

# ASTRO TRAIL - LADAKH

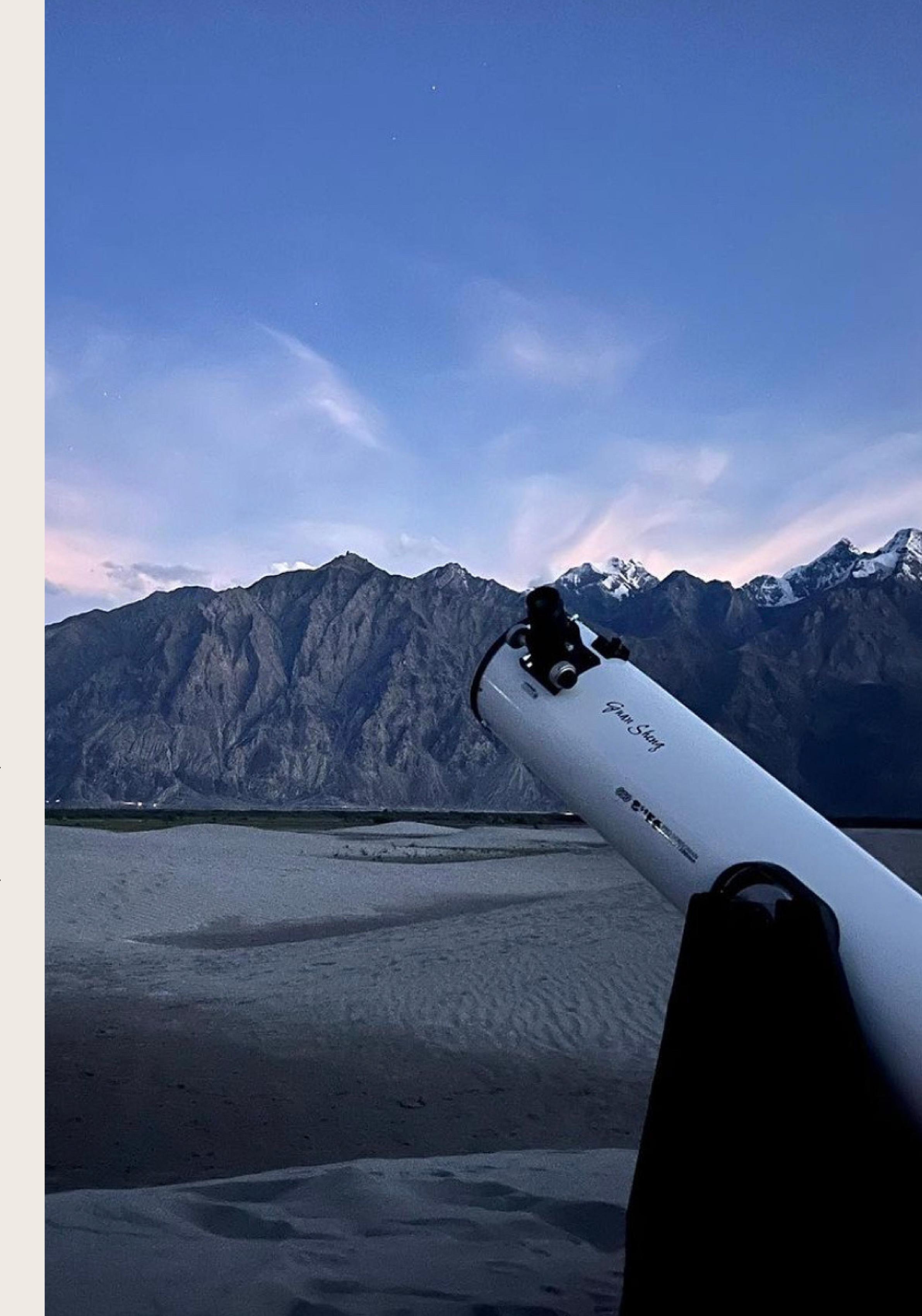
8 NIGHTS/ 9 DAYS



# EXPERIENCE THE MESMERISING NIGHT SKY OF LADAKH

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.

Lchang Nang Travel (in-house Travel Desk of Lchang Nang Retreat) brings to you a specially curated Astro-tourism package, travelling around the dark sky regions of Ladakh to observe the astronomical phenomena of the stars and other celestial bodies.



