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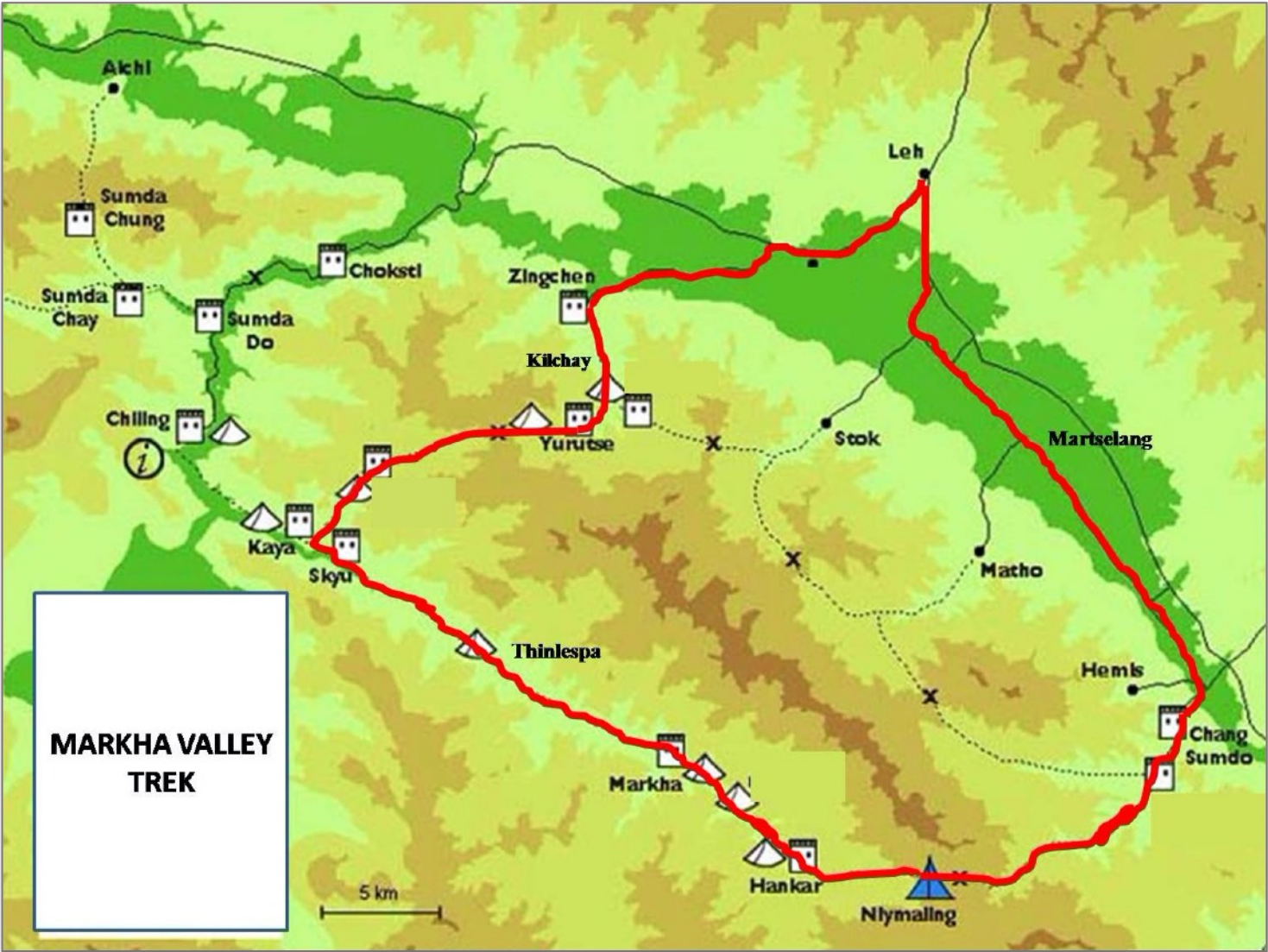


MARKHA VALLEY TREK

Delhi - Leh - Spituk - Zinchen - Yurutse - Skiu - Markha - Tchatutse - Nimaling - Shang Sumdo - Hemis - Leh

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About

Markha valley lies in Ladakh, also called "The Little Tibet" or "The Moonland" because of its topography. The accessibility and beauty of this trek has made it the most popular hiking and trekking routes in recent years. The best period is from June to October.

Day 01 :: Delhi

Arrive Delhi. Met upon arrival and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 02 :: Delhi/Leh (Flight)

Early morning transfer to domestic airport in time to board flight for Leh (3500 M). Leh is situated on the banks of the river Indus. On arrival in Leh, met by our representative with traditional welcome and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure to rest and acclimatize to high altitude and low oxygen levels in Leh which is at an altitude of 3504 M above sea level. Afternoon take a leisurely walk to visit the local bazaar. Overnight in hotel.

