

SNOW LEOPARD & PALLAS'S CAT PHOTOGRAPHY EXPEDITION

January 8 – 21, 2026



MATAN
WILD
PHOTOGRAPHY

INTO THE HEART OF THE HIGH HIMALAYAS

- **14 DAYS**

Immersive wildlife photography in Ladakh

- **5 FULL DAYS**

Tracking and photographing Snow Leopards in Uley

- **3 DAYS**

Dedicated to Pallas's Cat in Hanle's alpine plains

- **AUTHENTIC**

Authentic cultural moments with local families

- **LED BY MATAN SHARON**

With expert local trackers

**TOTAL PRICE
PER PERSON**

\$6,800

The price is based on accommodation in a shared room. For single occupancy arrangements, please contact us for further details.

INTRODACTION

This winter adventure takes you deep into Ladakh, northern India — one of the most extraordinary places on Earth to photograph two of the most elusive wild cats: the Snow Leopard and the Pallas's Cat.

Operating at altitudes between 3,500 and 5,000 meters, we'll combine rugged field tracking with the comfort of dedicated wildlife lodges, guided by some of the most skilled spotters in the world.

Beyond the star species, the region offers chances to encounter Tibetan wolves, Asiatic ibex, golden eagles, lammergeiers, and more — all framed by the majestic Himalayan landscape.



ABOUT THE WILDLIFE

Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*)

Known as the "Ghost of the Mountains," this rare predator roams the rocky ridges and valleys of Uley, perfectly adapted to high-altitude life.

Pallas's Cat (*Otocolobus manul*)

A small, stocky wild cat with a dense coat and expressive face, found in the windswept alpine plains of Hanle.

Both species are masters of camouflage, making sightings and photographs a once-in-a-lifetime achievement.



TRIP OUTLINE

Day 1 – Arrival in Leh

Morning arrival, transfer to hotel, rest and acclimatization.

Day 2 – Explore Leh

Guided city and surrounding area exploration. Overnight in Leh.

Day 3 – Drive to Uley

Scenic transfer, arrival at lodge, meet tracking team.

Days 4–8 – Snow Leopard Tracking in Uley

Five days of dedicated tracking and photography, vehicle and short hikes.

Day 9 – Travel to Hanle

Full-day drive across the Changthang plateau. Overnight in Hanle.

Days 10–12 – Pallas's Cat & Wildlife in Hanle

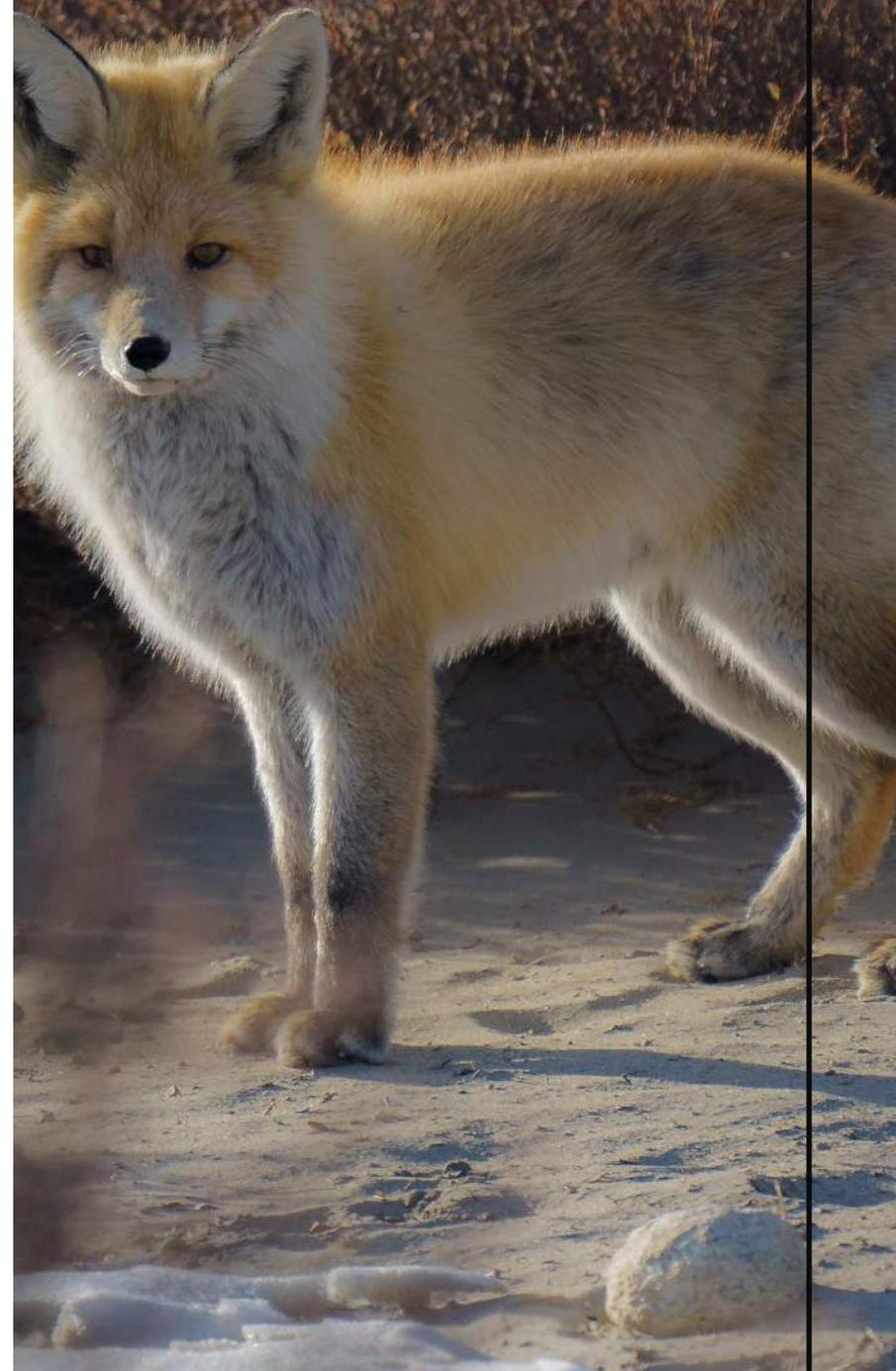
Search for Pallas's Cat, high-altitude wildlife, and landscape photography.

