

Want to Experience Traditional Life in a Ladakhi Village? Try a Rumbak Village Homestay

5-6 hours trek from Phey Bridge; 3-4 hours from Rumchung Sumdo roadhead

Food (Breakfast and Dinner) & Accommodation Rate: 300/= per person per day (500/= for 2 nights)



Rumbak families have been given Homestay training, sponsored by the **Snow Leopard Conservancy**, **The Mountain Institute** and **UNESCO**.

The village lies in excellent habitat for the endangered snow leopard and its native prey, blue sheep. Blue sheep can usually be seen nearby, as well as signs of the big cats.

Homestays are part of a community-wide conservation effort in Hemis National Park, “**snow leopard capital of India.**” Homestays generate additional household income – helping

offset unavoidable economic loss due to the depredation of livestock by snow leopards.

Thus local people are encouraged to conserve predators which may threaten their livestock herds. Poaching and retributive killing of snow leopards is the major threat across the Himalaya to this rare and beautiful cat.

This pilot project serves as the basis for expanding the program to other households and settlements. Ongoing training includes nature guide skills for local youths, to take visitors wildlife watching.



You will be offered:

- a clean, comfortable room (with candle light), furnished in the Ladakhi style
- traditional Ladakhi meals, cooked hygienically using eco-friendly methods
- clean solar-boiled spring water to drink
- a clean traditional dry-composting toilet
- the opportunity to enjoy the rhythm of life in a village where farming and livestock herding has been the livelihood for centuries.

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