



**Indien - Ind. Himalaya** | Luxusreisen, Glamping (5\*Camps)

## **Best of Lhadak - Glamping im Himalaya**

Ladakh auf luxuriöse und entspannt Art entdecken. **Lässt sich ideal mit einer Rajasthan Rundreise kombinieren.** 5 Tage

## Reiseübersicht

Begeben Sie sich auf eine nomadische Reise im luxuriösen Zelt. Entdecken Sie die jahrhundertealte Kultur Ladakhs, die faszinierenden Denkmäler, malerischen Klöster, die mit alten Kunstformen, Festen und Festivals bereichert sind. Nehmen Sie an den einzigartigen Ritualen der Region teil - genießen Sie den alten Polo-Sport, der im 17. Jahrhundert von den Königen nach Ladakh gebracht wurde. Versuchen Sie sich im Bogenschießen inmitten einer dramatischen und atemberaubenden Landschaft. Machen Sie eine Floßfahrt auf dem sanften Indus und halten Sie für ein köstliches Picknick in einem der malerischsten Dörfer an. Erleben Sie Ladakh in seiner ganzen Pracht.

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## Höhepunkte

- You will be guests at a magical early morning, prayer ceremony at Thiksey Monastery
- Watch a colourful sunset from Shanti Stupa overlooking the Old City of Leh
- Experience the traditional game of Archery
- Embark on an expedition, discovering treasures of Alchi Monastery

## Reiseprogramm - 5 Tage

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Day 1: Arrive at Leh: Check into the Chamba Camp, Thiksey

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Day 4: Two Paths to Nirvana

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Day 5: Bid farewell to the land of the lamas

## Detailprogramm

### Day 1: Arrive at Leh: Check into the Chamba Camp, Thiksey

This morning, following your arrival into Leh, you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to your residence – Chamba Camp, Thiksey. Soak in the serenity of the surroundings as you are accorded a traditional Ladakhi welcome. You will be then accompanied to your well-appointed Luxury Tent after your check-in formalities at the Reception Tent is completed.

There will be no activity on your day of arrival as it is medically mandated that you relax and undergo minimal exertion to enable you to acclimatize to the rarefied oxygen levels at this high-altitude. The Excursion Specialist at Chamba Camp, Thiksey will meet with you to discuss the itinerary suggested, help you plan your excursions and make changes if required, to suit your interests, choices and leisure. You may take a stroll through the blessed hamlet of Thiksey and engage with the joyous local community and its pastoral lifestyle, immersing you to the scintillating peace and tranquillity.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Overnight at the Chamba Camp, Thiksey.**

### Day 2: The Little Tibet experience

Today brings a late start, leaving the morning free for you to enjoy a leisurely breakfast and walk around the camp site, taking in the sights and the peaceful milieu where each tent opens out on to alfalfa pastures. Enjoy the view of the willow trees as the wind gracefully brushes the branches and the rustling sound of the poplar trees create an aura of unmatched beauty and serenity, making you unwind and relax. Or, you may take an easy, invigorating walk in the vicinity of the camp through the lush farmlands of Nyerma, with insight into ancient knowledge of medicinal herbs, agricultural practices and religious life in the nunnery. Return to the camp for your lunch.

This afternoon following lunch, you will visit the Leh City. We then proceed on a gentle orientation tour of Leh. Our Leh City Heritage Walk ushers you to the labyrinth of by-lanes of Leh City under the gaze of the imposing 17th century nine storied Leh City Palace. Our walk takes you through this last big frontier town where everything from daily needed rations, locally spun woollen clothing, rugs, yak fur and yak tail and ritualistic items can be sourced. The city boulevard presents a cauldron of shops which sell Pashmina shawls, stoles to Tibetan handicraft items. A few scattered curio shops also offer Tibetan silver jewellery and traditional Ladakhi jewellery set with turquoise, jade and emerald. Your walk concludes near Chubi village where your vehicle will pick you up and take you to Shanti Stupa, perched upon a great vantage point over Leh, with spectacular views of this mesmerizing stone strewn landscape.

