to Sarchu (4,267 m). Overnight at the Tented Camp. (B, L, D)

Day 11 Sarchu to Leh

Over the Lachung La Pass (5,065 m) and across high plains to Leh (3,350 m), the historic capital of Ladakh. Overnight at Kangla Chenn. (B, L, D)

Day 12 Leh

City tour including Shanker Gompa (17th-18th Century). Afternoon visit Shanti Stupa and explore the market. Overnight at Kangla Chenn. (B, L, D)

Day 13 Leh

Excursion to Hemis Gompa, Ladakh's most affluent monastery, and the Thiksey and Shey monasteries. Overnight at Kangla Chenn. (B, L, D)

Day 14 Leh to Uleytokpo

Drive to Uleytokpo via Likir Gompa founded in 12th century and the Ridzong Monasteries. Overnight at Uley Ethnic Resort. (B, L, D)

Day 15 Uleytokpo

Excursion to Lamayuru, and Alchi, the jewel among Ladakh's monastic foundations. Overnight at Uley Ethnic Resort. (B, L, D)

Day 16 Uleytokpo to Leh

Drive to Leh. Remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight at Kangla Chenn. (B, L, D)

Day 17 Leh to Delhi

Fly to Delhi. Farewell dinner. Overnight at the Taj Palace. (B, D)

Day 18 Delhi

Day at leisure or optional visit to Agra. Overnight at the Taj Palace. (B)

Day 19 Delhi and Departure

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

