



JAMMU & KASHMIR
"PARADISE ON EARTH"
SRI NAGAR – KARGIL – PANGONG LAKE – NUBRA VALLEY
LEH LADAKH
10 Nights 11 Days

TOUR SUMMARY

DAY	OVERNIGHT	PARTICULAR
DAY 1	SRINAGAR	SRINAGAR ARRIVAL
DAY 2	SRINAGAR	DAY EXCURSION TO GULMARG
DAY 3	SRINAGAR	DAY EXCURSION TO PAHALGAM
DAY 4	KARGIL	TRANSFER SRINAGAR TO KARGIL (202 KM / 5HRS 30MNT) VIA SONMARG
DAY 5	LEH	TRANSFER KARGIL TO LEH (216 KM / 5HRS)
DAY 6	LEH	EXCURSION TO INDUS VALLEY
DAY 7	NUBRA VALLEY	TRANSFER LEH TO NUBRA VALLEY (160 KM / 5HRS)
DAY 8	LEH	TRANSFER NUBRA VALLEY TO LEH (160 KM / 5HRS)
DAY 9	PANGONG	TRANSFER LEH TO PANGONG LAKE (222 KM / 6HRS)
DAY 10	LEH	TRANSFER PANGONG LAKE TO LEH (222 KM / 6HRS)
DAY 11	DEPARTURE	LEH AIRPORT DROP

ABOUT DESTINATION



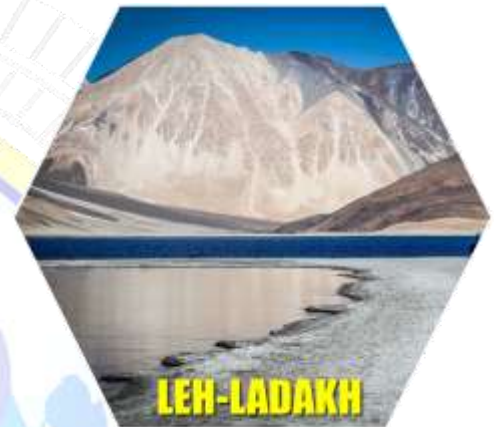
Srinagar is the largest city and the summer capital of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. It lies in the Kashmir Valley on the banks of the Jhelum River, a tributary of the Indus, and Dal and Anchar lakes.

No amount of words or pictures can do justice to its regal beauty; one must visit the place to experience this wonder. From beautiful Chinar trees everywhere, to apple orchard blooming in summer months, to skiing slopes in winter months, a peaceful boat ride at Nigeen lake, houseboats and the Shikhara ride on Dal Lake or talking to the locals

Altitude : 1585M

Leh & Ladakh, situated amidst the Great Himalayas and the Karakoram ranges in the scenic state of Jammu and Kashmir. Emblems of pure paradisiacal beauty, Leh & Ladakh are all about awe-inspiring landscapes, picturesque green oasis, scintillating monasteries and quaint hamlets. Get mesmerised by the amazingly pristine blue sky and transfer to a world of complete solitude admiring the mountain flowers, the snow covered peaks, the streams flowing by and the deep valleys. Monks in maroon robes, men trailing behind herd of sheep and the lilting mountain music, are some of the common sights and sounds of Leh & Ladakh.

Altitude : 3000M



Kargil situated at the foothill of the Tololing Hills, the district has several Buddhist monasteries, where you can seek blessings in peace, be it the Lamayuru Monastery, or the scenic monasteries at Phuktal, Sani & the Cave Monastery. The beautiful area is embellished with sturdy rocks with the crystal clear Suru river stream flows. There are revered monasteries and mosques as well, exhibiting the culture of Kargil

Altitude : 2676 M

Pangong lake is a landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is Earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature. Pangong Lake in Kashmir is the world's highest brackish lake at 14,256 feet above sea level. In winter the lake freezes completely, despite being saline water. The Briny or Brackish water lake does not support vegetation or aquatic life except for some small crustaceans. However, there are many water birds. Altitude : 4250 M





Nubra Valley is a large, flat and wide region located about 150 km north of Leh, the capital of Ladakh district.

