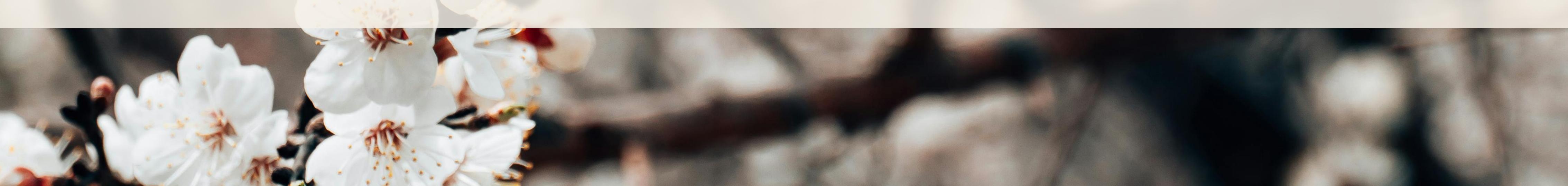


# APRICOT BLOSSOM - LADAKH

6 NIGHTS/ 7 DAYS



# EXPERIENCE THE ENCHANTING APRICOT BLOSSOM IN LADAKH - APRIL 2024

Ladakh is a land brimming with magic and mystery - a land of snow capped mountains, vast barren plateaus and deep turquoise lakes. Remote, ancient and relatively untouched, a visit to Ladakh will leave you exhilarated and will stay with you forever. In our experience, explore some of the muchloved and some lesser-known destinations, taking in the best of it all. This is a land like no other.

Spring in Ladakh sees life bounce back to life in full swing with all its glories and splendour as we chase the stunning apricot blossoms that create a magical spell all over Ladakh.

This April book your stay with Lchang Nang Travel (in-house travel desk of Lchang Nang Retreat) and get to experience the Apricot Blossom Festival / Chuli Mentok (Apricots are known as Chuli in Ladakhi) — a Cultural Experience that will showcase the colourful and unique culture and traditions of the Ladakhi people.



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# Day 1:

#### Arrival in Leh

Arrive at the Capital of Ladakh where you will be met by our representative at the airport. Enjoy the scenic route to your hotel in the Sham Valley (2 hours from Airport). Relax and soak in the landscapes of beautiful Apricot Blossoms surrounding the Hotel as you acclimatise for the day.

Hotel: Uley Ethnic Resort

Meal: Dinner



# Day 2:

#### Local Sightseeing

#### Alchi Choskor

After a hearty breakfast, we drive towards Nurla & mark our stop at Alchi Choskor.

Alchi Choskor, a beautiful 11th century temple, widely believed as the very first Buddhist temple in Leh Ladakh. Every inch of the wall surface of this monastery is occupied by benign images of the Buddha and royal scenes. It is the only monastery that has preserved 10th century Buddhism arts and crafts.

#### Evening Guided Apricot Orchard Tour at Alchi

To truly immerse yourself in the magic of the apricot blossoms, we invite you to join our exclusive Guided Apricot Orchards Tour. Stroll through the vibrant orchards, learn about the history and significance of apricot cultivation in Ladakh and witness the delicate blossoms up close, breathing in their sweet fragrance.

Hotel: Uley Ethnic Resort Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



# Day 3:

#### <u>Uley to Nubra Valley</u>

Start your day early to explore few interesting places before you mark your way to the exquisite Valley of Flowers.

#### Magnetic Hills

Drive over Magnetic Hill, a famous mystery spot where cars appear to roll upwards. The phenomenon is said to be caused by an optical illusion that is typical of the surreal and stunning scenes that will endear you to the magical land of Ladakh.

#### Gurudwara Patthar Sahib

Stop at a Gurudwara nestled deep in the Himalayas at an altitude of 3600 Metres. It was constructed in memory of Guru Nanak Dev ji, a Sikh religious legend who visited Leh. The Sikh Temple offers a peaceful and interesting sojourn on the way to the Valley of flowers.

#### Arrive at Lchang Nang Retreat

After crossing one of the highest altitude mountain passes of the world called Khardung-La (17.982 feet), finally arrive at this scenic resort surrounded by snow-capped mountains.



Get oriented with the resort and check-in to your cosy cottage.

