

# SNOW LEOPARD EXPEDITION - SPITI



# WHO WE ARE

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Founded in **1993**, Banjara has a deep-rooted presence in the Indian Himalayas when it comes to hospitality and adventure. Through our experiences we hope to share the same spirit of adventure & exploration with everyone and also bring the best of adventure and hospitality together in doing so.



# TRIP LEAD / MENTOR

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Popularly known as the "**Snow Leopard Man** of India", **Ismail Shariff** is an internationally featured nature & wildlife photographer, and fine art print-maker from Hyderabad, India.

Ismail is also a conservationist and works with the Snow Leopard Trust to experience ecosystem realities first-hand to educate on the existence and survival of this keystone species. In 2019, he was invited to the Snow Leopard Conservation Conference in Astana, Kazakhstan to showcase his work and findings.

Ismail's philosophy is to create uncommon images with common subjects while promoting awareness around critical issues of wildlife conservation.



**ISMAIL SHARIFF**





## CHANDIGARH - THANEDAR

We start our journey from Chandigarh and quickly hit the Himalayan foothills eventually reaching the busy city of Shimla, capital of the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. After tackling the traffic and hustle of Shimla we drive 75 km further to our final destination for the day, **Banjara Orchard Retreat**, Thanedar.



Day 1



200 km  
/6 hrs



2350 m



## THANEDAR - KALPA

We drive further up and enter the steep mountains of Kinnaur, driving along the Sutlej River and past the numerous hydel power stations that have been built over it. The day's journey comes to a stop in Kalpa, a high point with uninterrupted views of the Kinner Kailash Massif. For non-Indians, this is also where we'll get an ILP (Inner Line Permit) processed.



Day 2



150 km  
/ 5 hrs



2950 m



## KALPA - KAZA

Today's drive will take you through dramatically changing landscapes. More so, once you start climbing from the confluence of Spiti and Sutlej rivers at Khab. The highest point of the day will be Malling Nallah from where we'll descend to the check post at Sumdo, marking our arrival in Spiti. We stop at Kaza, 500 m lower than Chicham & Kibber, an ideal place to acclimatise before going further.



Day 3



215 km  
/ 7 hrs



3700 m



**WELCOME TO  
SPITI VALLEY**

## KAZA – CHICHAM

An hour's drive from Kaza will take us to our final destination in Spiti, Chicham. This will be our base over the next few days to go out into the Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary to find Snow Leopards and more. The road will take you past Key Monastery and over Chicham Bridge before finally arriving in Chicham.



