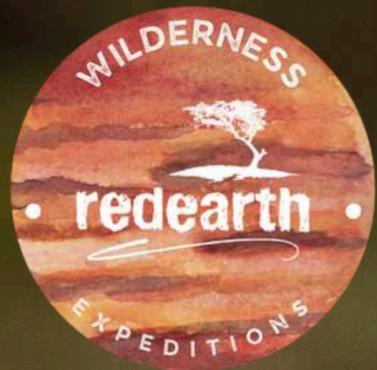


# SNOW LEOPARD

## EXPEDITION



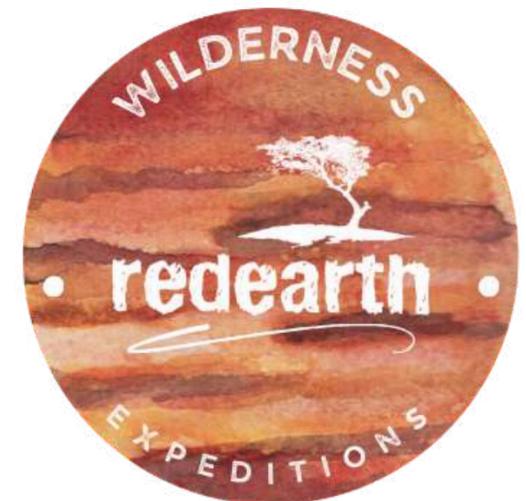


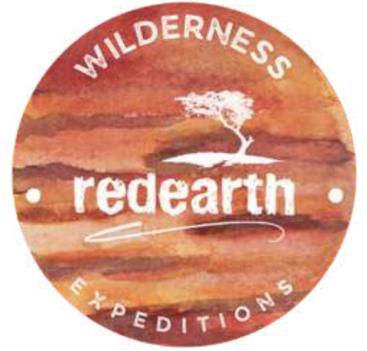
# INTRODUCTION

## ABOUT RED EARTH EXPEDITIONS

Red Earth Expeditions invites you on a curated journey where adventure, wilderness and cultural immersion meet breathtaking landscapes.

Our expeditions blend wildlife encounters, spiritual explorations, and culinary delights, creating unforgettable experiences. Join us for a personalized adventure, forging connections amidst the diverse tapestry of cultures and natural wonders.





THE EXPEDITION

# SNOW LEOPARD

Welcome to Red Earth Expeditions' exclusive Snow Leopard Trek! Join us for an extraordinary journey into the heart of Ladakh's Himalayas, where you'll have the rare opportunity to witness the elusive Snow Leopard in its natural habitat. With our expert guides and naturalists, who have worked with renowned projects like BBC's Planet Earth II, you'll explore the stunning landscapes of Ulley, Saspoche, and Hemis Shukpachen.

This adventure offers not just the thrill of spotting Snow Leopards, but also the chance to encounter other unique wildlife and experience the rich cultural heritage of Ladakh.



MEET YOUR GUIDE

# KC NAMGYAL

Working with the Snow Leopard Conservancy for more than 20 years, KC Namgyal has been our expert Snow Leopard Guide and he is easily one of the top Snow Leopard spotters in the world. He has successfully led over 40 Snow Leopard Sightings in the past years- you are in the best hands while on the tour. Murup is second to none; this year he has spotted a Mother & 2 cubs of snow leopard and led independent tours with top travel companies.





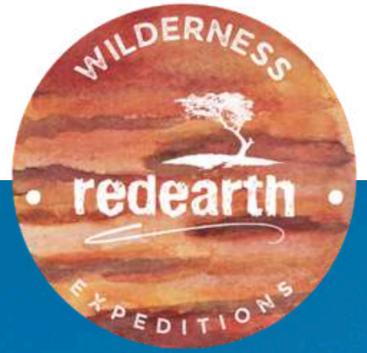
DAY 1

# ARRIVE IN LEH

Arrive at Leh and transfer to Hotel in Leh. Leh is situated at an altitude of 3500mts and is the capital of the once ancient Himalayan kingdom of Ladakh.