The Shyok River meets the Nubra River to form this beautiful valley that separates the majestic Ladakh and Karakoram mountain ranges. The Shyok River is one of the largest draining the Karakoram, and a major tributary to the Indus River. The Nubra River is also called Siachen Naala by locals as the Siachen Glacier melts into this river

DETAIL ITINERARY

DAY 1 SRINAGAR ARRIVAL



OVERNIGHT : SRINAGAR

Arrival at **Srinagar Airport**, where you will be met upon arrival by our representative and transfer to houseboat. Check in and relax.



Houseboats in Kashmir, better known as floating houses in Kashmir, provide a unique way to experience the old world charm of the region. The origin of the houseboat lies in the chapters of Kashmir's history. It is said that the native kings had forbidden foreign visitors, especially the Britishers, from constructing houses in the region and this gave rise to the concept of a houseboat. These floating houses are made of wood and mainly feature carved intricate wood paneling. A houseboat offers a unique style of living on the rolling water in an elegantly designed set up outfitted with all modern comforts



Later in the afternoon enjoy **Shikara Ride** on famous Dal Lake. The Dal Lake is famous not only for its beauty, but for its vibrancies, because it sustains within its periphery, a life that is unique anywhere in the world. The houseboat and Shikara communities have lived for centuries on the Dal, and so complete is their infrastructure on the lake, that they seldom have to step on land! Doctors, tailors, and bakers - you'll see them all in tiny wooden shops on the lake

In The Afternoon we will do some half a day of Local Sightseeing of famous Mughal Gardens



Typically, in the pleasure gardens of Kashmir, the garden site is at the lower elevation of a hill, between the hill and the lake. It is not accidental that this particular location is the perfect place from which spectacular views of the regional space of the valley are revealed: to one side the mountain at the back, on the other, the lake view. Towards the lake, the visual link between garden and valley is marked by the flow of water in that direction and the progression of terraces downwards with the grand chinars on either side. These direct the eye away from the details of the garden to the extended lake panorama and hills beyond. The garden celebrates the beauty of the valley. It transcends its visible physical limits, and the internal space engages dramatically with the larger setting

Evening visit **Hazratbal Shrine**, The Hazratbal Shrine, is situated on the left bank of the famous Dal Lake in Srinagar. This unmatched reverence is anchored in the love and respect for the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), whose Moi-e-Muqqadas, the sacred hair from the beard of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is preserved here.



The silvery white Hazratbal Mosque is revered for housing a relic, the Prophet's hair. Situated near the Dal Lake, the only domed mosque in Srinagar is a place of serenity, a must visit. Women are allowed only till the first part of the mosque. The Hazratbal Mosque lends a historic and divine appeal to Srinagar. As you walk down the corridors of this famous religious sanctum, you marvel at the intricate Persian and Iranian architectural influences. A dazzlingly white structure on the far bank of the Dal, Hazratbal Shrine houses a relic that is believed to be Prophet Mohammed's hair. It can be reached by a shikara on the Dal Lake or by road through the city.

Back to your Houseboat. Enjoy authentic Kashmiri delicacy. Overnight at Houseboat. Srinagar

DAY 2

DAY TRIP TO GULMARG

OVERNIGHT : SRINAGAR

Enjoy early morning breakfast in houseboat with local Kashmiri tea & Khawa. Check out from the House Boat. Leave your luggage at clock room. We will begin our country side day trip towards Gulmarg



"Gulmarg is one of the beautiful place that can be visited in Kashmir valley. Gulmarg literally means the meadow of flowers. Originally, Gulmarg was called Gaurimag, named after Shiva's coasts. About 35 kilometres away from Srinagar, is the Gulmarg hill resort, which is a part of the Pir Panjals Himalayan range. Heavy snowfall in this region has made it a favourite ski area for foreign as well as inland residents. Anyone coming here is spellbound at the spectacular view of

the snow peaks. The skiing area consists of the gondola terrain, lower tree skiing areas and the poma terrain in the town. A good option is to go and ski in the old fir and pine trees that take you into the valley. It is also possible to do heli-ski type runs from great heights off a gondola. Apart from skiing, snowboarding, tobogganing, snow scooters and snow bobbing are popular activities seen here"