Day 4



25 km /  
1 hr



4200 m



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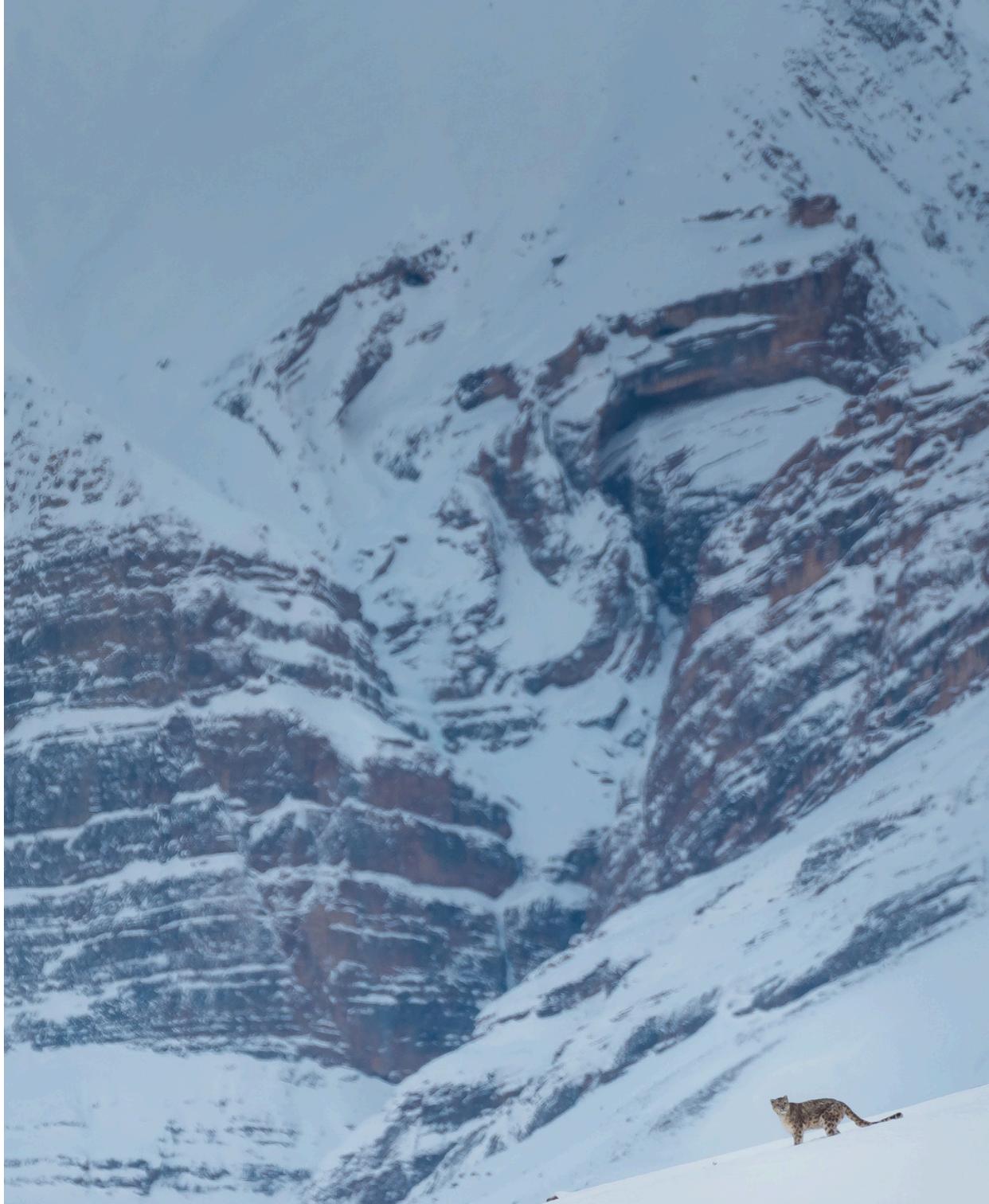


Days 5 to 9

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Located at 4200 metres above sea level, Chicham is a part of Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary which has a thriving population of Snow Leopards.

Chicham will act as our base for the coming week, as we venture out seeking the elusive Snow Leopard, and more.



OUR HOME IN  
CHICHAM

## TETHYS HIMALAYAN DEN

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Perched at the height of 4,200 meters above sea level, in the heart of picturesque Spiti Valley, lies our mountain lodge -

**Tethys Himalayan DEN**

Your safe haven for the duration of your stay here.