You can then relax for a couple of hours and acquaint yourself with your new surroundings before you head out to stroll through the Teggar Village & visit a 400 Year Old House Museum

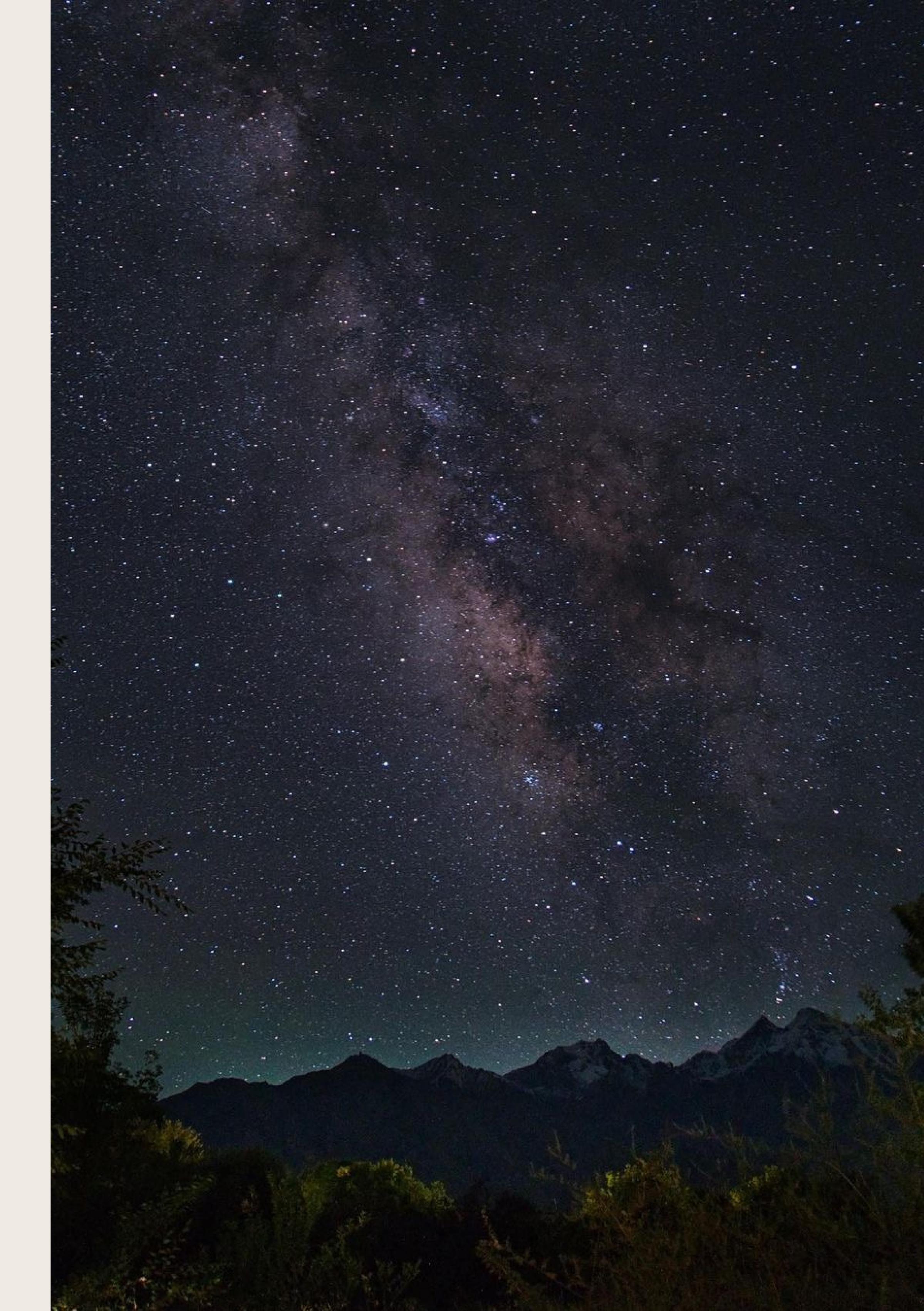
#### Stargazing

Nubra Valley is the perfect high altitude mountainous destination with zero pollution. Get mesmerised by the night skies through guided stargazing session at the terrace.

Hotel: Lchang Nang Retreat

Meals: Breakfast at Uley Ethnic Resort & Dinner

at Lchang Nang Retreat



# Day 4:

#### Explore Nubra Valley

#### Turtuk Village

Turtuk – a small village close towards the Line of Control between India & Pakistan. Sense a subtle shift in landscape, language & facial features as you explore this serene village. Also get to experience the Apricot Blossom at its exquisite beauty adorning this terrain.

