



## Snow Leopard Winter Wilderness Expedition, Ladakh, India

A fantastic and very exclusive winter adventure to the remote and beautiful region of Ladakh, India, in the Western Himalaya. Often known as 'Little Tibet', Ladakh is steeped in ancient Tibetan Buddhist culture and home to jagged Himalayan peaks, high mountain passes and vast stark landscapes as well as ancient monasteries with exquisite treasures. The high altitude, remote and rugged areas of Ladakh are also home to the rare and elusive Snow Leopard with Hemis National Park (India's largest) and Zaskar Valley two of the best places to see these beautiful big cats.



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From Delhi, you'll take the short scenic flight to Leh, across spectacular Himalayan peaks. After a few days acclimatising and exploring the local area, visiting remote villages and ancient Buddhist monasteries, we travel on to stay at Rumbak Wildlife Lodge - your expedition base for the next few days, located deep in Snow Leopard territory and the perfect setting for your big cat wilderness adventure. The team of professional wildlife guides, spotters and trackers are highly experienced and will ensure you have the best experience and best opportunities to spot the Snow Leopards and other local animal and bird life.



From here you'll travel out into the surrounding high-altitude landscapes each day of your stay, with expert local wildlife trackers to spot the wonderful local wildlife and the highlight - the chance to see the rare and elusive Snow Leopard. Enjoy a fantastic winter wildlife expedition on this trip of a lifetime.

## Small group departures

Also available as private trips – choose your own trip dates between November and March.

### 01 November 2024 to 31 March 2025

2-8 persons.

#### 2024

Sunday 24 November to Monday 02 December

Sunday 08 December to Monday 16 December

Sunday 22 December to Monday 30 December

#### 2025

Sunday 12 January to Monday 20 January

Sunday 26 January to Monday 03 February

Sunday 09 February to Monday 17 February

Sunday 23 February to Monday 03 March

Sunday 16 March to Monday 24 March

Guaranteed to run for minimum 2 persons. For solo or private expeditions, Christmas or New Year dates, alternative hotel options or for a tailor-made expedition please contact us – call 02820768975 in the UK or email [hello@one-himalaya.com](mailto:hello@one-himalaya.com)

## Trip overview

<b>Style</b>	Wildlife expedition
<b>Accommodation</b>	5 star hotels in Delhi & Leh & comfortable high altitude wildlife lodge
<b>Grade</b>	Easy to moderate
<b>Duration</b>	09 days, starting & ending from Delhi
<b>Trekking/walking days</b>	Easy to moderate walking during tour and at wildlife camp
<b>Min/Max group size</b>	2 to 8
<b>Trip leader(s)</b>	Professional English-speaking local guides and trackers
<b>Land only</b>	Join in Delhi, India.

### Price per person GBP £

Group size	2-8
	£2895 per person based on twin/double share, including flights from Delhi to Leh to Delhi
Single occupancy	£1120 per person, subject to availability at time of booking

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## Will the trip run?

The trip is guaranteed to run for a minimum of 2 persons and a maximum of 8. If you prefer a solo trip for 01 person or for groups larger than 8, please contact us for details and updated pricing. On the rare occasion that we need to cancel a trip we will provide a full refund or the choice of an alternative trip with the difference in pricing either refunded (if the cost is less) or the difference payable before departure, should the cost be higher. The majority of our trips are tailor made and based on your preferred dates of travel, subject to the best times to visit each region, although we do run a small number of fixed date small group departures such as this.

## Group prices and optional supplements

Pricing is usually based on twin or double occupancy with single occupancy available on request and subject to availability. This trip is based on using very comfortable 5 star luxury hotels in Delhi and Leh and a comfortable wilderness lodge at Rumbak village on the edge of Hemis National Park. If you prefer alternative hotels (for example good 3 star) please contact us on +44 (0)28207 68975 for options and revised pricing.

## Flight inclusive departures

For departures from the UK, we offer a variety of flight options, working with a variety of airlines. Please contact us to discuss and for no obligation quotes. All flights are ATOL protected and our ATOL number is 12415. For flights in country (for example within Nepal) we work with our local partners under their licences relevant to each country's licensing rules. All flights are subject to availability at the time of booking. Flights do fill quickly, particularly for the peak travel months of March, April, October and November and we advise booking your flights as soon as possible to avoid higher fares or reduced options.

