



# EXCLUSIVE SNOW LEOPARD & LYNX EXPERIENCE



Total Duration :  
*11 Nights / 12 Days*



Style of Tour :  
*Jeep Safari & Hiking*



Stays :  
*Remote Lodge in Drass and  
Tsokar, Hotel in Nimmu*




Highest Altitude :  
*5300 Metres*



Best Season :  
*November to April*


Situated at a comfortable drive from Leh, across the little used but once important Wari La (Pass) is the lovely village of Khingru, the home of the snow leopards, wolves and Lynx. Herds of Bharal; foxes, Woolly hare, weasels and Pikas, inhabit the meadows and cliffs on either side of Wari La.


# Brief Itinerary


 **Day 1 :**  
Arrive at Leh, transfer  
to Grand Dragon

**Day 2 :**  
Leh Local  
Sightseeing 

 **Day 3 :**  
Birding Day Trip

**Day 4:**  
Transfer to lodge in  
Nubra/Wari La  
landscape (4-5 hrs) 

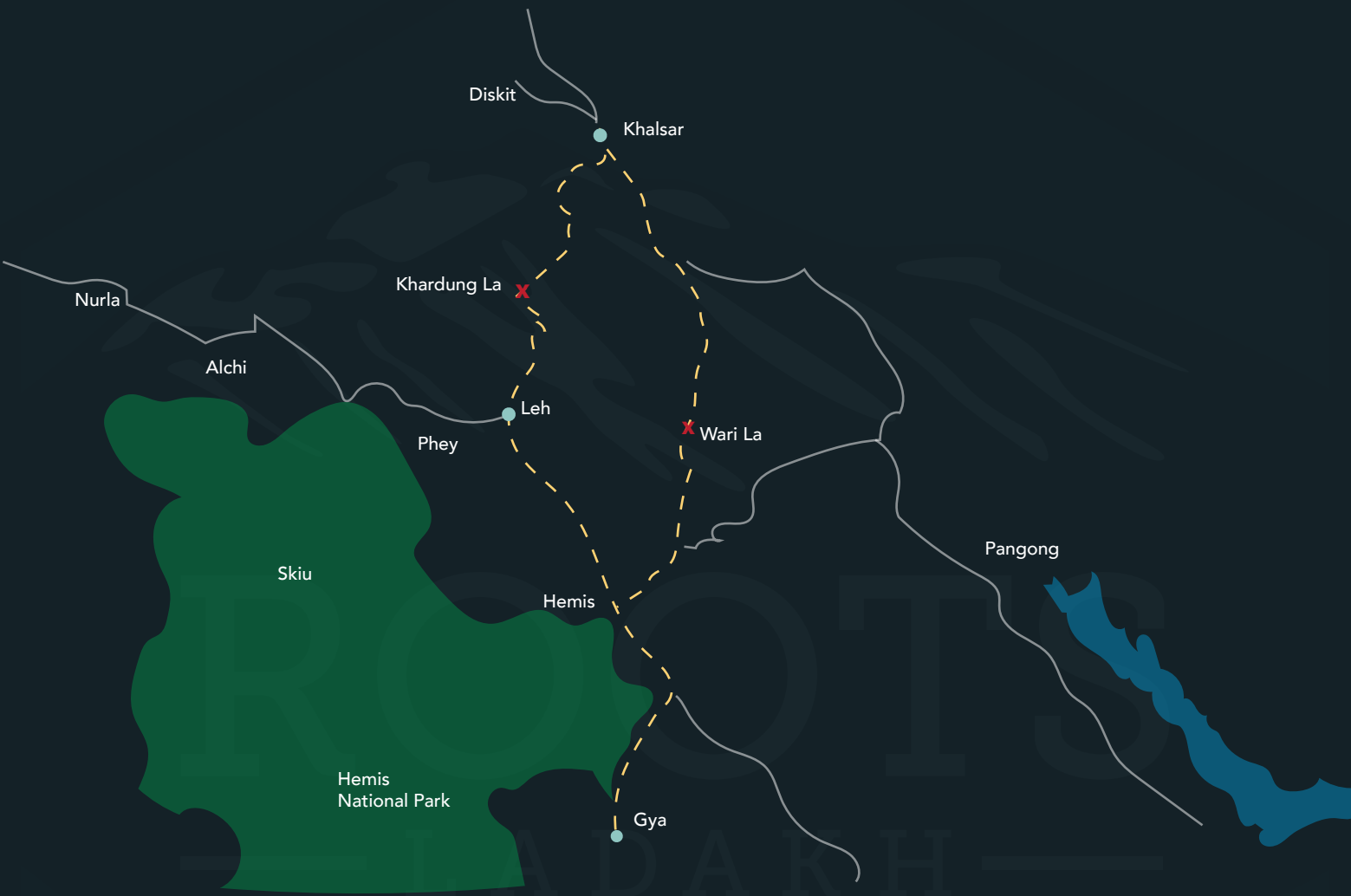
**Day 4 to Day 10 :**  
Exclusive Snow Leopard and  
Lynx tracking (7 nights) 