This enchanting abode is worth visiting owing to its fascinating history, culture, food, people & peaceful scenery.

#### Hunder Sand Dunes

Explore the famous sand dunes of a highaltitude desert along with shaggy Bactrian Camels The silvery sand dunes of Hunder are symbolic of the surreal beauty that can be seen in these parts.



#### Diskit Monastery

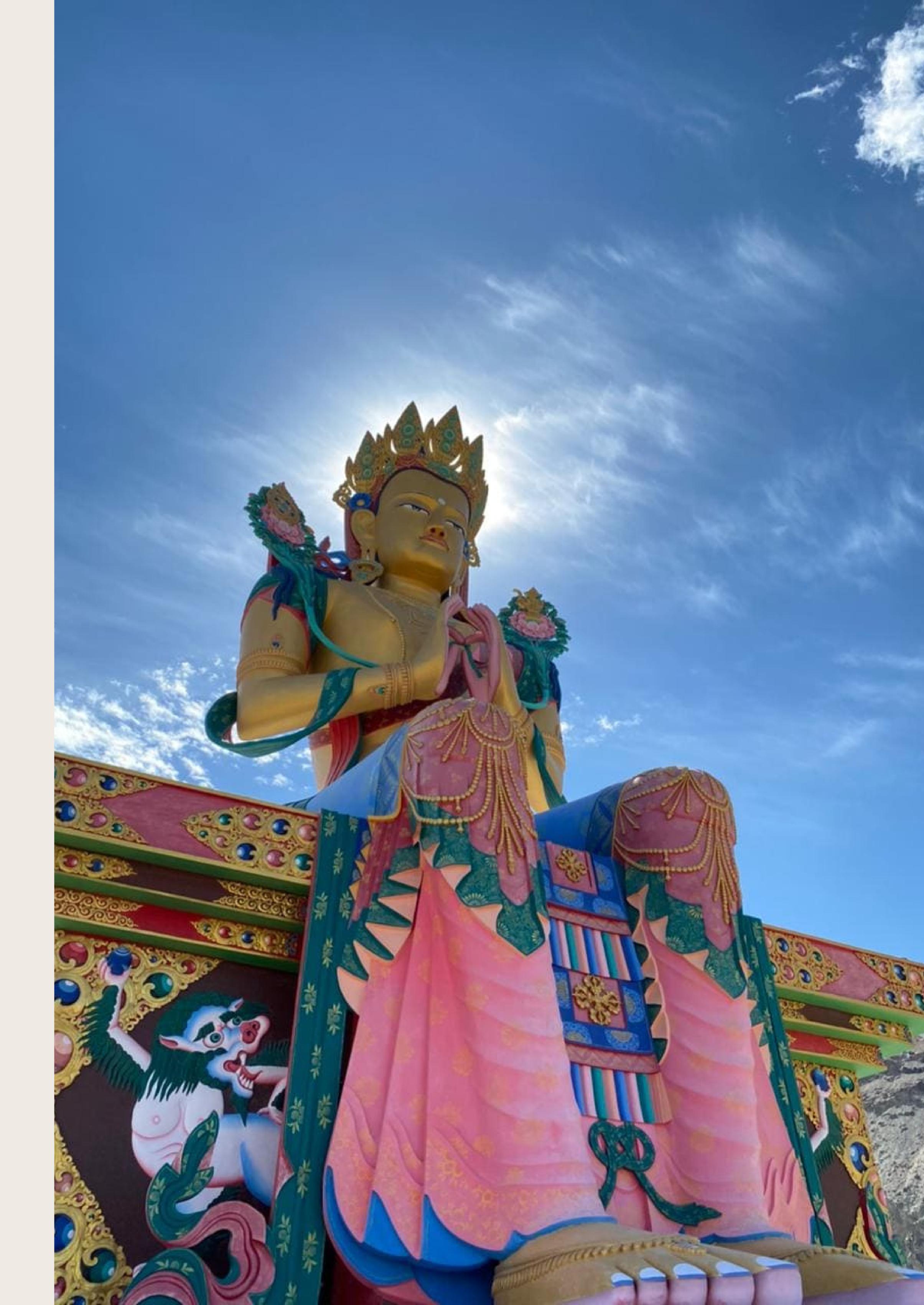
Next, visit Diskit Monastery - the oldest and largest Gompa in Nubra Valley - famous for its beautiful architecture. Bask in the Buddhist vibrations of an ancient monument that tells of a peaceful and prophetic culture and admire the artwork that has adorned these walls for aeons.