Day 13 – Return to Leh

Drive back, final night in the city.

Day 14 – Departure

Morning flight to Delhi. End of expedition.



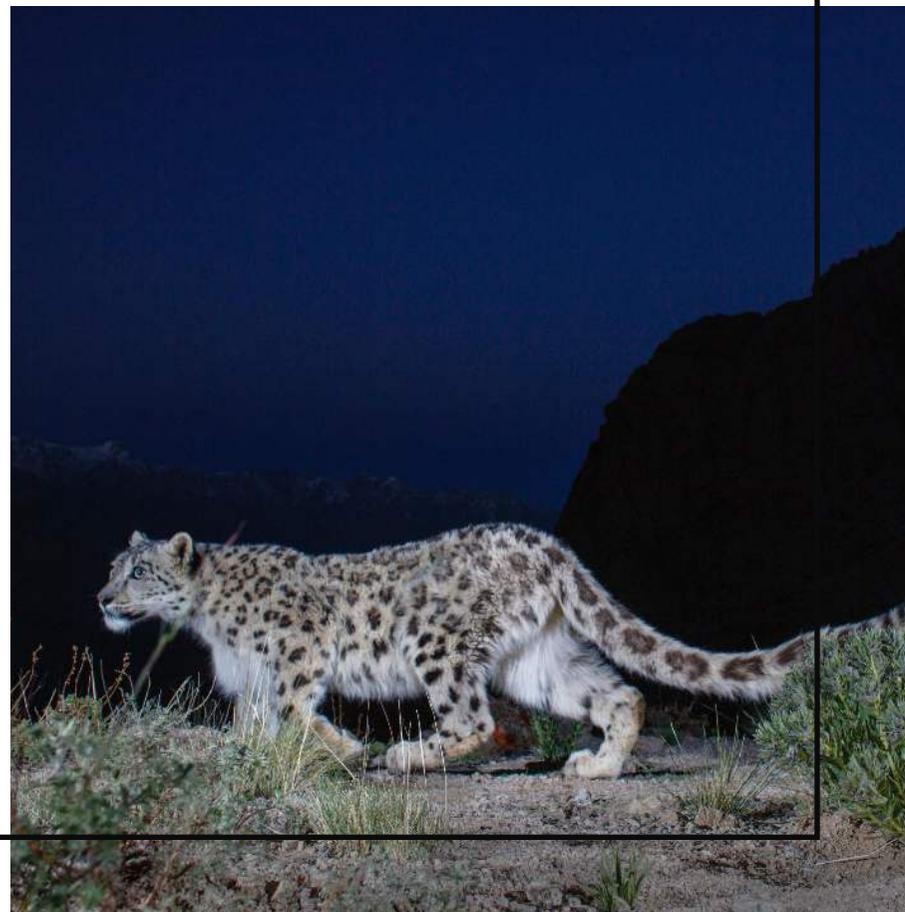
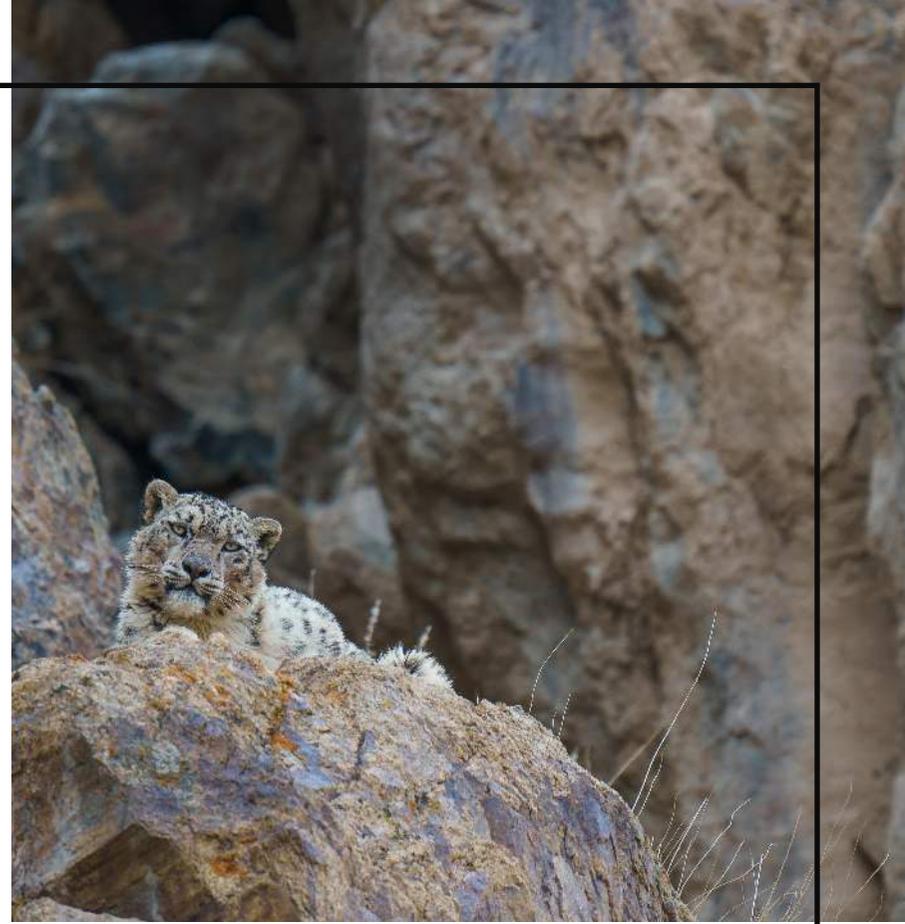
INFORMATION