Upon arrival at the hotel - a warm cup of tea will be served and you will be briefed about the trek. Spend the day acclimatizing in the Hotel as your body needs to adjust to the low oxygen levels.

Your stay will be at Chospa, premium accommodations in the heart of Leh.

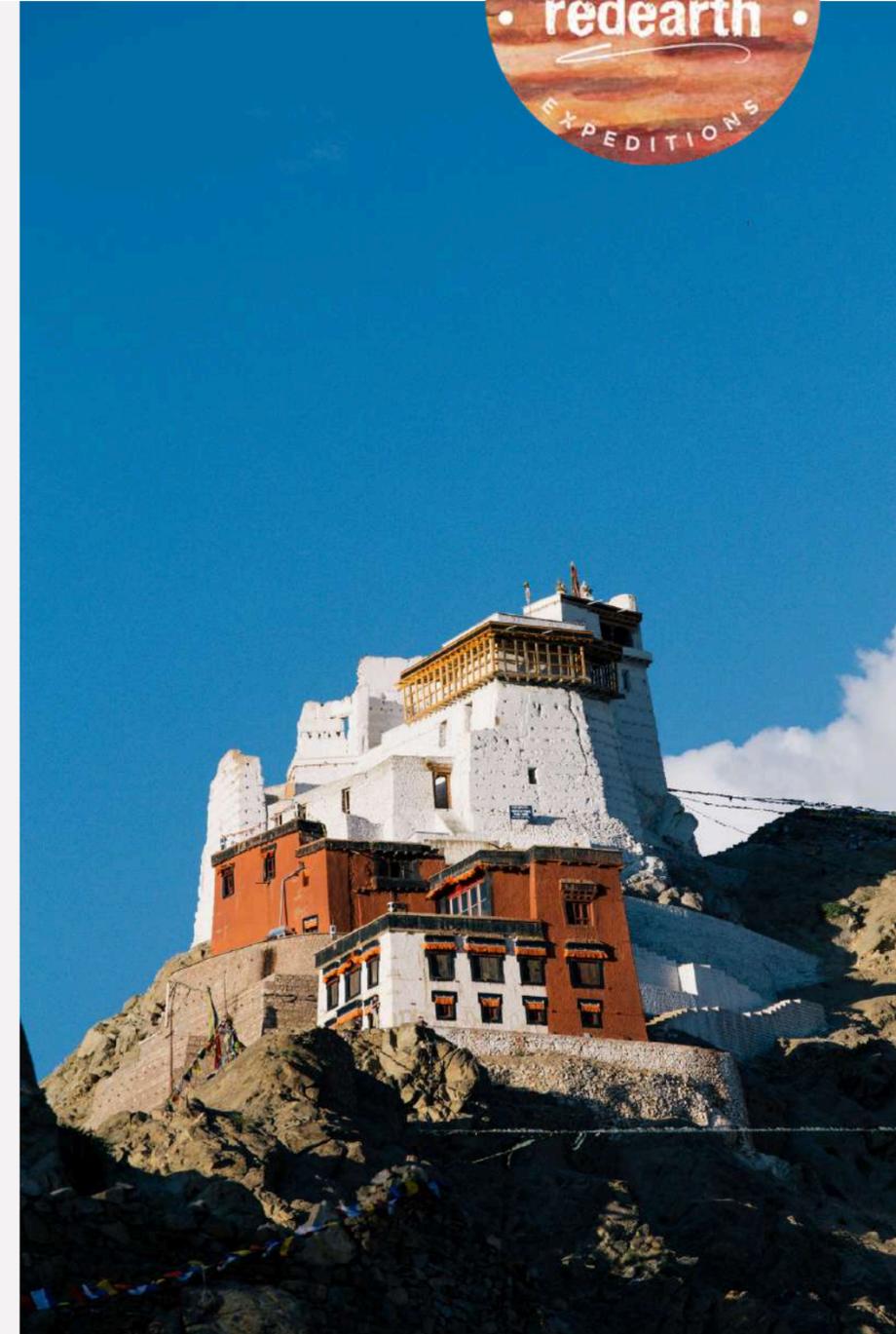
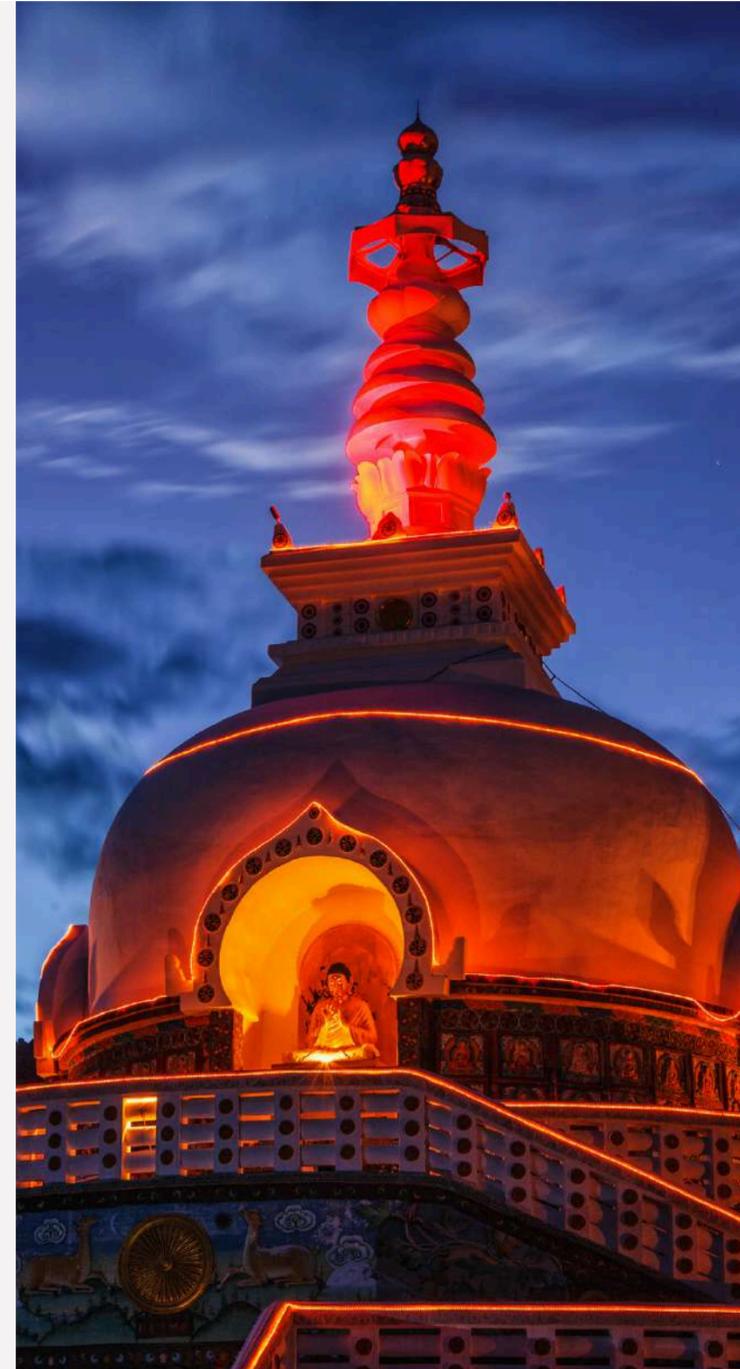