Enjoy the Gondola (Cable car) ride which is highest in Asia. It has 2 phases. The first stage transfers from the Gulmarg resort at 2,600 m (8,530 ft) to Kongdoori Station in the bowl-shaped Kongdori valley. The second stage of the ropeway, which has 36 cabins and 18 towers, takes skiers to a height of 3,747 m (12,293 ft) on Kongdoori Mountain, a shoulder of nearby Afarwat Peak (4,200 m (13,780 ft)). In the evening we will drive back to Srinagar and check in to Srinagar hotel.

In the evening we can take a walk along the banks of the Dal Lake or simply rest in the cosy rooms of your hotel.

DAY 3

EXCURSION TO PAHALGAM



OVERNIGHT : SRINAGAR

After Early, Breakfast proceed for day trip towards Pahalgam.

***"Pahalgam"** is famous for its scenic beauty and is the jewel of the picturesque Liddar valley located in the high Himalayas. It provides an ideal setting for activities like hiking, trekking, and fishing. It is also the starting point of the annual pilgrimage to the holy cave of Amarnath. The natural beauty of Pahalgam and the verdant Liddar valley attracts the traveler towards it. The sparkling water of River Liddar, which flows near Pahalgam. Pahalgam provides a panoramic view of th'e mighty Himalayan range with its lush green pine forests and snow-capped peaks."*



On the way visit Saffron fields of Pampore , Awantipura ruins and Mattan temple

Pampore : Pampore or Pampur is a historic town situated on the eastern side of river Jehlum on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. It is famous for its saffron, so known as "Saffron Town of Kashmir". Pampore is one of the few places in the world where saffron, the world's most expensive spice, grows. The area is about 11 km from Srinagar city centre Lal Chowk.

Awantipura Ruins: the ruins of Awantipur are a silent reminder of the Hindu empire that once was. It was built by King Avantivarman who founded the Utpala dynasty in the ninth century and ruled Kashmir from 853 to 888 AD. That era faded into the background after fourteenth century Afghan invasions in the valley that paved the way for a largely Persian culture.

Mattan Temple : Mattan Temple is a famous Hindu religious site located very near to Pahalgam. This temple was once an important pilgrimage seat of Kashmiri Pundits. It has beautiful Shiva Lingam that is preserved within a brick structure surrounded by a crystal clear pond. Since ages, this is the place where Kashmiri pundits and priests worship Sun God together. The pond in the temple complex is abounding with large number of fishes

Finally reach Pahalgam, one of the beautiful and fascinating ideal resorts all the year round. It is the base for several treks in the region. Situated at the confluence of the Lidder River and set amidst fir and pine covered mountains, one can have a real feelings of Paradise. You can trek or hire ponies to the meadow at Baisaran (5 km) you can also hire local car and visit Aru , Chandanwari and Betab Valley. After sightseeing around the mountain valley for most of the day, we will drive back to Srinagar and transfer to hotel for our overnight stay.

DAY 4

SRINAGAR TO KARGIL (202km / 5hrs 30mnt) VIA SONMARG



OVERNIGHT : KARGIL

After breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed for Kargil.

Kargil is located at the junction of famous silk route and caravans from china, Yakkand, Afghanistan, and Indian plains used to go through Kargil in the past. Kargil district has several Buddhist monasteries, where you can seek blessings in peace, be it the Lamayuru Monastery, or the scenic monasteries at Phuktal, Sani & the Cave Monastery. The beautiful area is embellished with

sturdy rocks with the crystal clear Suru river stream flows. There are rich apple, mulberry and apricots orchard in summers. There are revered monasteries and mosques as well, exhibiting the culture of Kargil

On the way to Kargil you cross famous Zojila pass, Drass Village (2nd Coldest Inhabited place in the World), Enroute have a magnificent view of Kargil war Famous Peaks (Tiger, Tololing) from Vijay war memorial hall site, reach Kargil by evening.