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Day 1:

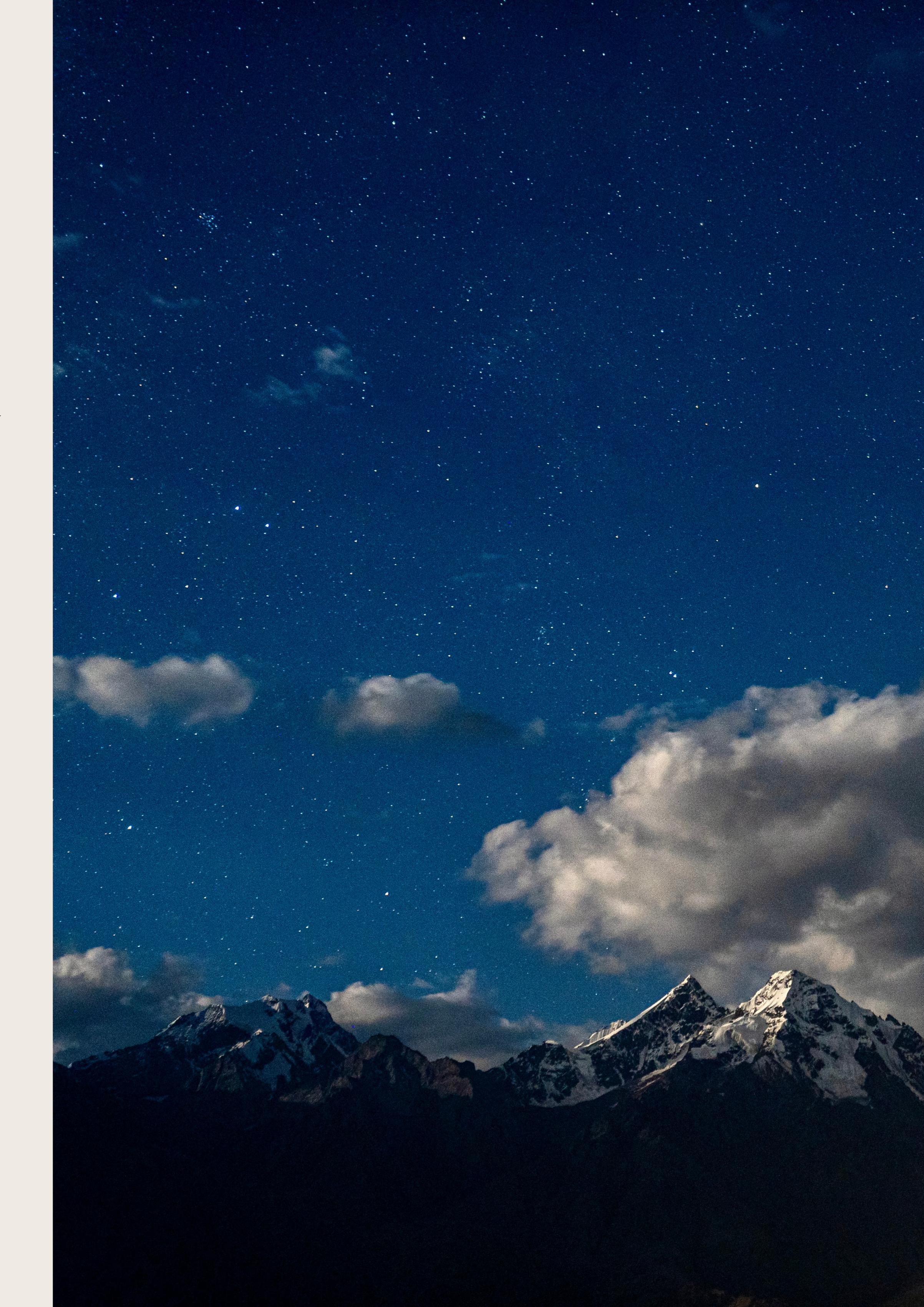
AM Arrival in Leh

Arrive at the Capital of Ladakh where you will be met by our representative at the airport who will usher you to your hotel. The first day in Ladakh needs to be taken at ease with no physical activity due to the acclimatization process at a high altitude.

