Saser Kangri I

***Overview***

* Trail Type: Expedition/Climbing
* Base Camp: Leh
* Nearest Rail Head: Jammu
* Best Season: July-August- September
* Services From: Leh to Leh
* Airport: Leh
* Region: Ladakh
* Duration: 31 Days
* Grade: Very Difficult
* Max Altitude: 7672 M
* Meals: On trek – All meals included
* Accommodation: Hotel/Guesthouse; Organized Campsite.
* Route: Delhi - Leh - Nubra - Panamik - Base Camp – Attempt peak – Base Camp - Panamik - Nubra – Leh.

***Tour Description***

In the rugged embrace of Ladakh’s Nubra valley, where the sun-kissed peaks of the eastern

Karakoram range pierce the heavens, lies an awe-inspiring group of mountains known as

Saser Kangri. The very name, whispered through the local lore of Ladakh, evokes the image

of a majestic Yellow Peak, where Saser signifies the vibrant hue of yellow, and Kangri symbolizes the pure, snow-covered crowns of these lofty summits.

Within this cluster of sublime grandeur, five resplendent summits stand tall, each a

testament to natur’s grand design. First, there is the regal Saser Kangri-I, soaring proudly at

an elevation of 7672 meters. Following closely behind is the formidable Saser Kangri-II,

reaching an imposing height of 7518 meters. The enigmatic Saser Kangri-III, veiled in

mystique, stands resolute at 7495 meters. Further still, we find the noble Saser Kangri-IV, its

peak piercing the heavens at 7416 meters. And last but not least, the plateau-like summit,

simply known as Plateau, gracing the sky at a remarkable 7287 meters.

This extraordinary cluster of peaks has long enticed the hearts of intrepid mountaineers. It is

a realm where challenges test the very limits of human ability, and where the spirit of

exploration flourishes. In 1973, a momentous achievement marked the successful ascent of

Saser Kangri, etching a milestone in mountaineering history, for it stands as one of the most

technically demanding peaks to conquer in India.

Among the group, Saser Kangri-II, with its lofty height and elusive allure, stood unconquered

for years, guarding its summit from human footsteps. Until 2012, it held the title of being

the second highest unclimbed peak on Earth, captivating the imagination of climbers far and

wide.

The guardianship of these awe-inspiring heights is diligently observed by the Indian

Mountaineering Foundation and the Ministry of Home Affairs. To protect the pristine

beauty and ecological balance of the region, they permit joint expeditions to partake in the

exhilarating quest for these summits. Such an exclusive opportunity is granted only to those

who approach with respect, reverence, and a commitment to preserve the untouched

wilderness. Saser Kangri and its surrounding peaks beckon those with a yearning for adventure,

challenging them to conquer the unconquered, and reminding all who dare to venture that

nature’s beauty must be cherished and safeguarded. In this majestic realm of snow and

stone, the dreams of climbers intertwine with the soul of the mountains, creating an eternal

bond that echoes across the ages.

***Itinerary***

DAY 1: DELHI - LEH (3,524 M)

Upon reaching Leh, you will check-in at the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to relax and

acclimate to the high altitude. Enjoy an overnight stay at the hotel in Leh.

DAY 2: LEH (ACCLIMATIZATION DAY)

After breakfast in the morning, we will take you on a hike to visit the Shanti Stupa and Leh

Palace, two iconic landmarks in Leh. The remainder of the day is free for you to acclimatize

and explore the local markets of Leh for shopping. In the evening, you can take a leisurely

stroll in the nearby market area or simply relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 3: LEH - PANAMIK (3750 M)

Following breakfast, you will check out from the hotel and embark on a drive to Panamik.

Along the way, we will cross the renowned Khardung La pass, the highest motorable pass in

the world, standing at 5602 meters above sea level. Upon arriving in Panamik, we will

continue driving to Phukpuche, where you will spend the night in tents or homestays.

DAY 4: PHUKPUCHE (ACCLIMATIZATION DAY)

This day is reserved for acclimatization, completing necessary paperwork, and making

logistical preparations. Enjoy a relaxed day at the camp or homestay.

DAY 5: PHUKPUCHE - BASE CAMP (4885 M)

After breakfast, you will commence your trek towards the base camp. It will be a long day,

as the trek may take approximately 8 hours. Upon reaching the base camp, you will set up

for an overnight stay.

DAY 6 TO DAY 29: BASE CAMP - SUMMIT - BASE CAMP

Over the course of the next 24 days (Day 6 to Day 29), you will be establishing higher camps

and making attempts to summit Mt. Saser Kangri - 1. After each summit attempt, you will

descend back to the base camp for rest and recovery.

DAY 30: BASE CAMP - PANAMIK

On this day, you will trek back to Panamik from the base camp. Enjoy an overnight stay at a

camp or homestay in Panamik.

DAY 31: PANAMIK - LEH

Today, we will drive back to Leh from Panamik. Rest and relax with an overnight stay at the

hotel in Leh.

***Packing List***

* T-shirts.
* Trekking Pants, Thick warm Lowers.
* Windproof jacket, Downfeather Jacket preferably with a hood.
* Warm and thick Fleece.
* Full-sleeve Woollen sweater.
* Thermal inner wear (upper & lower).
* Woollen cap, Woollen Gloves, Woollen socks & regular socks (3-4 pairs).
* Scarf/Muffler (optional), Balaclava or a woolen cap.
* Comfortable Trekking/Hiking shoes (shoes with a thick sole are recommended).
* Lightweight Towel(1 unit).
* Toilet Paper (plenty).
* Wet-Tissue Papers(plenty).
* Lightweight floaters/sandals/slippersRaincoat / Poncho, Small light weight Towel.
* Water bottle.
* Sunscreen Lotion.
* Cap to keep the intense sun away from your face, Sunglasses.
* Walking stick / Trekking Pole,Head Torch / Flashlight (with extra batteries).
* Medicines (if requiring any particular medication).
* Personal toiletries.
* Day pack/small bag which you will Carry on your back every day and keep your essentials in it.
* Camera with charged batteries.