Overnight stay at Kargil.

DAY 5

KARGIL TO LEH (216 KM / 5HRS)



OVERNIGHT : LEH

Early morning breakfast and checkout from the Hotel. Proceed for Leh. Enroute visit Lamayuru Monastery, Moon Land, Magnetic Hill, Pathar Sahib Gurudwara and Hall of Fame museum.

Lamayuru Monastery originally the foremost Bon monastery in Ladakh; its name means sauwastika and is a popular symbol in Bon for "eternity". Yungdrung is the name of the most popular school of Bon. It is currently affiliated with the Drikung Kagyu school of Buddhism. "Where can we find **Moonland**?" "It's right behind this hillock." That's a normal conversation in Lamayuru! Lamayuru is a small village in Ladakh, midway between Kargil and Leh on NH1-D, the Srinagar-Leh highway. Moonlike landscapes carved into the Greater Himalayas are its claim to fame.

Hall of Fame is a museum constructed by the Indian Army in memory of the brave Indian soldiers who laid down their lives defending the motherland in the Indo-Pak wars. The Hall of Fame museum is located on the Leh-Kargil Road, about 4km from the city of Leh. It stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made by our soldiers to ensure the safety and security of our country.

Gurdwara Pathar Sahib, is a beautiful Gurudwara sahib constructed in the memory of Guru Nanak, about 25 miles away from Leh, on the Leh-Kargil road, 12000 ft above sea level. The Gurdwara was built in 1517 to commemorate the visit to the Ladakh region of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder Guru of the Sikh faith

Magnetic Hill is a "Cyclops hill" located near Leh in Ladakh, India. The layout of the area and surrounding slopes create the appearance of a hill. The hill road is actually a downhill road. Objects and cars on the hill road may appear to roll uphill in defiance of gravity when they are, in fact, rolling downhill.

Reach Leh by evening, Check in to hotel, overnight at Leh

DAY 6

EXPLORING INDUS VALLEY



OVERNIGHT : LEH

After breakfast at Hotel, you will proceed to Thiksey village, visit Thiksey monastery and drive to Shey Village to visit Shey Palace and Gompa. Continue to drive to Hemis monastery to visit one of the most famous monasteries of Ladakh.

Thikse Gompa or Thikse Monastery (also transliterated from Ladakhi . as Tiksey, Thiksey or Thiksay) is a gompa (Tibetan-style monastery) affiliated with the Gelug sect of Tibetan Buddhism. It is located on top of a hill in Thiksey approximately 19 kilometres (12 mi) east of Leh in Ladakh, India. It is noted for its resemblance to the Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet and is the largest gompa in central Ladakh, notably containing a separate set of buildings for female enunciates that has been the source of significant recent building and reorganization.

The monastery is located at an altitude of 3,600 metres (11,800 ft) in the Indus Valley. It is a twelve-story complex and houses many items of Buddhist art such as stupas, statues, thangkas, wall paintings and swords. One of the main points of interest is the Maitreya

Temple installed to commemorate the visit of the 14th Dalai Lama to this monastery in 1970; it contains a 15 metres (49 ft) high statue of Maitreya, the largest such statue in Ladakh, covering two stories of the building

Hemis Monastery is a Himalayan Buddhist monastery (gompa) of the Drukpa Lineage, in Hemis, Ladakh, India. Situated 45 km from Leh, the monastery was re-established in 1672 by the Ladakhi king Sengge Namgyal

The Shey Monastery or Gompa and the Shey Palace complex are structures located on a hillock in Shey, 15 kilometres (9.3 mi) to the south of Leh in Ladakh, northern India on the Leh-Manali road. Shey was the summer capital of Ladakh in the past. The palace, mostly in ruins now, was built first in 1655, near Shey village, by the king of Ladakh, Deldan Namgyal, also known as Lhachen Palgyigon. It was used as a summer retreat by the kings of Ladakh

Confluence of Zaskar and Indus river One of the most arresting moils of nature in Ladakh is Sangam, the confluence Indus and Zaskar Rivers. Nestled between the stunning mountains of the cold desert, there is a vantage point at about 35 km from Leh near the village of Nimmu, on the Leh to Srinagar Highway, where the picturesque Sangam of these opulent rivers can be witnessed by travelers

Later on, the way back to Leh get down at the Sindhu Ghat for Sindhu Darshan and walk along the river, also visit 3 Idiots School campus.

