



THE SNOW LEOPARD LODGE ULLEY



Total Duration :
11 Nights / 12 Days



Style of Tour :
Jeep Safari & Walks



Stays :
Brown Bear Lodge



Highest Altitude :
4200 Metres



Best Season :
November to April

The Snow Leopard Lodge is the only dedicated wildlife lodge in Ladakh. It began originally as a homestay owned by one of Ladakh's top snowleopard trackers Tchewang Norbu under the auspices of a program initiated by the Snow Leopard Conservancy designed to use tourism as a conservation tool.

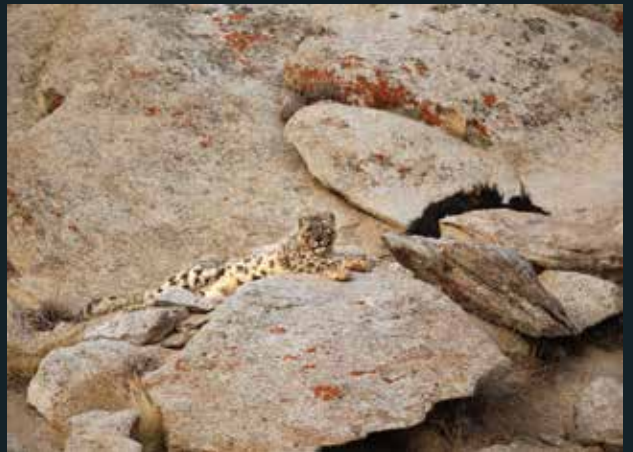
The Snow Leopard Lodge, Ulley



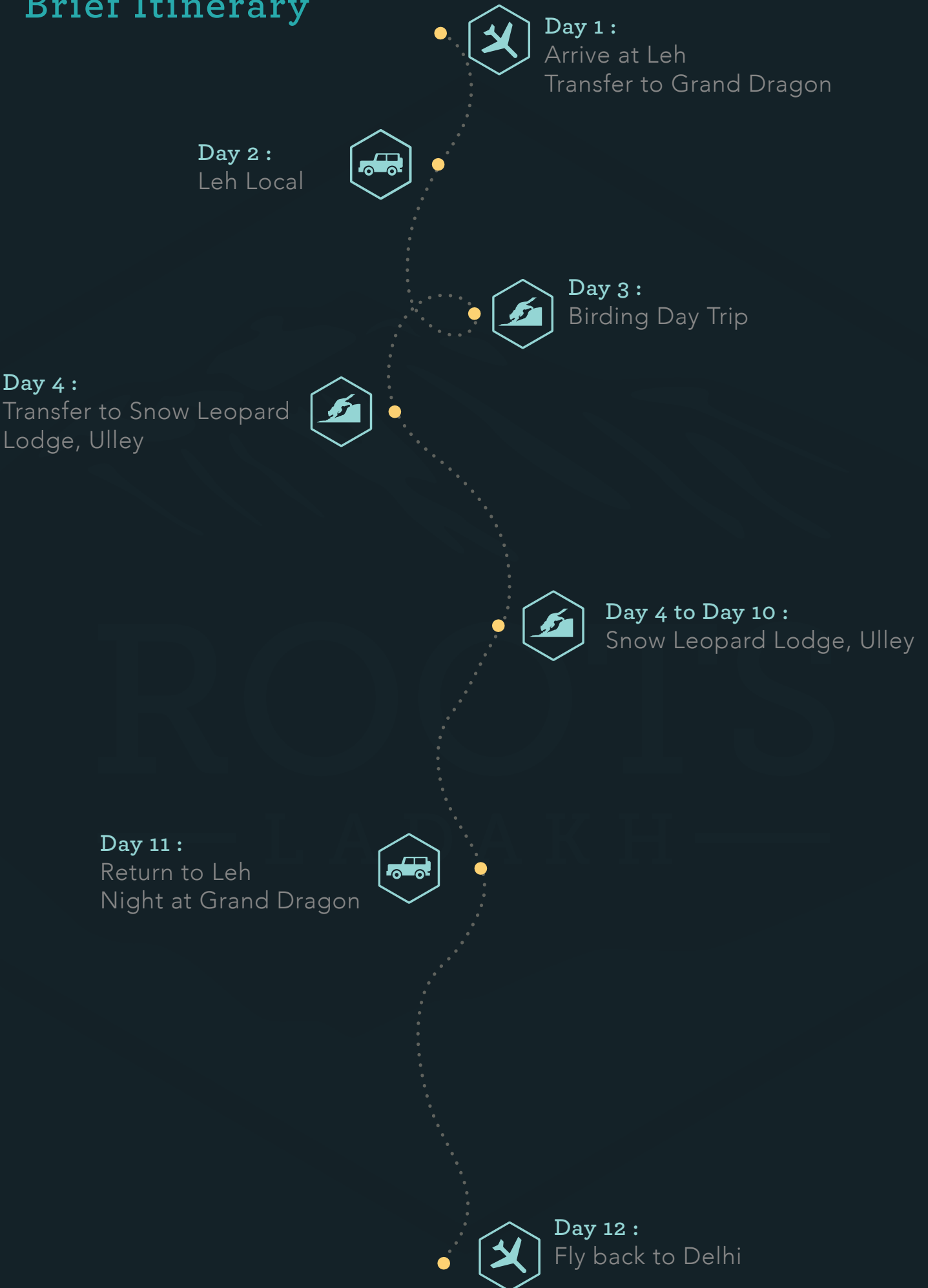
The Lodge is located in the village of Ulley in West Ladakh, north of the Indus River, at an altitude of about 13,000 feet. It is 2 - 3 hours driving time from Leh. Ulley itself is a hamlet of just 7 houses beyond which are the high summer pastures. This is excellent Ibex country and an area that has only recently been developed for Snow Leopard tracking. It has quickly gained a reputation not just for the high numbers of Snow Leopards but as one of the best areas to see Ibex, Urial, Wolf, Red Fox, Bearded and Himalayan Griffon Vultures and Golden Eagles.