## No surcharge guarantee

The trip pricing and pricing for flights or any optional supplements or trip extensions will be confirmed to you at the time you make your booking. We guarantee there will be no change to pricing with no surcharges after your booking has been confirmed.

## Insurance

It is a condition of booking that you have personal travel insurance in place for your booking, valid for the duration of your trip. We offer travel insurance through our recommended Travel Insurance providers [Campbell Irvine](#). Please visit our website [Travel Insurance page](#) to find out more and to request a quote.

## Private departures

This expedition is also available as a private holiday and can also be customised based on your interests and requirements, for example add a few days trekking, cultural tour, safari or spa retreat after your expedition.



## Tailor made service

The majority of our trips are tailor made and designed around the interests, requirements and preferred dates of travel of our clients with your Himalayan holiday designed specifically for you. Our UK and in country teams have a huge amount of experience and extensive networks which allows us to design and offer a very wide range of itineraries within India, Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet. We're happy to share our knowledge and suggestions to design the best itinerary to create your perfect itinerary. If you'd like to consider a tailor-made holiday with One Himalaya, please call us on +44(0)28207 68975 or visit our website for inspiration.

## At a glance itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Delhi.

Day 02: Fly Delhi to Leh (3500m) – rest and acclimatise.

Day 03: Acclimatise and explore locally – visit Leh, Thiksey, Shey & Hemis monasteries (3675m).

Day 04: Drive Leh to Rumbak Wildlife Lodge (3960m).

Day 05: Rumbak Wildlife Lodge – full day Snow Leopard tracking.

Day 06: Rumbak Wildlife Lodge – full day Snow Leopard tracking.

Day 07: Rumbak Wildlife Lodge – full day Snow Leopard tracking.

Day 08: Drive Rumbak to Leh and fly to Delhi.

Day 09: Depart Delhi.

## Expected temperatures and conditions

November to April is the perfect time to spot the Snow Leopard, also known locally as the 'grey ghost', and its mating season is Mid-February to End-March. Personal clothing - please note you will need a down jacket and warm comfortable clothing whilst in Ladakh. It's cold during the day so you'll need to wrap up. Nighttimes can be very cold but the lodge is very well insulated and heated and very comfortable. We will provide a full list of suggested clothing and equipment at the time of booking or on request prior to booking.

Average temperature & weather conditions	High	Low	Snow
Month			
November	2°C / 35°F	-8°C / 17°F	Medium Probability
December	-6°C / 21°F	-15°C / 5°F	High Probability
January	-10°C / 14°F	-22°C / -8°F	High Probability
February	-8°C / 17°F	-18°C / 0°F	High Probability
March	-5°C / 23°F	-15°C / 5°F	Medium Probability

## Day to day trip itinerary

### Trip Highlights

- Fantastic winter wilderness adventure - visit November to end of March
- Explore the remote and beautiful region of Ladakh in the Western Himalaya
- Beautiful scenic flight Delhi to Leh with spectacular Himalayan peak views
- Visit remote villages and ancient monasteries
- Great mix of accommodation including luxury 5 star heritage hotel in Delhi and Leh and a comfortable high-altitude wildlife/wilderness lodge at Rumbak in Ladakh
- Chance to spot the rare and elusive Snow Leopard over 4 days at Rumbak Wildlife Lodge
- Track the Snow Leopards, led by expert guides & trackers
- Spot other local wildlife including Blue Sheep, Wolves, Lynx & Himalayan Griffin Vultures
- Travel through Ladakh's strikingly beautiful, varied and remote landscapes
- Enjoy a wildlife adventure of a lifetime

### Trip introduction

Ladakh is a beautiful and remote borderland area of the Western Himalaya with amazing and sometimes starkly beautiful landscapes and wonderful peak views. It's a wonderful place for great trekking and tours during Spring, Summer and early Autumn months and is very much influenced by Tibetan culture. This winter trip focuses on spotting the rare and beautiful Snow Leopard in its natural habitat in the high and remote mountainous regions of Ladakh. Ladakh is at high altitude so on your first day arriving to Leh we recommend taking things very easy and rest and relax with no strenuous activity as you start to acclimatise. On your second day in Leh we'll introduce you to some of the key cultural and spiritual sites and highlights of Ladakh including visits to some of the local and very significant monasteries. The key focus of this Snow Leopard expedition is of course to give you the best chance possible to spot the rare Snow Leopards, often referred to as 'Grey Ghosts' in their natural habitat.