Day 03 :: Leh

Morning after breakfast leave for half day tour of Chanspa Chorten, Shanti Stupa, Leh Palace and Leh monastery. After lunch excursion to Spituk, Phyang and Shankar monasteries. Overnight stay in hotel.



Day 04 :: Leh

Morning proceed for sightseeing of Shey, old summer palace with 12 feet statue of Buddha: Thikse, the superbly situated Monastery on a hilltop overlooking the village and the Indus river. Also visit Stok Palace and Museum. Return to Leh. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in hotel.

Day 05 :: Leh – Spituk – Zingchen (3380M) – Yurutse (4150M) : 6 – 7 hrs approx

After early breakfast transfer to Zingchen via Spituk (1 hr approx.). The trek begins on this day. Start trek from Zingchen to Yurutse, following the river on the left bank. Zingchen is a small village with a few families staying in 4 to 5 houses. The initial part of the trail towards Yurutse gradually ascends it is one of the beautiful walks & is also known as the snow-leopard area & you may come across a lot of wild life on this day. At the end of the gorge you will leave Rumbak village to your left & from here on the trail continues on the right to the tiny settlements on Yurutse. Overnight in tented camp / homestay

Day 06 :: Yurutse – Skiu (3300M) : 6 – 7 hrs approx

Start trek and start the ascent to climb Gandala (4900M). Though the climb is not that steep but it's long. The view from top of the pass is spectacular of white fringed mountains merging into distant ranges of the Karakoram. Then the trail descends steadily to the head of the Skiu valley where a number of rivulets join to form a small stream. The broad grassy shoulders of the upper valley where sharply to the pinched waist at Sumdho with its few houses and fields at the junction of a small stream with Skiu Nala. From here the river swoops exuberantly down a tight, narrow gorge choked with willow and wild rose with the trail leaping from bank to bank all the way to village of Skiu on banks of lower Markha and the campsite. Overnight in tented camp / Homestay.



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Day 07 :: Skiu – Markha (3710M) : 6 – 7 hrs approx

A very pleasant walk up one of the loveliest sections of the markha valley. Markha is one of the biggest in this valley. The way through woody bushes thickly along the river which is spanned by several small bridges over which the trail marches to thinlespa. The camp is set after thinlespa village about 1 hrs and 30 min, we set the camp beneath the markha village the land scape is incredible. Overnight in tented camp / homestay

Day 08 :: Markha – Hankar (3900M) : 4 – 5 hrs approx

The trail continues eastwards, climbing steadily up the valley through the picturesque village of markha and its interesting monastery, which is worth visiting. Proceed and arrive at Hankar Village . Overnight in tented camp / homestay.

Day 09 :: Hankar – Nimaling (4700M) : 6 – 7 hrs approx

Start trek from Hankar and arrive at village Tchatungtse and further to nimaling past some more villages enroute. The Nyimaling plain is a broad undulating meadow which slopes upward to the base of ice clad kangyatse, which dominate the area. Nyimaling with tiny ponds and rivulets flowing all over its meadows, you find numbers of animals like yak, dzos, sheep, goats, horses and himalayan marmots and white tailed hares are seen. Overnight in tented camp / homestay.

Day 10 :: Nimaling

Full day at leisure as a Rest Day to explore this beautiful area.

Overnight in tented camp / homestay.

Day 11 :: Nimaling – Chokdo (3810M) : 6 – 7 hrs. approx.

Crossing to the north of markha begins the climb up to the highest of the 03 passes Kongmaru la (5,274M). The trail descends steeply to the head of martselang valley pasty the sulphur springs of Chuskyurmo and follows the martselang stream to the village of Chokdo.

(End Of Trek)

Rest of the day free at leisure. Overnight in tented camp / homestay.


Day 12 :: Chokdo – Hemis – Leh (Drive / 2 – 3 hrs approx.)

Our car reports at Chokdo and transfers you to Leh. Enroute visiting Hemis monastery - the richest and the largest Monastery of the area.

Arrive Leh and check in hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure.

Overnight in hotel.



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Day 13 :: Leh / Delhi (Flight)

Early morning transfer to airport for flight to Delhi. On arrival transfer to hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure. Overnight

Day 14 :: Delhi

Full day free at leisure. (Hotel Check-out time 1200 hrs which we shall try to extend by a few hours subject to availability).
Evening transfer to international airport for flight to onward destination.

Day 15 :: Delhi / Onward destination

Fly back home.

TOUR ENDS

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