

# KANJI DARCHA TREK

**Duration: 29 Days**

**Level: Moderate -Difficult**

## **Day 01: Arrive Delhi**

Arrive in Delhi, transfer to hotel for few hours.

## **Days 02: Flight Delhi - Leh**

Early morning transfer to domestic airport for fly to Leh. Arrive Leh, transfer to hotel. Day is free for acclimatization with the altitude of Ladakh. Overnight at hotel in Leh. (3500 m)

## **Days 03: Sightseeing Stok Palace – Matho Monastery - Shanti Stupa - Samkar Gompa**

After breakfast drive to Stok. In Stok, visit the royal palace which was constructed by the King Tsespal Tondup Namgyal in 1825. After visit Stok Palace, drive to Matho village, 10 km from Stok. Matho monastery built by Lama Tumgpa Dorje in 13th century. After visit Matho, drive back to Leh. After Lunch, visit Shanti Stupa (peace pagoda) built by in collaboration with Japanese Govt and Ladakh Buddhist Association. Later visit Samkar Monastery, built in 1847 by Bakula Rinpoche. Overnight at hotel in Leh.(3500 m)

## **Days 04: Full Day Excursion (Shey Palace, Thiksey and Hemis Monastery)**

Morning after breakfast, drive to Hemis monastery which is 45 km from Leh. Hemis festival is famous all over the Ladakh. After visiting Hemis monastery, drive back to Thiksey monastery, which is 27 km from Hemis. Thiksey monastery is the oldest monastery of Gelugpa School in Ladakh and The great Lama Paldan Shesrap built it in 14th century. After visiting Thiksey monastery drive back to Leh via visiting Shey Palace. Shey was the ancient capital and residence of the King of Ladakh before the new capital became established in Leh. The main temple contains a large copper gilt statue Buddha built by King Deldan Namgyal in 1633. Overnight at hotel in Leh. (3500m)

## **Day 05: Drive Leh – Alchi – Lamayuru – Kanji (170 km)**

Morning after breakfast, drive to Lamayuru. Enroute visit famous ancient monastery Alchi, situated at a distance of 68 Km from Leh. Alchi monastery was built by great Lama Lotsava Rinchen Zangpo (The great translator) 1000 years ago. After the visit, continue drive to Lamayuru (58 km). Lamayuru monastery was constructed by Arahata Nimagung in between 10th and 11th century. After visit Lamayuru, continue your journey to Kanji(40 km). Overnight at camp in Kanji village. (3850 m)

## **Day 06: Trek Kanji – Kanji Dok (3/4 hrs)**

After breakfast, start first day trek with easy walk along the right side of upstream river.

After 2 hrs easy walk arrive at small hamlet where you find the campsite. The view of the valley and its stunning mountains from here is indescribable. Overnight at camp. (4100 m)

#### **Day 07: Trek Kanji Dok – Yogma-la (4720 m) – Shillakong (5/6 hrs)**

After breakfast, start trek for Shilakong. Enroute cross the Yogma-la Pass (4720 m), from the top of pass you have spectacular view of landscape. After staying few minutes at the top, gently descend down and then you arrive at the camp. Overnight stay at camp (4300 m)

#### **Day 08: Trek Shillakong – Nigutse-la (5100 m) - Urtsi Dok (5/6 hrs)**

After breakfast, continue trek to Urtsi Dok following the well defined and clear trek route on left bank of the river. After few hours of trek, you reach at the top of the Nigutse-la (5100 m). Cross the pass and then descend down in beautiful valley opening on an immense plain where you find many animals like sheeps, goats and Yaks etc. Overnight at Camp. (4500 m)

#### **Day 09: Trek Urtsi Dok – Sirsir-la (4805 m) – Photoksar (4/5 hrs)**

Today you cross several rivers, so it is advisable to carry some extra shoes in your bag. After breakfast, continue the trek with ascending the ridge. Descending down and crossing of river takes you to the pass Sirsirla(4805 m). Gentle and easy descent by following the good trek path to Photoksar. Evening explore the Photoksar village. Overnight at Camp. (4210 m)

#### **Day 10: Trek Photoksar – Boumitse-la (4200 m) – Base of Singey-la (7 hrs)**

After breakfast, start trek to Singey-La Base. Enroute cross Boumitse-la pass where you can see far flung Singela Pass. Until the base of Singey-la, you have to cross several small streams so advisable to carry extra pair of stockings in case you get wet. Overnight in camp at of Singey-La. (4450m)

#### **Day 11: Trek Base of Singey-la – Singey-la (4960 m) – Kyukpa-la (3850 m) – Skyumphatta (7 hrs)**

After breakfast, start trek to the Singey-la (4960 m). Continue along the right side of the valley, clear path up to village Skyumphatta. Follow the beaten track to the Kyukpa-la Pass (3850 m). Overnight at Camp in Skyumphatta village. (4000 m)

#### **Day 12: Trek Skyumpatta – Lingshed – Hanamu-la Base (7 ½ hrs)**

Today is a long ascent and advice to carry enough water because you could not find water before campsite. After breakfast, start trek from Skyumpatta to Hanamu-la base. Enroute visit Lingshed monastery, which is build by Lotsava Rinchen Zangpo. Lingshed monastrey has a large collection of old statues, fresco painting and scroll paintings. After visiting monastrey and having Lunch, continue towards the Hanamu-la Base. Overnight at camp. (4000 m)