Located deep in the Trans-Himalayas of Ladakh, India, Rumbak Lodge is a wonderful mountainous hideaway, an undiscovered gem located on the periphery of Hemis National Park, deep within the heart of Snow Leopard territory. The lodge is around 40km from Leh airport and the drive is through narrow valleys along the Indus river. The lodge is set on a plateau overlooking the snow-capped mountain and the Rumbak river, with stunning 360-degree views of the mountains consisting of the Glacier valley towards the south east and the Tarbung Hill towards the south west - both of which are main spots for Snow Leopard sighting.

This unexplored area of Ladakh offers wildlife enthusiasts and adventurers a fantastic opportunity to spot the elusive Snow Leopard in its natural habitat with a rich tapestry of local wildlife that also includes rare and diverse bird and animal species such as Blue Sheep, Tibetan wolves, Tibetan Antelope, Asiatic Ibex, Wild Yak, Lynx, Red Fox, Himalayan Brown Bear, Pika and many more. The rich biodiversity is one of the reasons the Snow Leopards make their home here, close to rich hunting grounds.

It's not just the land that's rich in wildlife, the skies are too. Bird species include the Robin Accentor, Golden Eagle, Streaked Rose-Finch, Tickell's Leaf Warbler, Chukar, Tibetan Snow-Finch, Red-Billed Chough, Himalayan Snow-Cock, Common & Fork-Tailed Swift, Fire-fronted Serin, Twite and more are seen in this region. The high altitude, remote location and little to no

light pollution means the night skies are spectacular too so enjoy the stargazing as an added bonus!

The team here are highly experienced conservationists, guides and trackers. During your time with them they'll share their knowledge and the mysteries of these mountains and wilderness areas, mixed with tales of their ancient culture. It truly is a very special and unique experience.

## Day to Day

### Day 01 Arrive Delhi

Welcome to Delhi! After completing immigration formalities, you'll be met by one of our local representatives for your transfer drive through the city to your hotel.

Delhi, the capital of India, is a cosmopolitan city with a fascinating blend of ancient and modern and a rich history stretching back thousands of years. Depending on your time of arrival, you'll have the option to take a guided tour of Old and New Delhi today or before your departure at the end of your trip. The rest of today is free for you to rest and relax and enjoy your hotel. Relax by the pool, enjoy the luxury surroundings, dine in one of the restaurants and unwind after your flight.

You'll be staying at the luxurious 5-star hotel, The Imperial. The Imperial is an iconic heritage hotel, considered one of the finest heritage hotels in Delhi and in Asia. Relax overnight at the [The Imperial](#) (Heritage Room). Meals included: none but plenty of great options to try locally or in your hotel.

*Please note if you prefer alternative accommodation in Delhi or Leh, we can suggest a wide number of good 3, 4 or 5 star hotels. Please contact us for details and updated trip price.*

### Day 02 Fly Delhi to Leh (3500m)

This morning, you'll be picked up for the transfer to the airport for the short flight (1 hr 20 minutes) to Leh, the capital and gateway to Ladakh and the start of your amazing Snow Leopard adventure. Depending on flight times for your dates of travel, it may mean an early start but it's worth it for the spectacular flight over the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas to reach Leh.

Ladakh is the highest plateau in India and the name itself means land of high passes. This is a beautiful, high and remote borderland area of the Western Himalaya with unmistakable Buddhist influence. Located in the northeastern corner of India and nestled between the world's two highest mountain ranges of the Himalaya and the Karakorum, this is a wonderfully remote wilderness region where you'll find soaring mountain peaks, high Himalayan passes, stark arid plains and ancient monasteries and settlements.

You'll be met on arrival for the transfer drive to Leh (3500m). The rest of today is to rest and relax and start to acclimatise to the higher altitudes and chillier temperatures. We'll also be getting prepared to begin our quest to spot the Snow leopard – the most elusive of the big cats. This evening enjoy a gentle, optional orientation walk around Leh and visit to the local bazaar.

Rest overnight at the 5-star hotel [The Grand Dragon](#)

Meals included: breakfast.

