SASPOYSE TO SKURU

Snow capped mountains, lush green valleys, Clear blue skies, pollution free atmosphere, the ebbing rivers, and out of the world experiences, if these are your needs, then the trek from Saspoyse to Skuru is the best trek for you. This short trek takes you through the vivid flora and fauna in Leh, Ladak as well as the beautiful yet dangerous path through nature. Best done in between June and September, this week long trek is sure to give you memorable memories.

SHORT ITINERARY

Day 1:

Drive to Saspotse.

Trek to shepherd’s place.

Duration: 3-4 hours

Day 2:

Trek from Shepherd’s place to Lago-La base camp.

Duration: 4hrs

Day 3:

Trek from Lago-La base camp to Rakuruk Doksa via the Lago-La pass.

Duration: 9 hrs

Day 4:

Trek from Rakuruk Doksa to Rakuruk

Duration:4-5 hrs

Day 5:

Trek Rakuruk to Skuru

Duration: 3.5hrs

Day 6:

Drive back to camp

LONG ITINERARY

Day 1: Saspotse to Shepherd’s Place

The day starts after breakfast with a drive from Leh, down to our trek start point Saspotse. The drive takes approximately 2 hrs covering 65km. Enroute the river Indus keeps us company till we reach Saspotse village. The road leads futher down to Hemis Schukpachen, however we follow the path through the valley, walking due North, west of the river Saspol Tokpo. Our trail leads us along till we reach a river junction at an altitude of 4345m and continuing further for an hour we reach Shepherd’s place where we set up camp for the night. The altitude at Shepherd’s place is 4500m.

Day 2: Shepherd’s Place to Lago-La Base Camp.

The trek today will take you to the Lago-La base camp situated at an altitude of 5,000m above sea level. If we follow the trail north, we pass through moraines and further along the river Saspol Tokpo. There are several rivers along the trail today and a dry one called Zingog at an altitude of 4600m. A short climb along the trail, at approx. 4700m, we can find a beautiful yellow lake called Tso Sermo. Further, the trail leads past an abandoned shepherd’s place before we arrive at base camp just after crossing a river.

Day 3: Lago-La base camp to Rakuruk Doksa via the Lago-La pass

Today is the most difficult part of the entire trek as we would be trekking straight for 9 hrs and gaining almost 400m before descending down to reach Rakuruk Doksa. If we follow the trail due North, at an altitude of 5180m we reach our first lake Tso Chiang Gongma. Further climb will take us to the highest point in today’s trek at an altitude of 5400m which is the pass at Lago-La. From the top we can enjoy the beautiful valleys below as well as the Zanskar and the Saltoro ranges. After enjoying the beautiful views, we start our descent down through the glacier. However, during summer time, the glacier melts and forms a river which the locals call as Rhakura. Enroute, enjoy the beautiful violet flowers and continue descending down to reach Rakuruk Doksa which is located at the junction of two valleys. We will camp here for the night after a tiring day at an altitude of 4720m

Day 4: Rakuruk Doksa to Rakuruk

We will start a little late today after a sumptuous breakfast. Following the Rukuruk river, we trek alongside pastures with great views of the mountain ranges. 4 to 5 hours of trek brings us into the Rakuruk village where we will camp for the night. If you are not tired, you can explore the village which itself is very beautiful with various food crops like barley, pea and vegetables grown. The rich river source makes the valley abundantly blessed with various types of colorful flowers.

Day 5: Rakuruk to Skuru

Today is going to be a short trek taking approx. 3.5 hours to complete. The trail follows the river which turns narrow until it reaches a gorge. Continue along the narrow path and be careful as the trail is treacherous before the gorge opens into the Nubra Valley. The village of Skuru is located here which is at an altitude of 3150m. Camp here for the night as tomorrow we will drive back to Leh and from the towards our destinations.

Day 6: Drive back to camp

The day begins lazily after a proper breakfast to Leh via Khardong-La. The drive covers approx. 150km where we can enjoy the beautiful valley along the route. There are several villages en-route where we will stop for lunch and tea like Hundar, Deskit and Sumer till we reach Leh.