#### PM Absorb the Scenic Night Sky

Soak yourself into the beautiful, panoramic and mesmerizing landscapes of Ladakh. The evening is to relax and get acquainted in the mystical Land of the Lamas.

Meal: Dinner at Resort



## Day 2:

#### Local Sightseeing

#### AM Enroute to Sangam

After a hearty breakfast, we drive towards the confluence of the Indus and Zanskar rivers. The confluence is a breathtaking sight from NH1. The colour and currents of both the rivers are quite evident and create a visible diversion in the water.

#### PM Stroll around Leh Bazaar

Step out on a walking trail of the Leh bazaar which was known as Kharyog till the early 19th century. The old architecture houses and pathways have been a spectator to pedestrians and traders from the silk route.

Complete the day's sightseeing by enjoying the beautiful sunset from the Shanti Stupa overlooking the valley which was built to commemorate 2500years of Buddhism and for world peace.

After dinner, enjoy the night sky of Leh at the resort.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner at Resort



# Day 3:

#### Enroute to Hanle

After breakfast, start your drive to Hanle which is the highest dark sky reserve of India. It is a beautiful and historical village in the Changthang region. In ancient times, it was on the Ladakh - Tibet trade route.

A pit stop at Chumathang village to witness the natural hot springs. It is believed that the hot waters have medicinal properties and it is one of the natural wonders of India.

#### PM

After arrival at Hanle, relax and rest. Later in the evening, witness the enchanting night sky

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner at Homestay



# Day 4:

# Explore India's Highest Space Observatory in Hanle

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and start your day by visiting the Astronomical observatory which is on one of the highest vantage points in the world. It has a 2 metre diameter telescope and is known for optical and infrared astronomy across the world.

Afterwards, visit the Hanle monastery which was built in the 17th century comprising of both Tibetan and Indian architecture. It is the first monastery to be associated with the Drukpa lineage

#### PM

Enjoy a small walk around the quaint hamlet of Hanle. The village is quite serene and the surrounding areas are also a haven for bird watchers. Migratory birds are oftenly spotted there. In the night, witness the mesmerising dark sky.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner at Homestay



## Day 5:

# Enroute to Pangong Tso - World's Highest Saltwater Lake

After breakfast, start your drive to Pangong Tso. It is one of the most beautiful place to visit in the Ladakh region. It is the world's highest salt water lake and extends into China. The colours reflecting on the surface of this pristine lake is one mesmerizing view.