After spending some time at the river come back to the Hotel and relax, overnight stay in Hotel at Leh.

DAY 7

LEH TO NUBRA VALLEY (160 KM / 5HRS)



OVERNIGHT : NUBRA VALLEY

Today after breakfast checkout from the hotel and proceed for Nubra Valley. On the way cross Khardung-la Pass (The highest motor able road in the world 5602 m).

Khardung La pass or the "Pass of Lower Castle" is the world's highest motorable pass and is the gateway to the Shyok and Nubra valley in Ladakh.

One of the most picturesque locales in Leh, Khardung la Pass is situated 39 km by road North of Leh and is at a height of 18,380 ft from the sea level

The Nubra Valley, once on the trading route that connected eastern Tibet with Turkistan via the famous Karakoram Pass, is the most recently opened area of Ladakh. Nubra invites you to a trip back in time into a nearly forgotten 'Shangri La'. With breathtaking views and delightfully hospitable inhabitants, it is quite an experience.

On the way, you have amazing panoramic view of **Indus valley, Shayok River, Himalayan Mountains and Karakoram Mountains** range. Explore the Nubra valley (The valley of flowers). Arrive Hunder where you enjoy the Double humped bacterian camel riding (Optional).



After that continue driving to Diskit (administrative block of Nubra valley) and visit the monastery. This picturesque monastery built on a hill top overlooking the valley. Enjoy the magnificent and awesome view of valley and mountains of **Karakoram Range**. The most attractive features of Nubra valley is the sand dune. Evening free for leisure Overnight stays in Fixed Camp at Nubra Valley.

The main and unique attraction of **Diskit monastery** is a gigantic statue of Lord Buddha on the top of it. This popular monastery is located in the Nubra valley of Ladakh. This famous tourist attraction is considered as one of the oldest as well as the largest Buddhist center in Ladakh. The Diskit monastery was constructed durin The huge 100 foot Maitra Buddha statue was inaugurated by the well-known holy priest Dalai Lama is the key attraction among a number of tourists across the globe g the 14th century by Changzem Tserab Zangpo.

Travellers love to experience the magnificent view of Nubra valley from the top of the monastery where the statue is installed.



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DAY 8

NUBRA VALLEY TO LEH (160 KM / 5HRS)



OVERNIGHT : LEH

In the morning after breakfast checkout from the camp and explore Deskit, Hundar and the Sand Dunes where you can enjoy a short camel safari using the double-humped Bactrian camel found here .

Later drive back to Leh reaching in the late afternoon/evening free for leisure, Overnight in Hotel at Leh.

DAY 9

LEH TO PANGONG LAKE (222 KM / 6HRS)



OVERNIGHT : PANGONG

*After early Breakfast leave for Pangong Lake (14,500 ft), through Changla Pass. **Changla Pass** located in the desert land of Ladakh, at an altitude of 17,590 ft above sea level, it is the mountain pass that one must take to reach Pangong Tso Lake. The pass is approached from Leh via Kharu and Sekti village by an asphalt road. The natives or the Changpas claim that the pass was named after the temple at Changla pass, which is dedicated to the hermit, Changla baba*

Arrive Pangong Lake it is the highest salt water Lake in the World, shared by two countries India & China. Enjoy the beauty of the lake on the Banks of Pangong Lake while appreciating the changing Colors and fascinating high altitude of the Lake. Overnight stay in Fixed camp at Pangong Lake.