#### **Day 13: Trek Hanamu-La Base – Hanamu-La (4700 m) – Zingchen (7 ½ hrs.)**

After breakfast, follow the route that rises steeply in Zig-Zag to the Hanamu-la. Cross the pass and follow path that descent down as far as river. Cross river over wooden bridge and further few meters trek takes you at campsite. Overnight at camp near river in Zingchen. (3410 m)

#### **Day 14: Trek Zingchen – Parfila (3900 m) – Hanamur village (6 hrs)**

After breakfast, start trek to Hanamur Village. Enroute trek downstream of the river up to the Stupa from where you start climb to the Parfila. After cross the pass, you will see the Zanskar river on your left. The camp is another two hours in the tree grove of Hanamur village. Overnight at camp. (3410 m)

#### **Day 15: Trek Hanamur – Pidmo – Pishu – Zangla (6/7 hrs)**

From here the route goes across the Right Bank of the Zanskar River and on the way you pass through the village Pidmo and Pastureland. Cross the Zanskar River over a bridge and then you arrive at campsite across grassy meadow near the bank of the Zanskar River. Overnight at camp (3430m)

#### **Day 16: Drive Zangla – Stongde - Karsha – Shilla**

After breakfast, drive to Stongde village. Visit beautiful Stongde monastery built on hill top by Lama Marpa, 950 years ago. After visit Stongde monastery, continue drive to Karsha. Karsha monastery is built by Great Lama Phagspa Shesrpa and it is the largest monastery in Zanskar. From the monastery, you have amazing and spectacular view of Padum. After visiting the monastery, if time permits then you visit the capital of Zanskar (Padum). Explore Padum and visit the Market after then continue drive to Shilla. Overnight Camp in Shilla village. (3650 m)

#### **Day 17: Trek Shilla – Raru (5/6 hrs)**

After breakfast, continue trek along left bank of river till Muni. Enroute visit Bardan monastery. Continue the journey along left bank till we reach at Bridge. Cross the river and continue along the right bank of the River up to Raru village. Overnight at Camp. (3770 m)

#### **Day 18: Trek Raru – Kalbock (6 ½ hrs)**

After breakfast, continue trek by crossing river over Bridge at Raru village. Continue along the bank of river up to Tsetang. After one hour reach Pipula where you find a Tea Shop. Refresh yourself and then continue with gentle climb till you reach Kalbok. Overnight at Camp. (3850 m)

#### **Day 19: Trek Kalbock – Purney (4/5 Hrs)**

After breakfast, continue trek along the left side of the river till you reach near a bridge, cross the bridge and after ten few minutes you arrive at Purney village. Have Lunch at Purney and enjoy the beauty of nature. Overnight at camp in Purney. (3850 m)

#### **Day 20: Trek Purney – Phugtal – Purney ( 5/6 hrs)**

After breakfast, continue trek up along the left bank of River Tsarap for more than ½ hrs. Continue up in the gorge and you find bridge. Cross the bridge then gentle ascent from from where you see the Pukhtak monastery. The monastery wonderfully built on the rock cliff with a large natural Cave, by great Lama Changsem Sherap Zangpo. After the visit, trek back to Purney. Overnight at Camp in Purney.(3850 m)

#### **Day 21: Trek Purney – Kargyak (7/8 hrs)M**

After breakfast, start trek to Kargyak. It takes 7 to 8 hours trek and Kargyak is the last village of Zanskar in this trek. Overnight at camp in Kargyak.(4180 m)

#### **Day 22: Trek Kargyak – Pankeya (5/6 hrs)**

After breakfast, continue trek along right bank of river for ½ hrs till you reach Gombo Ranjon. Keep on trek till you cross the stream towards Tea shop. Climb for 25 minutes then continue up till you reach at Camp. Overnight at camp in Pankeya. (4700m)

#### **Day 23: Trek Pankeya – Shingo-la (5090 m) – Zanskar Sumdo (7/8 hrs)**

Today you cross water stream several times so it is advisable to carry extra slipper. From the camp, moderate climb up to the Shingo-la Pass (5090 m) and it takes about three hours to reach at the top of the pass. Shingo-la is last pass of your trek. Cross the pass, then easy descent, several times small River crossing, till you reach Zanskar Sumdo. Overnight at Camp.(4100 m)

#### **Day 24: Trek Zanskar Sumdo – Pal-Lhamo (5/6 Hrs)**

After breakfast, cross small river and then continue trek along the right bank of the River till you reach Pal-Lhamo. Overnight at camp in Pal-Lhamo. (3650 m)

#### **Day 25: Trek Pal-Lhamo – Rarik (3 hrs) then drive to Manali (185 kms)**

Continue along the road, cross the river over bridge then carry on trek till we reach Rarik. At Rarik village, Jeeps are waiting for drive to Manali. Overnight at Hotel in Manali.(2050 m)

#### **Day 26: Manali.**

Day is at complete leisure or in the afternoon explore Manali city. Overnight at Hotel in Manali.(2050m)

#### **Day 27: Drive Manali – Chandigarh (305 kms)**

After breakfast, drive to Chandigarh. Overnight at Hotel in Chandigarh.

#### **Day 28: Chandigarh - Delhi by Train (4 hrs)**

After early morning breakfast, transfer to railway station for train to Delhi. Arrive Delhi and transfer to hotel for few hours. Afternoon sightseeing in Delhi (Old and New). Late evening transfer to IGI Airport for return flight.

**Day 29:**

Departure to home.

**Trek rate: On Request**



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