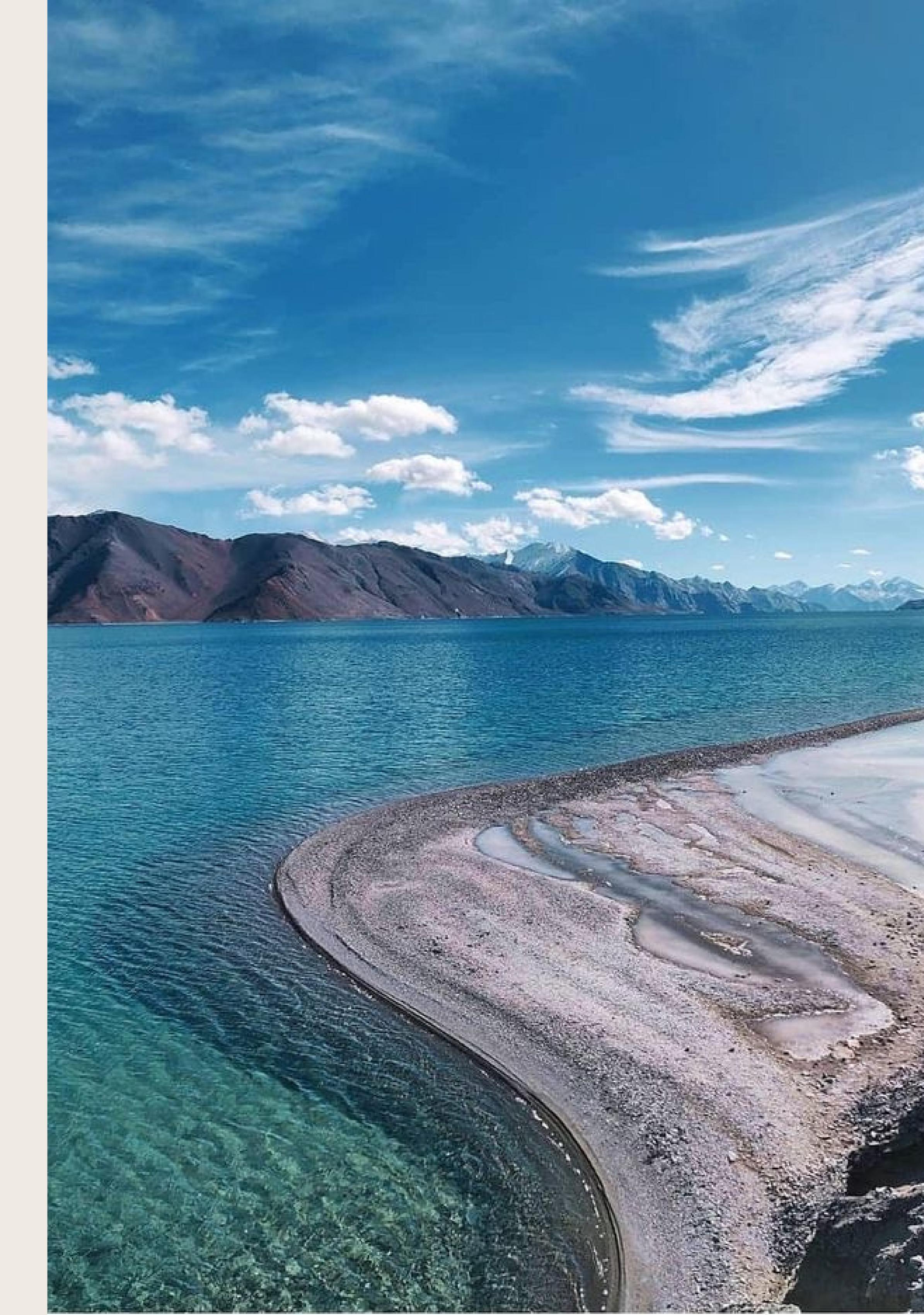
A pit stop at the Black necked crane migration point.

#### PM

Once you have arrived, simply relax and settle down in the comfort of your room. After a while, stroll beside the lake and witness the enchanting sunset.

Post dinner, witness the highly captivating night sky of Pangong Tso with a telescope.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner at Resort



### Day 6:

#### <u>Enroute to Nubra Valley - The Valley of</u> <u>Flowers</u>

Early in the morning, enjoy the beautiful sunrise. After breakfast, start your drive to Nubra Valley driving past the Shyok river.

#### PM

Post arrival, relax and settle down in the comfort of your room. Walk around the property and immerse in the enchanting landscape of the Nubra valley.

In the evening, witness the beautiful night sky with a telescope at the resort.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner at Resort



# Day 7:

#### Leisure Day At Nubra Valley

After breakfast, visit the sand dunes of Hunder and enjoy a ride on the majestic Bactrian camel followed by a visit to the Diskit monastery.

#### PM BBQ & Stargazing at Sumur Sand Dunes

A walking trail in the vicinity of the resort, to understand the flora and fauna of the region. The evening is to witness the mesmerizing night sky of Nubra with a telescope on the sand dunes along with appetizers and dinner.

Meals: Breakfast at Resort & Dinner at the Sand Dunes



## Day 8:

#### Enroute to Leh

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and start your drive back to Leh. A pit stop at the one of the Highest Mountain Passes - Khardung La.

#### PM

Post arrival, relax and settle down in the comfort of your room.

