



## SNOW LEOPARD TRIP ITINERARY

In the cold winter months of Ladakh, we provide you a unique opportunity to see the elusive and endangered snow leopards. A team of seasoned snow leopard spotters and naturalists will guide you into the inner world of snow leopards. We take you to the Hemis High Altitude National Park (Stok Valley) and sham villages, one of the best snow leopard habitats in Ladakh.

**NOTE:** Due to the nature of this trip and the uncertainty of the path a snow leopard may take on any particular day, the day to day itinerary must remain flexible. The group should move according to the information of the staff and the local community informants gather on the sign of movements of the snow leopard. Weather conditions may also affect the placement of camp and daily movement. The following itinerary remains subject to alteration in the field as information and opportunities become available. The number of trekking days will remain the same, barring weather or other unusual circumstances that require a change.

Date	PROGRAMME
6 January, 2018	Fly to Leh: Arrive in Leh, the capital of Ladakh (3500 mts/11,500 ft). Transfer to your hotel. Rest the entire day in hotel for acclimatization. In the evening we will give you briefing about the snow leopard expedition tour. <b>Overnight Hotel</b>
7 January, 2018	On this day, if you acclimatize and feel good, we take world famous Thiksay monastery, and subsequently to bird-watching along the Indus, Shey marshes, around Chuchot bridge, spituk area, choglamsar area look for Ibisbill, Mountain chiffchaff, Hume's whitethroat, Olive back pipit. Red start, Solitary snipe etc. In the evening walk to Shanti stupa and/or Leh market. <b>Overnight Hotel</b>
8 January, 2018	After breakfast transfer to Hemis National Park will take 45 minutes, and then trek to snow leopard camp will take another 1 hour. While walking toward the camp our guide will show you different birds and mammals, snow leopard sign, snow leopard treks etc. <b>Overnight Shan camp.</b>
9 to 14 January, 2018	Wildlife viewing: Explore the side-valleys, looking for snow leopard and its prey species like blue sheep and Ladakh Urial. Hemis National Park is the only place on earth where four mountain ungulates: blue sheep, Tibetan argali, Asiatic ibex and Ladakh urial, occur together. Himalayan weasel, large ear pika, stone martin and Royle's pikas are some of the small mammals that are frequently seen. Return to camp for steaming

	<p>hot tea and chit-chat. <b>Overnight at Shan camp.</b></p> <p>Following days Wildlife viewing: Every day hike into the main valley look for the snow leopard and the blue sheep and other small mammals. The staff will bring lunch and hot tea in the field; clients don't have to come back at the camp for lunch. The itinerary is flexible depending on movement of the snow leopards. Our naturalists guide and the spotter look-out for snow leopard and its prey all the time. The view of stark landscape, and azure-sky pierced by pointed peaks, is spellbinding. Hemis National Park is also rich in avifauna. Look out for Golden Eagle, Bearded Vulture, Fire-fronted Serin, White-winged Redstart, Robin Accentor, Brandt's Mountain-finch, Common Rosefinch, Himalayan Griffon, Himalayan Snow-cock, Chukar partridge, solitary scape, wallcripper, hill pigeon, rock pigeon, yellow bill chough, red bill chough and Snow Pigeon.</p> <p><b>Overnight at Shan Camp.</b></p>
15 January,2018	<p>Transfer to Ulley will take 3-4 hour. Ulley village is altitude of 4000 mts. On the way chance to see Tibetan wolf, Ladakh Urial, Asiatic Ibex, snow leopard. The same day at Ulley after settle the home stays, around 3.00 pm hike above one of the view point to search the snow leopard and prey species.</p> <p>NOTE- The snow leopard expedition programme is flexible, depending on movement of the cat and also local people information. After Hemis National Park either Ulley or Basgo valley.</p> <p><b>Overnight at Homestay inUlley/Basgo valley</b></p>
16 to 18 January, 2018	<p>Ulley is a very good habitat of Snow Leopard, Asiatic Ibex, Tibetan wolf, red fox, Himalayan marmot, Himalayan weasel, Golden eagle, Himalayan griffon, Lammergeyer, Himalayan snow cock, partridge, yellow billed chough, red billed chough, rose finch, brown dipper, white throat dipper, blue wrestling thrust, white brodedtit wobbler, people also recorded sighted of the Pallas cat in Ulley valley.</p> <p><b>Overnight at Home stay in Ulley/ Basgo valley</b></p>
19 January,2018	<p>After lunch drive back to Leh transfer to Hotel.</p>
20 January,2018	<p>Transfer to Leh Airport. The tour ends at Leh Airport.</p>