#### **Optional Activities:**

Séance with the Oracle: Drive to the Choglamsar village for a séance session with the village Oracle.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Overnight at the Chamba Camp, Thiksey**

[Note: This optional excursion will be confirmed a day prior subject to the oracle willing to give an audience]

### Day 3: Walk in the Footsteps of Buddha

After a sumptuous breakfast, embark on a spiritual exploration of the monastic treasure of Ladakh. Driving through picturesque landscape along the River Indus, arrive at the fabled Alchi Monastery, built in the 11th century. Founded by Ringchen Zangpo, the Great Translator, the Alchi Gompa displays a Kashmiri influence in its art and architecture. Within the monastery you will see beautiful Tibetan and Gandhara style murals of Ladakh, frescos and images of the Buddha. Relish a delectable packed lunch in a picturesque setting before you drive back to your residence – Chamba Camp, Thiksey. On your way back from Alchi, you will drive past the Basgo fort, built in the 16th century. Basgo, literally “Cow’s Head” in the local language, was the center of power and politics in this region at one point of time.

#### **Optional Activities:**

Alternatively, combine your visit to Alchi with our optional “rafting excursion”: The day begins with a drive through the pastoral countryside, arriving at the put-in point. Take a gentle rafting trip down the Indus River, floating past

traditional Ladakhi villages, enjoying the mesmerizing views, and the contrast between the greenery of the Nimmuvillage on one bank and the stark barren landscape of the other. Choose to relish a hot lunch in a picturesque setting. Following lunch continue to the fabled Alchi Monastery. After the excursion, return to the comforts of your camp.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Packed) & Dinner

### **Overnight at the Chamba Camp, Thiksey**

#### **Day 4: Two Paths to Nirvana**

An early morning start with tea and coffee followed by a visit to the Thiksey monastery, which stands about a kilometer from the camp. This beautiful monastery houses a two storey statue of the Maitreya Buddha seated on a lotus and boasts of a spectacular view of the Leh valley. At the monastery, you will have the privilege to participate in the Buddhist morning prayer ceremony at sunrise. Continue on a guided tour of the monastery, visiting the beautiful prayer room which has many handwritten and painted books as well as the temple dedicated to goddess Tara with her 21 images placed in glass-covered wooden shelves. You will also see small shrines devoted to the guardian divinities including Cham-Sing, the protector deity of Thiksey.

After a leisurely breakfast at camp, proceed to explore the jewel in the crown of the Drukpa lineage – The Hemis Monastery : the biggest monastic institution of Ladakh, situated about 23 kilometers (45 mins) from Thiksey. Built in a secluded valley, the monastery belongs to the Drukpa School or the Dragon Order of Tibetan Buddhism. Explore the many interesting facets of this institution, established under the patronage of King Senge Namgyal in the 17th century, where young lamas are taught literature, history, philosophy, yoga and tantra. The monastery halls are adorned with beautiful statues and mural paintings. Return to camp for lunch

The rest of the evening is at leisure, allowing you time to soak in serenity of your beautiful camp location.

#### **Optional Activities:**

Ride with the Wind – Wari La: After an early morning breakfast you will be driven to one of the most scenic passes in Ladakh – the Wari La (5,300 mtrs / 17,384 ft) - which is also the world's fourth-highest motorable road. This pass connects the two most exotic and most travelled valleys in this trans-Himalayan region. You get a breath-taking view of the Nubra valley, which lies beyond the pass, as well as the many villages dotting the Indus valley.

A hot lunch in the outdoors here is truly magical.

After a short safety briefing after lunch, you will then cycle down the best track that the Ladakh Himalayas has to offer. The road criss-crosses its way down the mountain side into the green oasis of Shakti village, where we will end our cycling trip Pangong Tso – Day Excursion: You may choose to embark on an Excursion to Pangong Lake. Take in the breath-taking views and setting of the blue lake set amidst the lofty Himalaya Mountains. A popular location for many Bollywood movies, enjoy some unique moments.

Stok Visit: Alternatively, you may choose to visit the village of Stok. For this excursion you will drive 19 kilometers (40 mins.) to visit the Stok Palace, across the River Indus. Take a walk through the Palace, a beautiful medieval fortress, serving as the residence of the Queen Mother and Prince of Ladakh. A section of this Palace has been converted into a museum which houses some of the most interesting and priceless collections of the Royal family. Admire some of the exquisite royal perak (headgear) embedded with priceless coral and turquoise. The museum also exhibits Royal costumes, coins, photographs and paintings. Continue onwards to the Stok village. Explore the rustic beauty of the village as you walk down the narrow lanes, catching a glimpse of local village life, culminating at a quaint Ladakhi house, where you can enjoy traditional hospitality.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Overnight at the Chamba Camp, Thiksey

#### **Day 5: Bid farewell to the land of the lamas**

Today you bid farewell to the enchanting and breath-taking mountainous and rugged terrain of Ladakh, as you proceed on your onward destination.

Meals: Breakfast

## Termine & Preise

### 5 Tage Privatreise

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