DAY 2

# AROUND LEH

After breakfast, we drive along the Indus River to look for the Ibisbill or the Solitary Snipe. You may find a Harrier and also a few species of ducks. Spend the 1st half birding and then we head back to the hotel for Lunch.

Post lunch take a little rest and by evening head out to see the Shanti Stupa, Leh Palace and Namgyal Tsemo





## YOUR STAY IN LEH

# CHOSPA HOTEL

Hotel Chospa is a stunning retreat nestled in the heart of the vibrant city centre of Leh, located on the Old Leh Road. This enchanting abode has been curated to cater to the discerning explorer and those who appreciate the finer things in life.

Chospa is the union of contemporary hospitality with the scenic and material biome of Ladakh. The architecture mirrors the traditional Ladakhi construction and materiality, rendering an ambience familiar to locals and unique for visitors.



DAY 3

# LEH TO ULLEY

After an early breakfast head to Ulley in Western Ladakh. Enroute you will come across the confluence of Zaskar & Indus river. At Nimoo you can stop for a Tea break and then head westwards to visit the Likir Monastery. Post the monastery visit we head to Ulley.

The total drive time will be 3-4 hrs. Ulley is situated at an altitude of 4100mts. It is essential to again rest at Ulley for at least an hour before attempting any physical activity. Ulley has a total of 5 households and we will be staying at the Above & Beyond Lodge, a centrally heated accommodation in the village.



DAY 4

# ULLEY

Early morning scouting for snow leopard signs and possible sightings just above the lodge. The lodge has magnificent views of the valley and one can easily look at the ridge lines for almost 360 degrees. In the past we have had many Snow Leopard, wolves and Ibex sightings from the lodge grounds. After breakfast hike up to the North towards Ulley Phu. The trek will be about 2-3 hours walk. From higher ground we have better chances of spotting the cat and also tracking any possible movements of the cat. Spend the day scanning the ridge lines of Ulley phu.





DAY 5

# ULLEY

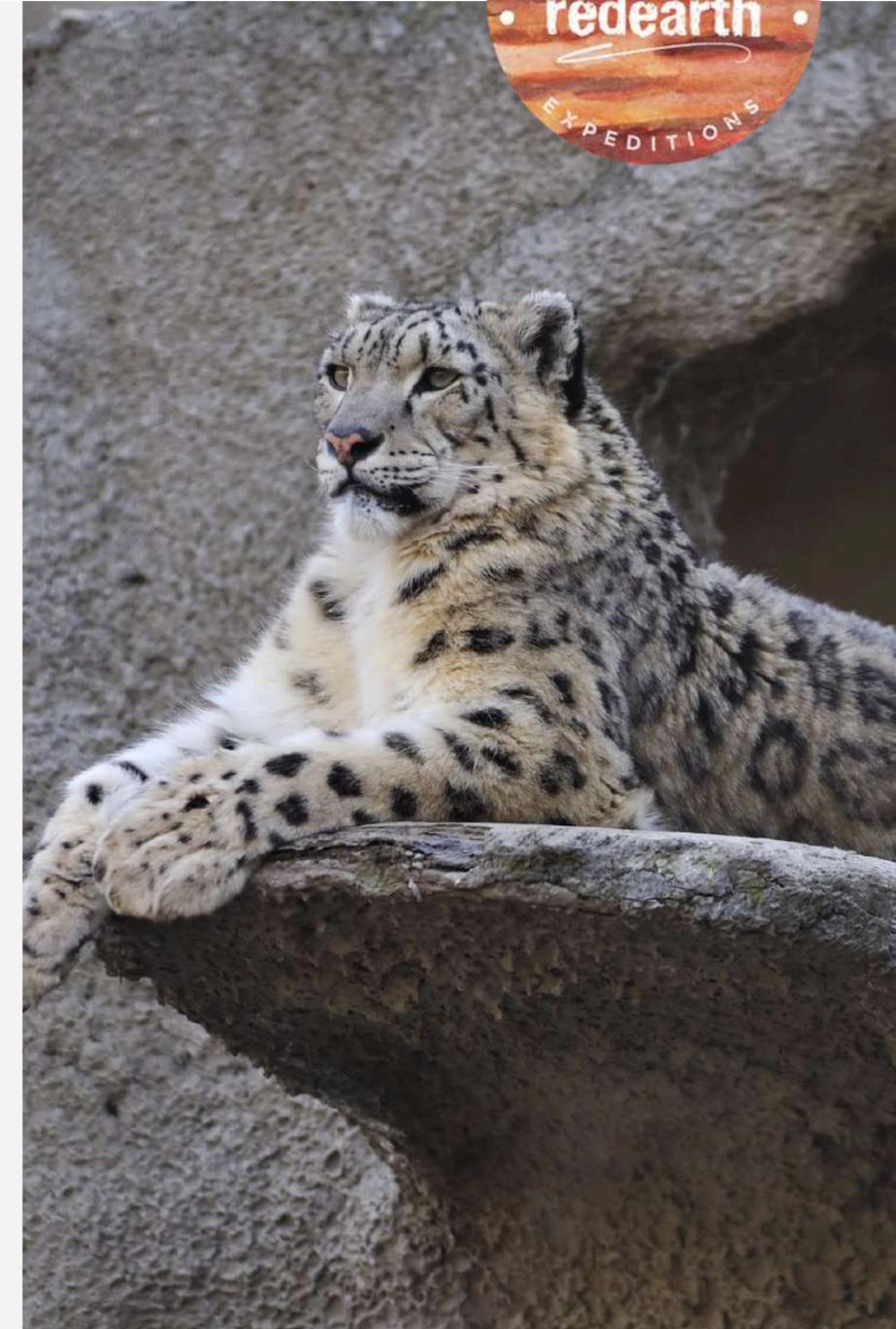
Early morning scan around the ridgelines of the lodge. Post breakfast we head towards Spango Nala. The trek time is about an hour. Spango has been one of our most successful sighting areas for the snow leopard. The valley is quiet and undisturbed by human habitation thus we have found many kills in this valley.