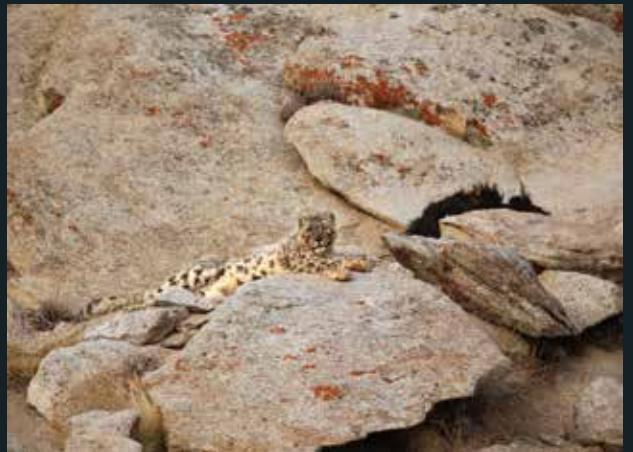
 **Day 11 :**  
Return to Leh,  
Night at Grand Dragon

**Day 12:**  
Fly back to Delhi 



# Route Map







Day 1 : Arrive at Leh, transfer to Grand Dragon

Rest and acclimatize for the day.

Day 2 : Leh Local Sightseeing

After breakfast visit the Snow Leopard Conservancy for a quick interaction with their team and about their work. Explore Leh Market and Shanti Stupa, Leh Palace or the Central Asian Museum.

Day 3 : Birding Day Trip

Take a day trip to the villages of Latho, Gya and Meru for birding and wildlife viewing.

Enroute visit some lesser known monasteries.

Day 4 : Transfer to lodge in Nubra/Wari La landscape (4-5 hrs)

After breakfast, drive towards Wari La from Leh and cross the pass to descend towards the Nubra Valley. The Karakoram Mountains stare at you from across the Shayok River as you cross the pass. Arrive at lodge in Khingru, located at the heart of the Nubra-Wari La landscape. Evening walk around the village, followed by briefing, introductions to the team and dinner. The presence of a permanent team from BRO at Wari La, with JCBs and trucks, makes it possible to cross the pass with relative ease even in the winter months.



Day 4 to Day 10 :

### Exclusive Snow Leopard and Lynx tracking (7 nights)

Explore the various valleys, ridges, streams and plateaus using vehicles and short walks. The fantastic road network makes it possible to access the habitats of various ungulates and also the two cat species of this region – the snow leopards in the mountains and the Lynx in the lower slopes and thick bushes around the Shayok and tributaries.

The wolf packs roam the entire landscape continuously in search of food and can pop into view when least expected.

The narrow gorges and thick shrub habitat at the base make this a perfect spot for larger raptors like Golden Eagles, Lammergiers and Griffon vultures who seem to prefer flying low through the gorges than over them as they do in broader valleys.

The streams around Khingru offer fantastic birding. Specialities like the solitary snipe, the white-throated dipper and the wallcreeper can be encountered often during our walks.

For the lucky few guests who see their wildlife early, they can choose to go on day trips with picnic lunches towards the sand dunes of Nubra and Pangong Lake, two of the most iconic landscapes of Ladakh.



- Wake up call at 7
- Breakfast at 8 30
- Day's plan discussed then based on findings of the Spotters from earlier that morning ( guests can join the spotters early in the morning if they wish to)
- Based on information and distances, excursions will be organised using the vehicles at the Lodge, coupled with short walks ( easy to medium difficulty ) to vantage points or possible sighting areas. ( Mules and porters can be provided if requested in advance )
- Hot lunch at Lodge or in the field based on day's plan.
- Return to the Lodge in the evening.
- Debrief in the common area over tea/coffee and snacks.
- Documentary projection or interaction with naturalists in the common area.
- Dinner at Lodge.

Day 11 : Return to Leh, Night at Grand Dragon

After breakfast, drive back to Leh

Day 12 : Fly back to Delhi

Early morning transfer to airport

# FACILITIES AT THE LODGE

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Power : Regular power supply with generator back up on schedule

- Food : Mix of Indian / Continental / Ladakhi. Set Menus
- Library of reference books and fiction
- Binoculars available on request
- Spot scope with camera and mobile adapters
- Tea / Coffee & cookies available all day in the dining / lounge area
- All water freshly filtered in RO / UV
- Packed lunches / tea coffee provide when in the field
- No credit card facility - nearest ATM in Leh
- Vehicles / guides / spotters at disposal
- Rooms are heated with Gas / Electric heaters / Bukharis
- Hot Water Bottles
- No running water in winter. Toilets are flushed with buckets
- Hot water for bathing is available in buckets at your convenience
- Projection system for screening films in the Main Lodge and Annexe
- First Aid Kit
- Oxygen Cylinders
- Nearest Hospital in Leh ( approx. 2 hours drive )