DAY 10

PANGONG LAKE TO LEH (222 KM / 6HRS)



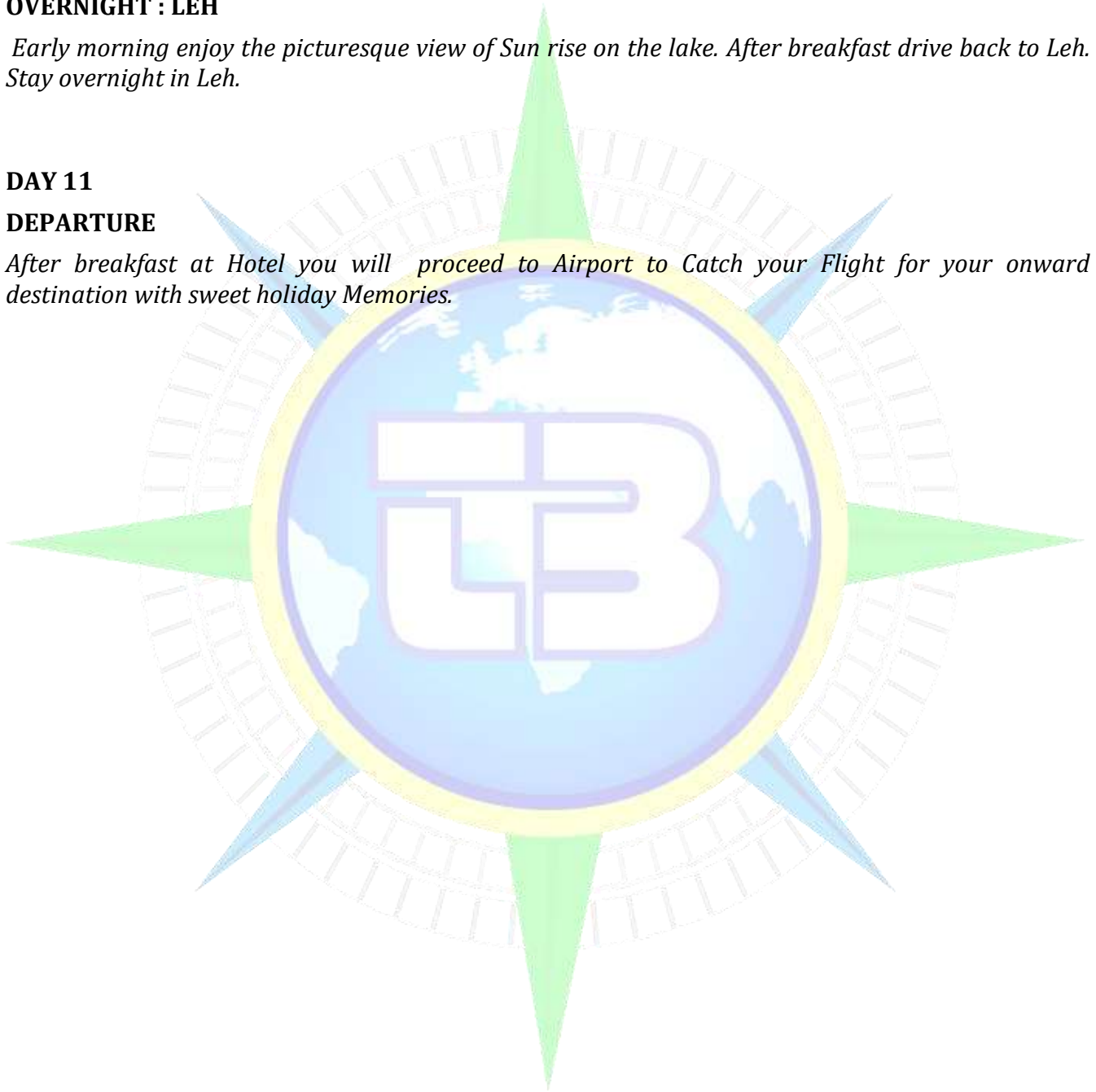
OVERNIGHT : LEH

Early morning enjoy the picturesque view of Sun rise on the lake. After breakfast drive back to Leh. Stay overnight in Leh.

DAY 11

DEPARTURE

After breakfast at Hotel you will proceed to Airport to Catch your Flight for your onward destination with sweet holiday Memories.



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