### Day 3 Visit Leh, Thiksey, Shey & Hemis monasteries (3657m)

Today is a full day to acclimatise before we travel higher and to explore the interesting sites in and around Leh.

After breakfast, it's a short drive of around 19km to reach Thiksey village and visit Thiksey Gompa (Monastery). Thiksey is one of the largest and architecturally most impressive Gompas in Ladakh. There are several temples here to explore and enjoy the exquisite images, stupas and wall paintings of Lord Buddha. From Thiksey we drive on to nearby Shey village where you'll be able to visit Shey Palace and Gompa. Situated on a hillside 15 kms upstream from Leh, this was once the residence of the royal family. According to tradition, it was the seat of power in pre-Tibetan times. Here you'll see the impressive 7.5 m high copper statue of Buddha, plated with gold and the largest of its kind. After time to explore, we continue the drive to reach Hemis monastery, one of the most famous monasteries of Ladakh.

Hemis Gompa is the wealthiest, best known and largest monastery of Ladakh and is also the site of the large annual summer festival. popularity stems from the major annual festival, held to honour Guru Padma Sambhava's birth anniversary. Hemis also has the largest Thangka in Ladakh (a thangka is a large, hand painted pictorial religious scroll) which is unfurled only once every 12 years. Hemis monastery was built in 1630 during the reign of Singge Namgyal, an illustrious ruler of Ladakh.

This evening before returning to the hotel, we visit the magnificent Shanti Stupa, a large white domed Buddhist stupa. Rest and relax overnight at the 5 star hotel [The Grand Dragon](#)

Meals included: breakfast.

### Day 04 Drive Leh to Rumbak Wildlife Lodge (3960m)

Now you've had time to acclimatise, today begins the quest for a sighting of the most elusive big cat - the magnificent Snow Leopard. After an early breakfast it's time to depart Leh for the drive of just over an hour. Nestled deep in the Ladakh Range, beyond medieval Tibetan Buddhist Monasteries and past ancient shepherding hamlets, the spectacular location of the camp and timeless Silk Road feel of the location strike the perfect balance between remote luxury and rugged adventure.

Arriving at the lodge, your transfer team will take you to check in, unless they receive word of an active wildlife sighting, in which case they will explore that opportunity first with check in later. After a tour of your accommodation and a briefing, it's time to set out in search of the Snow Leopards and other local wildlife with your tracking team.

The hotels we use are all very comfortable and good quality and we've selected 5 star luxury hotels in Delhi and Leh to make your trip as comfortable as possible during the winter months. At Rumbak Wildlife Lodge you'll stay in comfortable cottages. The lodge is set on a plateau overlooking the snow-capped mountain and the Rumbak river, with stunning 360-degree views of the mountains consisting of the Glacier valley towards the south east and the Tarbung Hill towards the south west - both of which are main spots for Snow Leopard sighting. On a good day you might even spot a Snow Leopard through the window!



There are just 6 cottages, thoughtfully designed to blend in with the local surroundings using local materials, with amenities and facilities to make your stay as comfortable as possible in this remote high-altitude terrain. Rooms are well heated with floor heating and insulated roofs to traditional wood stoves and double-glazed windows for sufficient insulation and heat to keep the cold out. Heating blankets, and hot and cold water in the bathrooms ensure that you can freshen up comfortably after long eventful days.

Rest and relax overnight at [Rumbak Lodge](#).

Meal included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 05 to 07 Rumbak Wildlife Lodge – full days Snow Leopard expedition tracking

You'll spend today and the next few days tracking wildlife through the valley and surrounding landscapes with your expert local trackers and guides. Snow leopards are most active at dawn and dusk and the spotters leave camp at dawn to visit various points in different valleys. They scan the ridge-lines and slopes for wildlife, reporting any sightings back to the lodge. The trackers and spotters work through the day, carefully scanning for wildlife and looking for signs. If a Snow Leopard is seen, you'll head to the closest vantage point by vehicle or walking, depending on the spotter's location. The rare and beautiful Snow Leopards are the highlight of this trip and a chance to see them in their natural habitat is the memory of a lifetime. You'll also have the chance to spot other local wildlife such as Lynx, Wolves, Golden Eagles, Blue Sheep, Himalayan Griffon Vultures, Ibex and many more. As well as wildlife spotting, you'll meet local people and learn about their culture and traditions and how they work to support conservation efforts to protect the Snow Leopards. During your time outside, meals, coffee, tea, snacks, all keep arriving from the lodge for as long as guests are at a sighting. You will also get opportunities to visit local homes and villages as well and talk with the people who live in this remote and beautiful region. These visits are an important way to understand what life is like here and how essential the local communities are to conservation. Daily guided wildlife tracking may include driving, walking, hiking, patiently watching and waiting or a mix of all.