# REMOTE LODGE

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## Inclusions :



### Transport :

- Transportation at the lodge for wildlife spotting
- Transfers to and from the lodge from Leh



### Meals :

- All meals
- Tea / Coffee all day



### Equipment :

- Spotting scope to share



### Accommodation

- Accommodation in Khingru



### Medical Services :

- First Aid Kit
- Oxygen cylinder (5 kg)



### Staff :

- Spotter / Trackers
- Resident Naturalist at the Lodge



### Permits :

- Community Fee
- Permits

## Exclusions :

- Personal Tour Leader / Naturalist
- Any Alcohol / Beverages
- Any Travel / Medical Insurance
- Stay and activities in Leh

## Donation to the Snow Leopard Conservancy:

*We strongly suggest to DMCs that an added conservation fee (INR 1000) be included/night/guest. This will be handed over to Snow Leopard Conservancy to be used in conservation projects in the Sham area.*

## Additional Information :

Best times for wildlife viewing:

- Wolf : November to April
- Himalayan Fox : All year Golden Eagles & Lammergeiers: All year. Courtship displays: March
- Ibex: November to June
- Urial: All year
- Marmot : April
- Bird watching: Throughout the year. Seasonally arranged list available.

## Payment and Cancellation policy :

- Full payment must be made before commencement of the journey
- Booking confirmation- 15% advance 1 year prior to the trip or at time of booking if its less than one year (non-refundable)
- 35% - 6 months prior to the trip (non-refundable)
- Balance 50% - 3 months prior to arrival (non-refundable)
- No refund will be granted for portion/portions of the journey not performed by the traveller.
- No refund will be granted in case of non-performance of journey due to external and natural events.
- In the event of any dispute, the matter shall be resolved under the jurisdiction of the District Court, Kargil.

# Trip Specific Information

By signing up for a trip with Roots :

You acknowledge that you have voluntarily applied to participate in this trip and that you have read the description of the trip as it appears on the website and the information below:

- All outdoor related activities involve a certain level of risk. You are expected to sign an Indemnity Form in agreement to the risks involved through part taking in such outdoor activities.
- Delays are expected on account of roadblock & weather conditions. Our effort will be to continue with the trip as per the schedule & make you as comfortable as possible. But in such situations we may have to compromise and adjust to these situations then & there. Our Lead Guide on location will take the final call.
- The itinerary should be viewed as ideal we may have to make some spot changes due various unavoidable reasons.
- The distances & altitude mentioned in the above itinerary are to the best of our knowledge & information marginal variance in the actual distances & altitudes is possible.
- You are expected to be in reasonable shape and fitness
- Roots Ladakh reserves the right and permission to use photographs of individuals and photographs submitted by them on tour for use in promotional and publicity purposes

# Checklist for your trip

## Clothing :



Water-proof  
Trekking Shoes



Woolen &  
cotton socks  
(2 pairs each)



Full sleeve  
tshirt



Water-proof  
trekking pants  
(1 spare)



Woollen or fleece  
sweater/jacket



Downfeather  
Jacket



Thick gloves  
with inner



Spare under  
garments



Thick muffler



Woolen Cap



Rain poncho or  
wincheater

## Essentials :



Sun goggles



Valid ID proof



Wearable  
Flashlight with  
batteries



Power bank



2 ltr. Water  
bottle



Rucksack

## Toileteries :



Personal  
Toileteries



Sun block



Personal-Aid  
Kit

# 4 REASONS WHY

## You should travel with us!



### Go Offbeat :

We pride ourselves in being the experts in offbeat and adventure travel experiences in Ladakh. We like to mix it up – a little bit of history and a little bit of adventure.

### Travel Responsibly

We believe in creating shared value. We focus on engaging local communities in our work and always try to harness the local knowledge from the land.



### Travel with Locals

Get an authentic and immersive Experience. Expect some local food, close interaction with locals and more time out in the nature on your own.

### Expect Professionalism

We promise only what we can deliver. We are a great team of young, trained & experienced professionals from various backgrounds and share the same passion for outdoors & exploration.



Everything you need to know about

# ACUTE MOUNTAIN SICKNESS

Altitude sickness ranges from mild headache and tiredness to a fatal build up of fluid in the lungs or brain at high altitudes.

## Causes of AMS

Dipping air pressure & Lack of Oxygen at High Altitudes

## The symptoms



Headache



Dizziness



Nausea



Loss of Appetite



Fatigue



Loss of sleep

## steps to prevent ams



Consume 2 Litres of water everyday

Start exercising 1 month prior to the Journey



Diamox to help with better Acclimatisation



If initial precautionary measures are not taken, Acute mountain sickness might prove to be fatal and lead to further heart conditions

## WHO DOES aMS AFFECT?

Part of the mystery of Acute Mountain Sickness is that it is difficult to predict who will be affected. There are many stories of fit and healthy people being badly limited while their older companions have felt fine!

what to do if you suffer from AMS?



Tell your team mates immediately



Descend down as soon as you can