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RANGDUM VALLEY

30 August - 8 September

About the trip

Date: 30 August-8 September, 2014

Cost: Rs 77,000/- (The cost of the trip is inclusive of everything Srinagar to Srinagar)

An enchanted Shangri-la—Rangdum Valley—encircled by the majestic Himalayas is a nature lover's treat. In autumn this year, when the colour of the leaves turn from yellow to orange to red, WWF-Explorers embarks on a 10-day trek to Rangdum Valley in the district of Kargil via Dachigam, Drass, Suru Valley on to Rangdum. This pristine locale seems unhindered by the distant echoes of war that once ravaged the area. Now, the droves of people visit this region.

The 10-day trek comprises sight-seeing as the troupe pass through Kargil, where a solitary war memorial solemnly stands. The next pit-stop, is the nine-metre high rock-cut of Buddha carved into the exterior facade of the mountains en route to Rangdum Valley. Locally referred to as Chamba, several interpretations exist with regard to its chronology. At Drass as the echoes of war victories ring louder, one gets a clear view of Tiger Hill. The picturesque Suru Valley and its lush green meadows are named after the fast-flowing river Suru, with its waters sourced from the Drangdrun glacial melt.

This trek provides an admixture of historical experiences and a communion with nature. WWF-India, between 2010 and 2012 was avidly monitoring the movements of the Himalayan brown bear, which is a distant cousin of the grizzly bear. The alpine meadows of Rangdum Valley hold many surprises including the 400-year-old Rangdum Gompa or monastery. More easy to spot are the ibex, long-tailed marmot, wolf, red fox, golden eagle, coots and wagtails.

Detailed Itinerary

30 AUG

Arrival at Srinagar
Night stay at Srinagar and morning visit to Dachigam NP

31 AUG

Departure to Kargil. Night Stay at Kargil

1-5 SEP

Rangdum and exploring the side valleys

6 SEP

Departure to Kargil

7 SEP

Kargil to Srinagar

8 SEP

Departure for Delhi



WWF-Explorers - Terms and Conditions

- 1 The Participant has read the programme and understands and accepts the details relevant to the programme in the calendar.
- 2 During multiple accommodation facilities at the camp site, Participant must adjust to the facilities provided and no separate accommodation will be provided. WWF staff will decide the allotments and sharing arrangements, if any, and no alterations will be allowed.
- 3 The Participant shall do no act, which directly or indirectly causes irritation, injury or harm to any wild animal, bird or its habitat.
- 4 The Participant accepts that the programme is subject to change and WWF has the sole right to change the programme. WWF will inform the Participant of such change(s) as soon as its feasible for WWF to intimate the participants. WWF reserves the right to cancel or abort any program due to lack of Participants or Force Majeure i.e. war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, political events, terrorist activity, health epidemics, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather, fire, flight cancellations/ programme changes, bus or train cancellation/ schedule changes, road blocks, landslides, vehicle breakdowns, including, but not limited to any reasons beyond the reasonable control of WWF. If an alternative tour is not possible, programme fee which the Participant has paid to WWF will be refunded after deducting cancellation charges as per cancellation policy in clause 16 below. Any and all loss or liabilities incurred due to such cancellation by the Participant shall be to his/ her own account and WWF shall not be held responsible or liable for the same.
- 5 The Participant is solely responsible for his/ her luggage and belongings and WWF shall not be held liable for the loss or damage of such luggage and belongings.
- 6 A Participant applying for an Indian visa is solely responsible for the application and any cost or damages arising out of a refusal of visa by the Indian Embassy/ Consulate shall be borne by the Participant.
- 7 The Participant shall not carry, consume or possess in any manner whatsoever alcohol, drugs or intoxicants of any kind during the programme.
- 8 The Participant shall not carry any inflammable item or music system, walkman etc. or wear bright or fluorescent colour in the forest area.
- 9 The Participant is required to carry his/ her own comfortable walking shoes, water bottles, cap, torch, and mosquito repellents.
- 10 Every group shall have a group leader and the Participant shall strictly follow the instructions given to him/ her by such group leader.
- 11 The Participant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the camp in which the Participant is placed.
- 12 If at any time the Participant is in breach of these Terms and Conditions or is found misbehaving or causing harm to another Participant, he/ she will be required to leave camp immediately, shall forfeit programme fee and will be responsible for his/ her own costs and for any costs/ liability incurred by WWF.
- 13 This arrangement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of India and the courts in New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.
- 14 The Participant indemnifies and undertakes to keep WWF indemnified from and against all expenses, damages, loss, legal fee and expenses and proceedings, incurred and/or suffered by WWF and arising out of any dispute relating to booking, payment or travel or otherwise, arising out of this agreement.

Cancellation Policy

- 15 All cancellations after registration must be communicated to WWF in writing by the Participant immediately. Cancellation charges will be levied and deducted at source from program fee paid as follows:
- Upto 31 days before departure: 10%
 - 16 – 30 days before departure: 25%
 - 15 – 7 days before departure: 60%
 - Upto 3 days before departure: 100%

Disclaimer



- 16 The Participant acknowledges that there are third parties/ WWF's service providers involved in the execution of the programme and WWF is not liable for the acts, errors, omissions, representations, warranties, breaches or negligence of any kind by such third party(ies) for any personal injuries, death, damage, or loss or expenses resulting therefrom.
- 17 WWF does not make any representations regarding the quality or standard of services provided by any third party during the term of the programme and it shall not be held liable for any lack or deficiency of service provided by such third party(ies).
- 18 WWF shall not be held responsible or liable for any loss, damages, cost or liability to the Participant caused by Force Majeure (as defined in clause 5) during the term of the programme.
- 19 WWF shall not be held responsible or liable for any injuries, accident or death caused to the Participant during the program including caused by animal or reptile attack.
- 20 WWF shall not be held responsible for any medical episode involving the Participant during the program that causes discomfort, injury or death. For “difficult” category programmes, Participant will have to submit medical certificate and information relating to medical history as required by WWF at any stage before commencement of the programme and participation will be subject to the Participant being considered medically fit by WWF. Notwithstanding and without prejudice to anything contained in clauses 17 to 21 above, WWF, or any of its staff involved in the programme, are hereby discharged from all liability arising out of claim for negligence, tort or otherwise and shall not be liable for any special or exemplary damages, and in any event, WWF's liability in tort or breach of contract, shall, under no circumstances, exceed the amount received as programme fee from the Participant.
- 21 The Participant hereby agrees to abide by all terms and condition of WWF contained herein.

Participant Signature : _____ Date: _____



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