

Zanskar Overview

Zanskar lies South of Kargil - South West of Leh and west of Manali. Covering an area of 7000 sqm., at an elevation 3500 – 7135 meters, Zanskar lies around two main branches of Zanskar River! Doda River originating Pensila (4400 mtrs) and second branch formed by two main tributaries known as Kargyak river with its source at Shingo– la (5091 mtrs) and Tsarap River with its source near Baralachala. These two Rivers confluence near Purne to form Lungnak River. Lungnak river (is also known as Lingti or Tsarap River) flows north – west along a narrow gorge towards central Zanskar (known as Zhungkhor), where it unites with Doda River to form Zanskar River. Zanskar River then takes a north eastern course until it joins the Indus in Nimoo. Buddhism gained its influence over Zanskar in the 8th century, so it's dotted with ancient monasteries of Stongde, Karsha, Dzongkul, Sani, Bardan, Mune, and most spectacularly built and located monastery of Phukthal.

Accessibility:

Route: 5 Nights 6 Days
Manali- 5 hr (180 km)
Leh- 11 hr (375 km)
Kargil -10hr 30 min (282 km).

Hotel Envisages:

| Places | Premium Hotel | Nights |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Kargil | The Kargil/Chutuk Heights)/Similar | 01 |
| Padum Zanskar | Zans'ser Sarai | 02 |
| Purne Khangsar | Tara Mountain Sarai | 02 |

Above Cost Includes.

- Accommodation on twin/Double sharing basis as per the Itinerary.
- Accommodation on 05 Breakfast + 04 Lunch & 05 Dinner basis.
- All sightseeing tours by Non-ac Innova / Xylo / Scorpio
- Environmental, Wild life & Red cross Fee.
- 01 Pack lunch while on day hiking to Phuktal Monastery
- 01 day local guide while on day hiking

Above Cost exclude:

- 5% GST on total amount.
- Any sightseeing or excursion that is not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Monument, Guide, other expenses not mentioned in inclusion.
- Any item of personal requirement, such as drinks, laundry, telephone, etc.
- Any medical or evacuation expenses.

- Any expenses occur due to natural climate, security and other unexpected reason.
- Any type of insurance – personal, medical, travel etc.
- Any airfares.
- Tips.

Day 01: Srinagar – Sonmarg – Zojila – Drass – Kargil (06 - 07 Hrs Drive / 250 Kms)

Pick up from Srinagar and drive to Kargil via Sonamarg and it passes over Zojila 3527 Mtrs (Gateway of Ladakh). Continue drive towards Drass (The second coldest inhabited place in the world) and visit the Kargil war memorial. Reach Kargil (2710 Mtrs) by evening. Overnight at Kargil.

Day 02: Kargil – Suru Valley – Rangdum – Zaskar Padum (230 Kms / 07- 0)

After an early breakfast drive to Suru valley and witness snow-capped peaks and foothills of the Nun Kun peaks, Ladakh's two highest mountain peaks. Continue drive to Rangdum monastery and then on to the Penzila pass (4200m) only pass to Zaskar on this route, have an over view of Darang Durung Glacier and reach Padum Zaskar by evening. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 03: Padum local sightseeing (Karsha Monastery, Stongdey Monastery, Zongkhul)

Drive to visit Sani village, Monastery and visit Zongkhul Gompa. Drive back to Padum proceed to visit Karsha and Stongdey Monastery. Overnight stay at Padum.

Day 04: Padum – Barden Monastery – Lungna Valley – KhangsarPurne (50 Kms / 3 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive towards Lungna Valley of Zaskar. On the way visit Barden Monastery and other villages. Reach KhangsarPurni and spend your night at Tara Mountain Resort at Khangsar.

Day 05: Day Hike to Phukthar Monastery (3 hours of Hike)

This is the most memorable day of your entire tour. You will hike to Phukthar Monastery, the oldest and the most beautiful monastery. Spend some at Monastery with the monks and hike back to your camp. Overnight at Khangsar.

Day 06: Purne Khangsar – GonboRanjon – Shinkula Pass – Jispa – Manali Drop (220 Kms / 5 - 6 Hours)

After breakfast at the camp will head towards GonboRanjon (Mighty Mountain) by visiting many other villages of Lungna Valley. At noon you will be at GonboRanjon and proceed to Manali via ShinkulaPaas (5091 meters), Lahoul valley and Attal Tunnel. Drop Manali by evening.