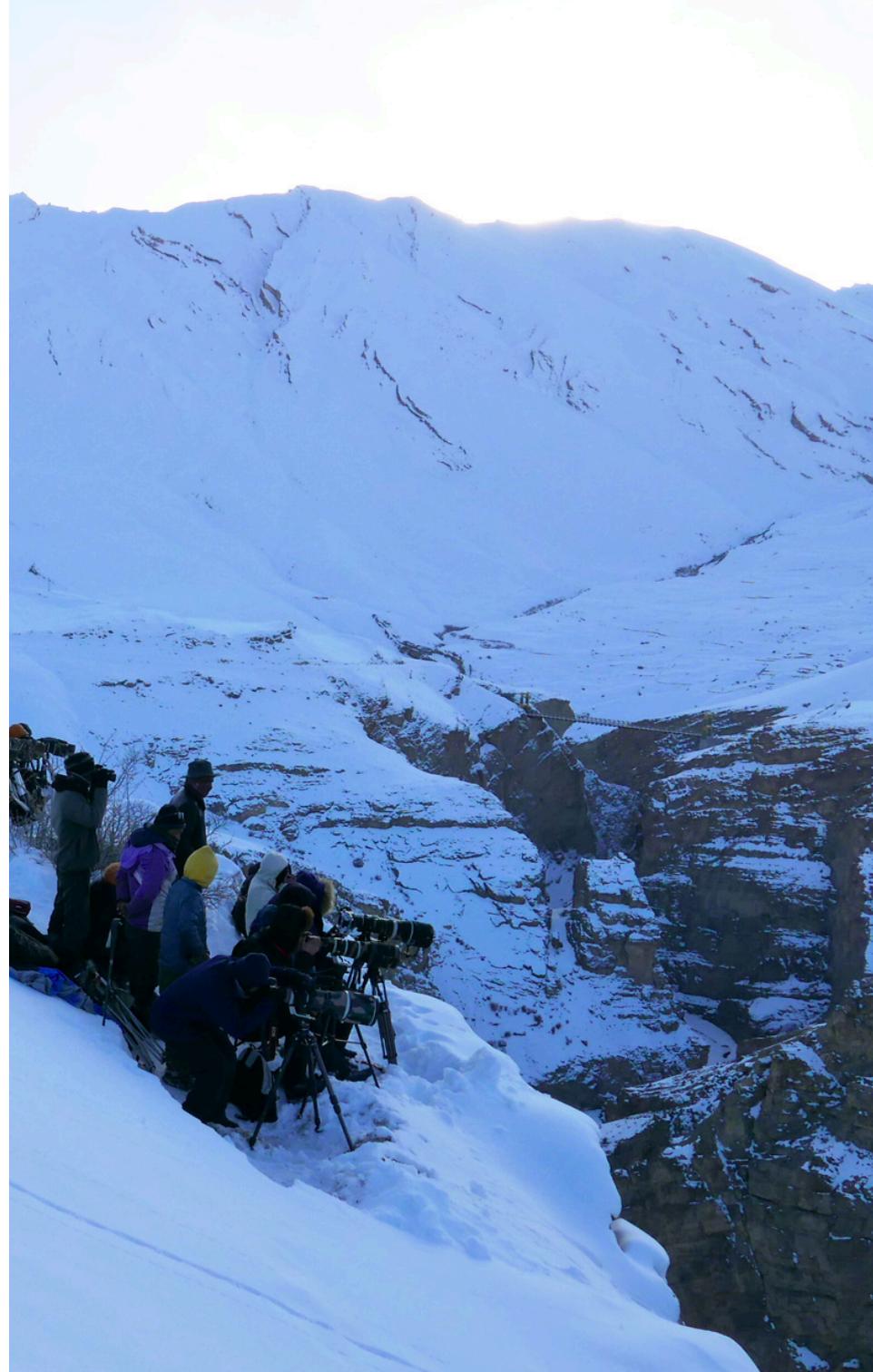
# THE DEN

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# MOMENTS AND TIMES FROM THE FIELD