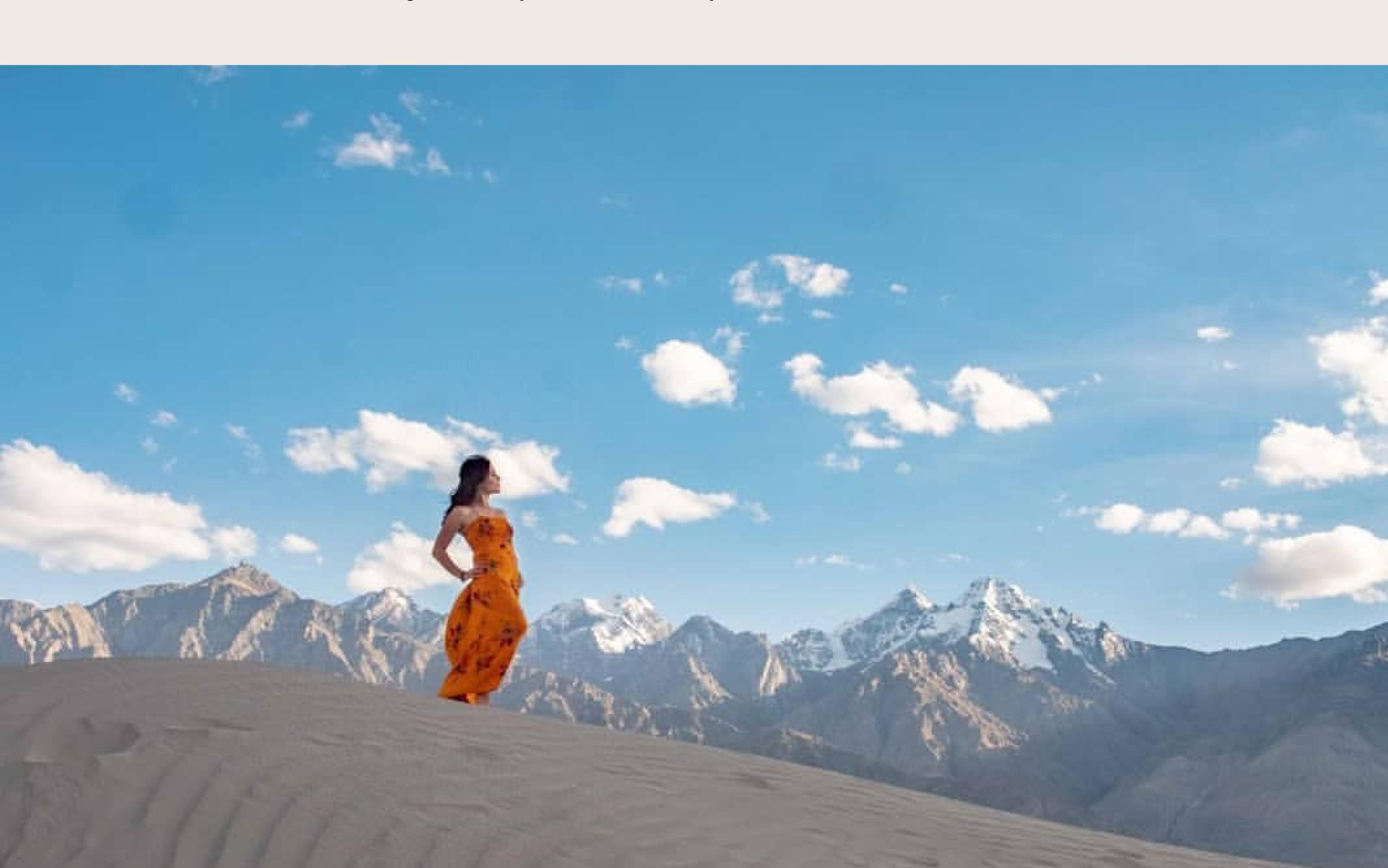
Later in the evening, walk around the market to pick up souvenirs for near and dear ones.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner at Resort



## Day 9: Departure

After breakfast, head towards the airport. It is time to bid farewell whilst you carry memories of the starry skies amongst the impressive landscape in the mystical land of the Lamas.





## Package Cost

At LN Travel, all of our luxury escapades are individually tailored to suit your needs and timescale. As your travel partner, this suggested journey starts from Rs 1,26,100 per person

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# Package Inclusions

- Hygienic & comfortable transportation (Innova Crysta)
- Welcome drinks on arrival at Hotels/Camps/Homestays
- Accommodation on double sharing basis in 1 Double Room
- Sightseeing transfers as per itinerary
- Signature Experience Included BBQ & Stargazing at Sand Dunes
- Meals as per itinerary
- Highly professional Driver
- Oxygen Cylinders
- Inner line Permit
- Evening Tea with Freshly Baked Cookies from In-House Bakery at Lchang Nang

## 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 any extra transportation charges due to any natural calamity
- Doesn't include any activity & entrance 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.