Rest and relax overnight at [Rumbak Lodge](#).

Meal included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 08 Drive Rumbak to Leh, fly to Delhi

After spending four days in search of the Snow Leopards, also known as the “ghost of the mountains”, it's time to head back to Leh to board your flight to Delhi. The flights depart around midday so you'll be back in Delhi by mid-afternoon with the rest of your day to rest and relax, explore and perhaps do some local shopping or enjoy an optional guided tour of Old and New Delhi (available on request, please contact us for details).

You'll be met on arrival to Delhi for the short transfer drive to your hotel in nearby Aerocity, a convenient location for the airport and for a short return drive tomorrow for your departure home/onwards.

Relax overnight is at the five star [JW Marriott Aerocity](#) (Deluxe Room), close to the embassies and the international airport. Please note if you prefer to stay in the heart of Delhi or would like

to add some additional days to your itinerary, for example to add a few days safari, trekking, tour or retreat after your Snow Leopard expedition. contact us for details and we'll be happy to share ideas and suggestions.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 09 Depart Delhi

This morning you'll be picked up for the short transfer drive to the International Airport for your flight home/onwards or to begin any additional extension trips you may have requested (available on request).

## Our trip grading system

### Moderate to Challenging

This trip is graded moderate to challenging. It is at high altitude so activity can feel more challenging especially after first arriving. Our itineraries all include appropriate acclimatisation days and the first day in Leh we don't plan any activity and advise you to rest and relax. There will be some easy to moderate walking involved and also sitting and waiting and viewing the wildlife through high quality optics, as part of this wildlife expedition. You don't need to be super fit but a reasonable level of fitness and ability to walk unaided is required.

### Trip altitude

*Important - please be aware that this trip involves travel and some walking at altitude. All our itineraries are carefully designed to optimise acclimatisation to high altitudes, however participants on this trek are likely to experience some symptoms of being at altitude. The detailed trip information we provide when you book your holiday includes comprehensive advice on safe travel at altitude and all our guides are experienced and professional in recognising and managing symptoms of altitude, in addition to all our trips incorporating gradual ascents and rest and acclimatisation days. If you would like further information or advice on travel at altitude prior to booking, please contact our office to speak to an experienced member of our team. Alternatively, we recommend visiting [www.medex.org.uk](http://www.medex.org.uk) as a useful source of information.*

## What's included in the price?

One Himalaya aims to offer the best value for money and aim to ensure all the key elements of your holiday are included. In some places such as Delhi or Kathmandu, where there is a wide range of local restaurants, cafes and bars, we include breakfast only options in your hotel stay to allow you to choose from the variety of options available in your hotel or local area. During days staying at Rumbak Wildlife Lodge , all meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) are included.

- ✓ Airport greeting, assistance and transfers on arrival to and departure from Delhi and Leh.
- ✓ 01 night accommodation (room only) on double or twin share basis at the five star luxury The Imperial Hotel in Delhi, Heritage Room.
- ✓ Airfare Delhi to Leh to Delhi based on economy class fare with 20kg check in luggage and 07kg hand luggage. Please note fares are subject to change, please contact us for details and confirmation.
- ✓ 02 nights accommodation at the five star Grand Dragon hotel in Leh, deluxe room, twin or double share, breakfast included.
- ✓ 01 night accommodation (room only) on double or twin share basis at the five star JW Marriott Aeorcity (Deluxe Room).
- ✓ All transfers and guided sightseeing as per itinerary by MUV (Innova, Xylo or similar)
- ✓ One time monastery and monument entrance fees as per itinerary.
- ✓ Professional English-speaking local guide during tour in Ladakh (Leh)
- ✓ 04 nights accommodation on twin/double share basis at Rumbak Wildlife Lodge, breakfast, lunch and dinner, tea and coffee included.
- ✓ Services of professional local wildlife spotters, guides and trackers during days at Rumbak
- ✓ All required permits.
- ✓ Complimentary One Himalaya t-shirt & neck buff, subject to availability.
- ✓ Ladakh Ecological fee, Redcross and wildlife fee.