The Snow Leopard lodge is also open in the summer from which to enjoy not just the stunning high altitude fauna, but also the flora of Ladakh, both on foot and using vehicles, guided all the way by our excellent nature guides and spotters.



Brief Itinerary





Day 1 : Arrive at Leh, transfer to Grand Dragon

Rest and acclimatize for the day.

Day 2 : Leh Local

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 Snow Leopard Lodge, Ulley

After breakfast, leave for the Ulley via Sham valley.

Day 4 to
Day 10 : Snow Leopard Lodge, Ulley

A typical day at the lodge will be as follows:

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

- 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)

COST PER PERSON ON REQUEST

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 and used in conservation projects in the Sham area.

LODGE GALLERY



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



Medical Services :
- First Aid Kit
- Oxygen cylinder (5 kg)



Staff :
- Tour Leader
- Local Spotters
- Trackers



Permits :
- Community Fee
- Permits

Exclusions :

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

Additional Information :

- Excursions to sites away from Ulley (eg. Lamayuru or Alchi) can also be arranged as an included service based on guest choices or sometimes based on information on sightings or big cat movement.
- A day trip towards the villages of Latho - Gya - Meru (road to Taglang La) [for Bharal, Tibetan Partridge and other lesser wildlife that are seldom seen in the hills around Ulley] is often organised (if pre-booked) from Leh, before the guests shift to Ulley.
- Minimum stay at Snow Leopard Lodge - 5 nights (suggested is 7 nights) (winter)
- This trip can be clubbed with our setup for Brown Bears (April and Nov) and Lynx (Nov to April)
- Per night Tariff of the Snow Leopard Lodge also available on request
- 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
 - Urinal: All year
 - Marmot : April
- Bird watching: Throughout the year. Seasonally arranged list available.

Payment & 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.

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

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 on the campsite & 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

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