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SNOW LEOPARD



HIMALAYAN IBEX



RED FOX







WINTER SHADES OF SPITI



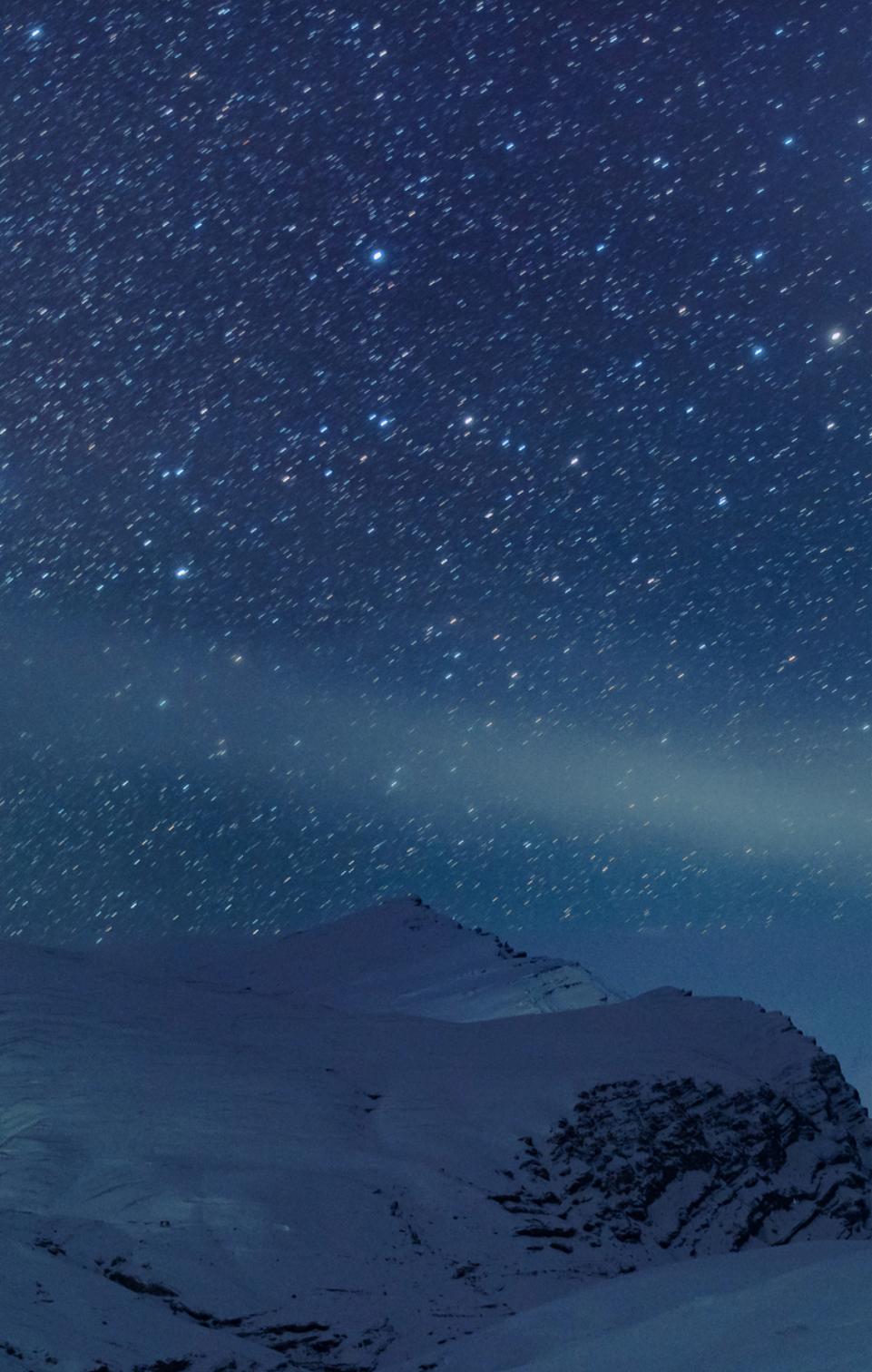
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CONDITONS.

YET LIFE  
DOESN'T STOP.

DEDICATED TO  
THE PEOPLE OF  
SPITI

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## CHICAM – RAMPUR – CHANDIGARH

Time to make our way home. The drive back to Chandigarh will be made in two days with an overnight halt at Rampur. The return to the more habitable temperatures will soon become apparent as we continue to lose altitude on our way to back.



Days 10 & 11



600 km

# INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for 10 nights on DBL
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 11.
- Ex-Chandigarh transportation by a 4 x 4 or an Innova Crysta as the situation may be.
- Wildlife viewing experience in the Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary supported by a team of dedicated spotters and a guide.
- All necessary permits, fees and entries
- Cost of Ismail Shariff accompanying the group
- First aid and support, including oxygen cylinders
- Safety communication devices like walkie talkies
- Dedicated team of assistants/porters to carry the camera equipments to field.

# EXCLUSIONS

- GST 5%
- Travel to Chandigarh and return
- Accommodation in Chandigarh
- Travel and accident insurance
- Flight/Rail/Bus tickets
- Alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses incurred during the trip
- Single room supplement
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances and factors not in our hands.
- Tips

**₹ 1,55,000/-**

**Group size: 4 to 8 PAX**



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