## Airport transfers

The cost of a transfer to/from the airport in Delhi and in Leh is included in the price of your holiday. All airport transfers required as part of your itinerary are also included in the price of your trip. Please contact us if you require any further information.

## What's not included in the price?

❖ India visa – you will need to apply for and obtain this in advance of arrival. If you need any help or advice please get in touch.	❖ Any additional or optional accommodation, activities, transfers or extension trips not included in the itinerary or before/after the dates specified - available on request, please contact us.
❖ International Flights – available on request.	❖ Personal clothing - please note you will need a down jacket and warm clothing whilst in Ladakh. We will provide a full list of suggested clothing and equipment at the time of booking or on request prior to booking.
❖ Travel Insurance - please note it is a condition of booking all trips that you have appropriate travel insurance in place. Visit our website <a href="https://one-himalaya.com/travel-insurance.html">https://one-himalaya.com/travel-insurance.html</a> for more information	❖ Expenses incurred as a result of flight delays/cancellation, strikes, weather conditions, pandemics or other unexpected events outside of our control.
❖ Travel vaccinations if required – please check with your local GP or Travel Clinic for up-to-date advice.	❖ Expenses of a personal nature such as alcohol, bottled drinks including bottled water & soft drinks, snacks, laundry, camera fees at sites visited, excess baggage fees, phone calls and similar expenses.
❖ Single occupancy accommodation - available on request at additional cost and subject to availability.	❖ Tips or gratuities for guides, porters, drivers or wildlife spotters.
❖ Meals other than specified in the itinerary (available locally).	❖ Anything not mentioned in the above inclusions or itinerary.

Please note the pricing quoted is valid from 01 November 2024 to 31 March 2025.

## Your accommodation

We work with a wide range of hotels and other accommodation options across India, Nepal, Tibet and Bhutan. Where a specific hotel is named in the itinerary, we will aim to secure that hotel, however all hotels and accommodation are subject to availability at the time of booking. If the first choice or named hotel is not available, we will book a suitable alternative of a similar standard and will confirm the hotel with you at or shortly after confirmation.

## Meal arrangements

Bed and breakfast in Delhi and Leh, as per the itinerary and all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) during days on expedition at Rumbak.

## Flight arrangements

We work with a wide range of airlines to offer the widest choice of departure flights from the UK. The 'Flight from' price is based on the best fare available at the time of printing. Airfares are subject to change and availability, and this should be used only as a guide price. If you would like us to help with your flight booking, we will always aim at the time of booking, to get the best possible price for the flights you need. We advise booking as early as you can, for the best chance of getting the best fares, particularly during times where there is high demand, typically during the peak trekking seasons in Spring and Autumn.

Flights booked through One Himalaya are protected through our ATOL licence number 12415.

Please call us on +44 (0)28207 68975 for flight options including from regional UK airports, Business Class options and stopovers.

## Additional information

When we receive your booking confirmation, we send you a full Trip Dossier which contains details of any visas and vaccinations required, a suggested gear and clothing list and other useful information. If you have queries at any point or would like to discuss anything about your trip, please call us on +44 (0)28207 68975 and we will be pleased to offer advice and suggestions.

## Important – the nature adventure travel

Every effort will be made to keep to the itinerary, but we cannot guarantee that things may not change, either before you travel or during your trip. The nature of adventure travel is that it involves an element of the unexpected, particularly in more remote and isolated areas. Factors such as adverse weather conditions, changes to local schedules, road or trail conditions and difficulties with transportation can all contribute to the need to make changes to the itinerary, sometimes at the last minute. Our office team and your local Trip Leader will make every effort to maintain the original itinerary and minimise the impact of any changes, but sometimes changes are required, for example taking a slightly different route on trek or when driving for better trail or road conditions. Any changes will be discussed with you but please note that all timings and distances given are approximate and an important aspect and asset to adventure travel is the ability to be flexible and open to change where needed or beneficial!