#### T-Point

If you're seeking for some adventure, you can try out Ziplining & ATV rides against the backdrop of the mighty Karakoram & Himalayan ranges.

After an eventful day, retreat to Lchang Nang where you may choose to opt for an invigorating Spa session to help you relax and enjoy your pleasant evening.

Hotel: Lchang Nang Retreat Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



# Day 5:

#### Leisure Day At Nubra Valley

# Guided Morning Walk to Local Apricot Orchards

Feast on a scrumptious breakfast and then let's stroll through the Ancient Silk Route as we head to explore the local orchards brimmed with Apricot Blossom. Learn some special cultivation techniques used by the farmers in Nubra & also get to click some breathtaking pictures against this scenic backdrop.

#### Local Products Exhibition

Immerse yourself in Ladakhi culture and explore the unique flavours of the region at the Local Products Exhibition & Workshop! Explore various local natural products like Apricot Jam, Apricot Scrub, Apricot Oil, Sun-dried Apricot etc and also get hands-on experience in making DIY Apricot Scrub.



#### Late Evening Chill by the Fire (alongwith Cultural Programme & Local Beer Tasting)

As the stars begin to twinkle in the vast night sky, gather around the cosy bonfire. Share stories, laughter, and delicious barbecued snacks with loved ones as you bask in the warmth of the flames.

To mark the highlight of Apricot Blossom Festival, enjoy traditional cultural dance & music performances while tasting our local beer - Chang!

This is the perfect way to unwind after a day of exploring the stunning apricot blossom.

Hotel: Lchang Nang Retreat

Meals: Breakfast & Experience (Chill by the Fire)



# Day 6:

#### <u>Nubra Valley - Pangong Lake - Leh</u>

#### Enroute to Pangong Lake

Wake up early & grab your takeaway breakfast as you set enroute to the world's highest saltwater lake via Shyok River - Pangong Tso.

Enjoy a scenic 5-6 hour drive and as you reach, halt for few hours as you feast your eyes on the ethereal Pangong Lake which is located at 14,000 feet above sea level,

#### Picnic at World's Highest Saltwater Lake

As you soak the exquisite view of Pangong Tso, find a Picnic set-up laid out where you can not only delve into the delicious snacks but also enjoy this breathtaking sight.

#### Enroute to Leh via Chang La Pass

Post picnic lunch, it's time to head towards Leh via Chang La Pass - widely believed as the second highest motorable road in the world. On your way, you can also explore Thiksey Monastery & Leh Palace as both are the treasure troves of rich Ladakhi culture & art.