What's Included?

- All accommodations (Leh, Uley, Hanle)
- All meals and non-alcoholic drinks
- Tour led by Matan Sharon
- Expert local trackers and guides
- Private wildlife vehicles
- Swarovski binoculars & scopes (shared)
- Required permits and entry fees
- Cultural tea with a local family

What's Not Included?

- International & domestic flights
- Travel & medical insurance (required)
- Alcoholic drinks, souvenirs, laundry
- Staff tips (recommended \$200 per participant)
- Personal optics



INFORMATION

Recommended Equipment

- DSLR or mirrorless camera
- Telephoto lens 200–600mm
- Wide lens 14–35mm
- Tripod + gimbal/ball head
- Spare batteries & memory cards
- Binoculars

Weather & Clothing

- Winter temperatures: cold to extreme cold
- Layered thermal clothing
- Insulated boots, gloves, hat, sunglasses
- Sun protection

Additional Guidelines

- Operates at high altitude; acclimatization days included
- Respect wildlife and maintain silence during sightings



INSURANCE

Each participant is personally responsible for purchasing appropriate travel insurance independently.

Medical insurance must be purchased immediately after registering for the tour.

It is recommended to also purchase additional coverage that includes trip cancellation for any reason, baggage insurance, and property damage insurance.

Each participant is fully responsible for any expenses incurred due to trip cancellation for any reason that may occur before the trip, as well as any expenses that may arise during the trip, including bodily injury, property damage, baggage loss, etc.



PAYMENT, CANCELLATION, AND TOUR MODIFICATION POLICY

- A deposit of 50% of the total cost must be paid at the time of registration
- Remaining balance due 60 days prior to departure
- Each participant will purchase their flight tickets independently, according to the date and time of the tour's start.
- Each participant will purchase medical insurance independently. It is also recommended to purchase trip cancellation insurance that covers the cost of the tour and flights (see separate section on insurance).
- Cancellation by the organizer: the full amount will be refunded, minus any fees already paid to service providers.
- Cancellation by the participant
 - If made 61–90 days before the tour start date – 50% of the tour cost will be charged.
 - If made 60 days or less before the tour start date – 100% of the tour cost will be charged.

Secure your place

A rare winter journey into the Himalayas, where photography, wildlife, and culture unite for an unforgettable experience.

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