



LADAKH

'the land of high passes'

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Homestay is an extension in recent years to give visitors coming to Ladakh an opportunity to learn and experience the unique Ladakhi way of life. Here you can savour the exotic Ladakhi Khambeer which is the typical Ladakhi breakfast. It is a thick roti made with dough fermented overnight and cooked, served with apricot jam. Ladakhi Chai (Butter Tea) is served to all guests, while in the backyard the Ladakhi magpies chirp from the poplar trees.



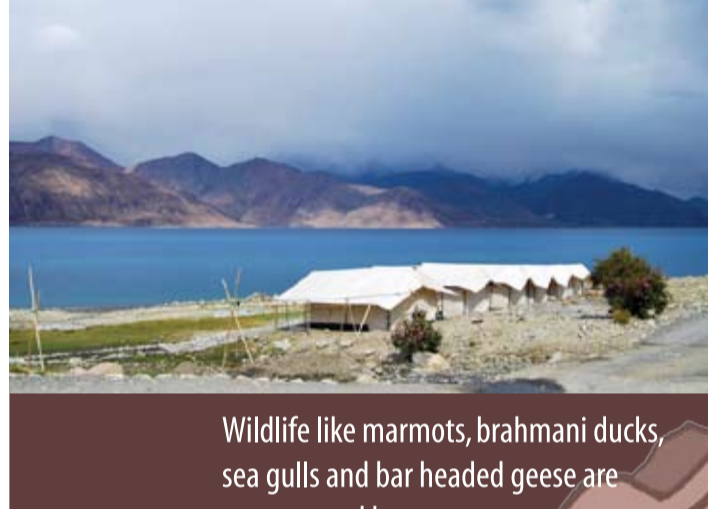
pangong tso



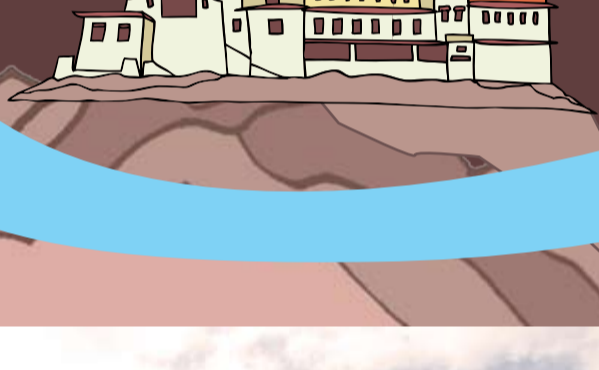
Pangong Tso Lake is situated at a height of about 14,270 ft from sea level. It is 134 km long and extends from India to Tibet. 60% of the length of the lake lies in Tibet. Despite being a salt water lake, in winter it freezes completely. The lake is salty because in the Geological past the Tethys Ocean was present here which split into many salt water lakes in this region when the Himalayas, which are a specimen of folded mountains, were formed. The lake acts as an important breeding ground for a variety of birds including a number of migratory birds.

The lake became a major tourist attraction after parts of the film '3 Idiots' were shot here in 2009.

Tented accomodation available from May to Sept at Lukung and Spangmik



Wildlife like marmots, brahmani ducks, sea gulls and bar headed geese are encountered here.



nubra valley



The Deskit Monastery

The Nubra Valley lies at an average altitude of around 10,000 ft above sea level. Situated roughly 150 kms from Leh, the best way to access the valley is over the Khardung La Pass, which is the highest motorable road in the world at 18,380 ft!

The valley, once called the silk route to East Turkestan and Central Asia, is today popularly called the valley of flowers.

The Nubra Valley is famous for the fabulous 17th century Deskit Gompa – the largest and oldest Buddhist monastery in the region, which houses a statue of Maitreya Buddha in the prayer hall.

It is one of the highest deserts in the world where you can enjoy a safari on the double humped Bactrian camels.



zanskar river

White water rafting on the Zanskar river is an absolute must for adventure enthusiasts!

River rafting in Ladakh is quite unlike anywhere else in the world. It provides the best opportunity to enjoy and experience the natural beauty of the spectacular landscape with deep gorges, towering snow capped peaks, hilltop monasteries, hillside villages, and glimpses of the unique wildlife.

turtuk



The village of Turtuk in the northwest corner of Ladakh was a part of Pakistan till it was regained by India in the 1971 war. The village is lush with vegetation and its apricots are amongst the tastiest you'll find anywhere! Apples and walnuts too are in abundance.

The mornings are greeted with choices of tea (mint, honey, regular) and apricot juice. Local food which includes Thukpa (bale), Mok-Mok, Kisir (Buckwheat bread) are served. Besides this, Chinese and regular Indian food is also served regularly. You can also cook your own food.

One of the several streams formed of the melting glaciers of the Himalayas picturesquely divides the village in two – Turtuk Yol and Turtul Farol.

The cultural show organized for tourists by the Balti Group too is a must watch!

Tented accomodation at Turtuk