## Trip extensions

### Extending your holiday

A popular option is to add a few days extension to a main holiday – for example adding a few days wildlife safari, visiting neighbouring regions or spending a few days relaxing at a beach, spa or lake resort. Additional activities such as white-water rafting, zip lining, mountain biking, horseriding, golf, hot air balloon trips, vineyard tours or helicopter tours can also be added. If you'd like to add a few days or activities to extend your holiday, we've shared a few options on our website at <https://one-himalaya.com/category/extensions.html> or call us on +44 (0)28207 68975 and we'll be happy to share suggestions.



## Why book with One Himalaya?

- We specialise in tailor made, luxury and adventure travel in the Himalayas, a region we're passionate about promoting and sharing. We also have extensive knowledge and contacts across all the regions where we operate and our team have over 20 years' first hand knowledge and experience of planning and operating the very best Himalayan travel experiences for our worldwide clients.
- Designed for you - all our trips are tailor made, based on your interests, time and budget with guidance and suggestions from us to make your trip extra special. All the example itineraries and classic trips on our website can be booked and we hope they provide useful inspiration for your travel plans. Each of those can be tailored just for you and we also offer a full tailor-made travel service to custom design a travel itinerary just for you, to meet your personal travel requirements and interests.
- We offer an extensive range of trip itineraries from classic tours and treks, to challenging expeditions, exhilarating wildlife safaris and birdwatching trips, relaxing houseboat tours and plantation stays, off the beaten track adventures, specialist interest tours and much more. The trips on our website are for inspiration and represent just a fraction of the types of trips we offer. We also regularly introduce new and innovative ideas and experiences.
- We work closely with our local teams and partners so our knowledge of each region is always up to date, and we can share the latest news and experiences with you. If we don't know the answer to your question, we'll definitely know someone who does!
- We offer 100% financial security for your booking. We're members of the [Travel Trust Association](#) in the UK (member number X0951), which is part of The Travel Network Group. As part of our membership, we agree to operate a Trust Account for all bookings. This means that any payment you make to us is automatically paid into the Trust Account where it is 100% financially protected at all times and is only ever used for your travel booking, providing you with complete financial security when you book with us. Booking with us really does mean 100% financial protection for your booking and peace of mind for you.
- If you're travelling from the UK, we offer great international flight options and fares. We work with a wide range of quality airlines to find you the best routes and airfares to match your travel plans.
- We hold [ATOL licence](#) 12415 which means that all international flight bookings from the UK are fully ATOL protected, giving you complete security when you book with us.
- We offer no cost, no obligation provisional bookings so if you're interested in a trip but not quite sure you're ready to book, simply contact us and we'll hold a provisional booking for a limited time. Once you're ready to book, most of our trips only require a small deposit to confirm, with the balance payable later, closer to your time of travel.
- We offer a No Surcharge Guarantee – once you book with us, we guarantee the price of your holiday will not change.
- When you travel with us, local people really do benefit through creating and supporting local employment opportunities, support for small local charity organisations and local spend. We passionately believe in travel as a force for good and we work closely with our fantastic local teams and partners to promote sustainable, small-scale travel that enriches the lives of travellers and also benefits local people in the communities and places we travel to.

## One Himalaya – About Us

- We're a small team of travel experts with over twenty years' experience of exploring and promoting the wonderful Himalayan regions of Nepal, India, Bhutan and Tibet. We're passionate about travel and have a special love for the Himalayan regions.
- We're an independent travel company and online tour operator, based on the beautiful Causeway Coast in Northern Ireland, from where we provide bespoke travel services to our clients from the UK, Europe and worldwide.
- We offer tailor made itineraries and a small number of small group trips each year. On our small group trips the maximum number is usually 12, which means we can deliver a more personal and individual service, and you'll get to know your guide and other travellers.
- We firmly believe in sustainable travel, that respects and protects local people, landscapes, culture, wildlife and habitats. We believe that travel can and should be a force for good, creating positive impact and change for everyone. As part of that ethos, we support a range of small projects and initiatives in the destinations where we operate, that help bring positive benefits and real change to local people's lives.
- We work closely with local communities and partners across the Himalaya and beyond, working together to provide you with the most enjoyable and memorable travel experiences and adventures in Nepal, India, Bhutan and Tibet.
- We focus on providing high quality, personalised service and experiences for our clients, using good quality accommodation and equipment and working with professional, well trained and fairly paid local guides and crews.
- We offer Loyalty Discounts if you've travelled previously with us, on future trip bookings.
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