DAY 6, 7 & 8

# ULLEY / SASPOCHE / HEMIS SHUKPACHEN

From Day 7 to Day 9 we may also explore the neighboring villages of Saspoche and Hemis Shukpachen. Both these village have regular Snow leopard and wolf sightings.

The drive time to both these villages is about an hour from Ulley. Between these 3 villages we have mostly seen a pack of 5 to 8 wolves at a time.



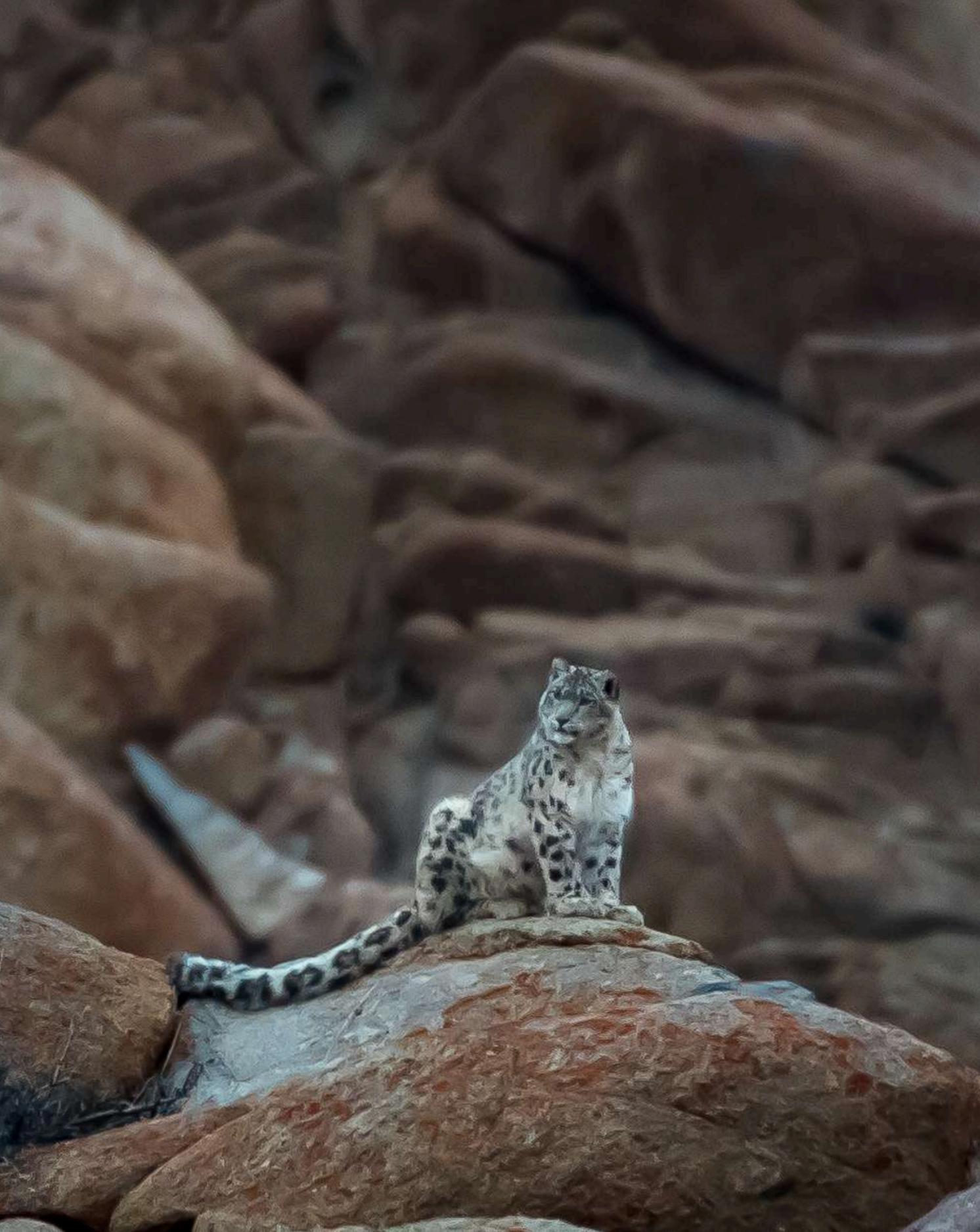


## YOUR STAY IN ULLEY

# ABOVE & BEYOND LODGE

Above & Beyond offers a unique and comfortable experience in the prime habitat for wildlife in western Ladakh. Unlike typical experiences of searching for the snow leopard, this lodge provides a comfortable stay, ideal for wildlife enthusiasts who appreciate comfort while being out in the wild.

**Most wildlife sightings occur around the lodge itself, as it is situated at a higher altitude compared to other homestays in the village.**



DAY 9

## ULLEY - LEH

After Breakfast, walk down for an hour to reach the car- drive back to Leh for a hot shower!

DAY 10

## DEPART





# DATES

November 2nd & 15th  
December 2nd & 15th  
January 2nd & 15th,  
February 2nd & 15th  
March 2nd & 15th



# DHIRAJ

## EXPEDITIONS EXPERT

Dhiraj is a passionate wildlife biologist and herpetologist specialising in King cobras and rainforest ecology. For over 14 years, he has dedicated himself to field-based research on reptiles and amphibians in the Western Ghats rainforests. He worked extensively with Whitaker, honing his skills. Later, as a senior Naturalist at Jamtara Wilderness Camp, he became intimately conversant with the great wilderness of Central India.

Dhiraj was honoured as a Disney conservation hero in 2011 for his outstanding education and outreach efforts. Dhiraj firmly believes in inspiring the younger generation to develop a love for nature and wildlife, fostering their contribution to conservation. Since his teenage years, he has organised captivating workshops and awareness programs for schools and colleges. He excels at simplifying the intricate world of behavioural ecology, allowing him to engage with guests and effectively communicate the wonders of wildlife.



# JESWIN

## EXPEDITIONS EXPERT

Jeswin Kingsly's journey from Marine Engineering to Wildlife Conservation is inspiring. Despite a hunting background, he became a dedicated Naturalist in Central India, starting with WWF's Tiger Project and later working on Elephant Conflict Mitigation in the Nilgiris Biosphere. Raised in the Western Ghats, his love for nature, particularly snakes and butterflies, led him to co-found "Wildlife Wranglers" for conservation education.

His work with the forest department and the award-winning film 'Kaliru' underscores his commitment. Mentored by Belinda Wright at Kipling Camp, Jeswin continues to advance conservation, using photography to raise awareness about nature's beauty and importance.

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