Hotel: The Grand Dragon Ladakh

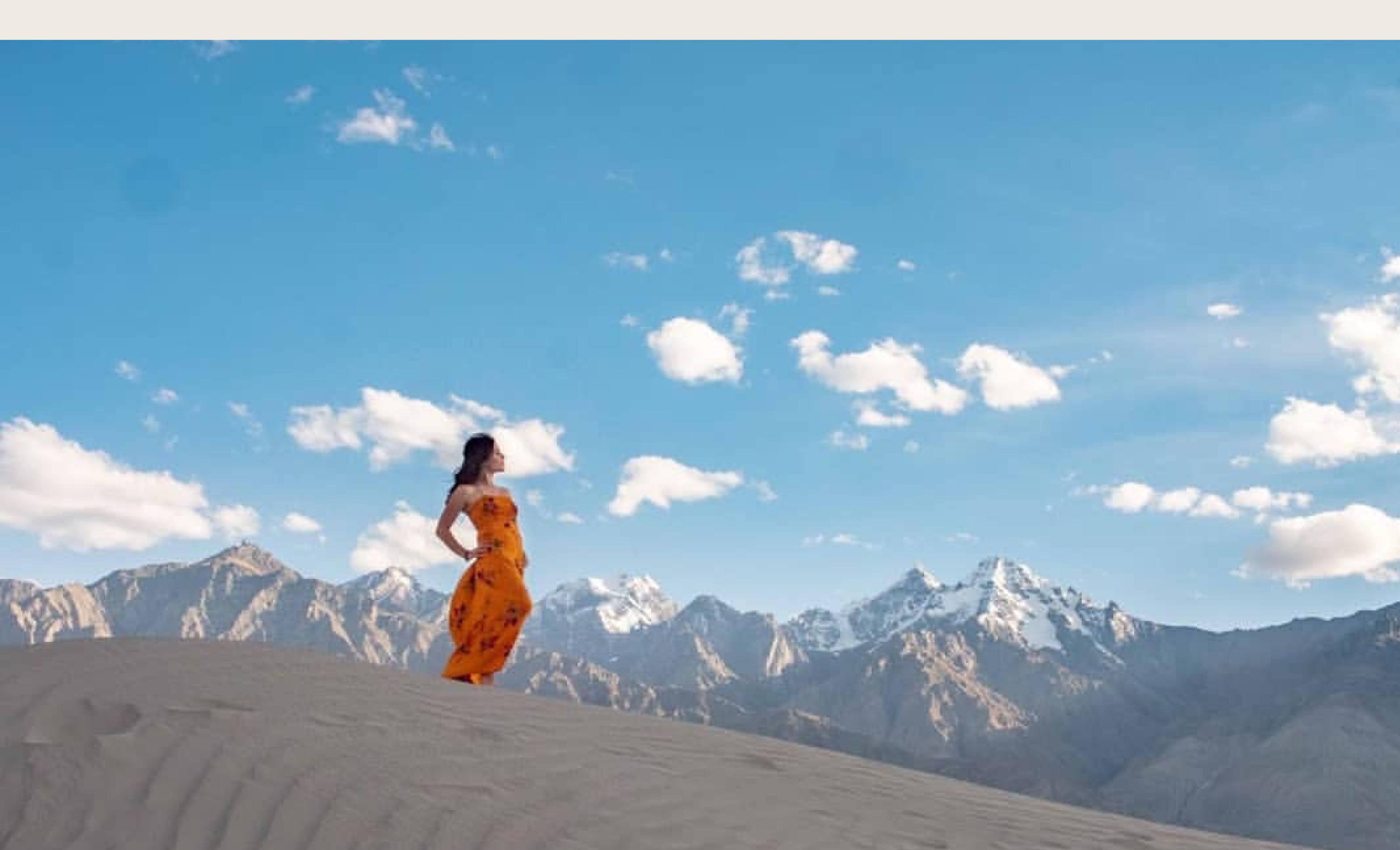
Meals: Picnic Lunch at Pangong, Dinner & Breakfast at The Grand Dragon Ladakh



# Day 7: Departure

On the last day of your tour, your personal driver will take you to the airport for your onward journey. As you bid adieu to Ladakh, take away with you the pleasant remembrance of authentic Ladakhi hospitality, exquisite landscape & scenic vistas of enchanting

Apricot Blossom on your way back.





# Package Cost

No. of Pax	Price/Pax With Guide	Vehicle Type
2	INR 145,200	Innova Crysta
4	INR 124,500	Innova Crysta

Note: Special Group Prices are on request. You may please WhatsApp on <u>+91 8082388552</u> or Email us at Contact@lchangnang.com

# Package Inclusions

- Hygienic & comfortable transportation
- Welcome drinks on arrival at Hotels/Camps
- Accommodation in Double/Twin Sharing Room
- Sightseeing activities as per itinerary
- Experiences as per itinerary
- Breakfast & Dinner at all Hotels
- Professional Chauffeur
- English Speaking Tour Guide
- Oxygen Cylinders
- Inner line Permit
- Daily Evening Tea at the House of Trees

# Payment Policy

50% ADVANCE TO BE PAID & balance of total tour cost will have to be paid 30 days before the date of travel

# Package

- Doesn't include any personal expenses
- Doesn't include SPA charges
- Doesn't include any extra transportation charges due to any natural calamity
- Doesn't include any activity fees at sight-seeing points.

### Cancellation Policy

- If cancellations are made 30 days before the date of travel then 25.0% of total tour cost will be charged as cancellation fees.
- If cancellations are made 15 days to 30 days before the date of travel then 50.0% of total tour cost will be charged as cancellation fees.
- If cancellations are made 0 days to 15 days before the date of travel then 100.0% of total tour cost will be charged as cancellation fees.

