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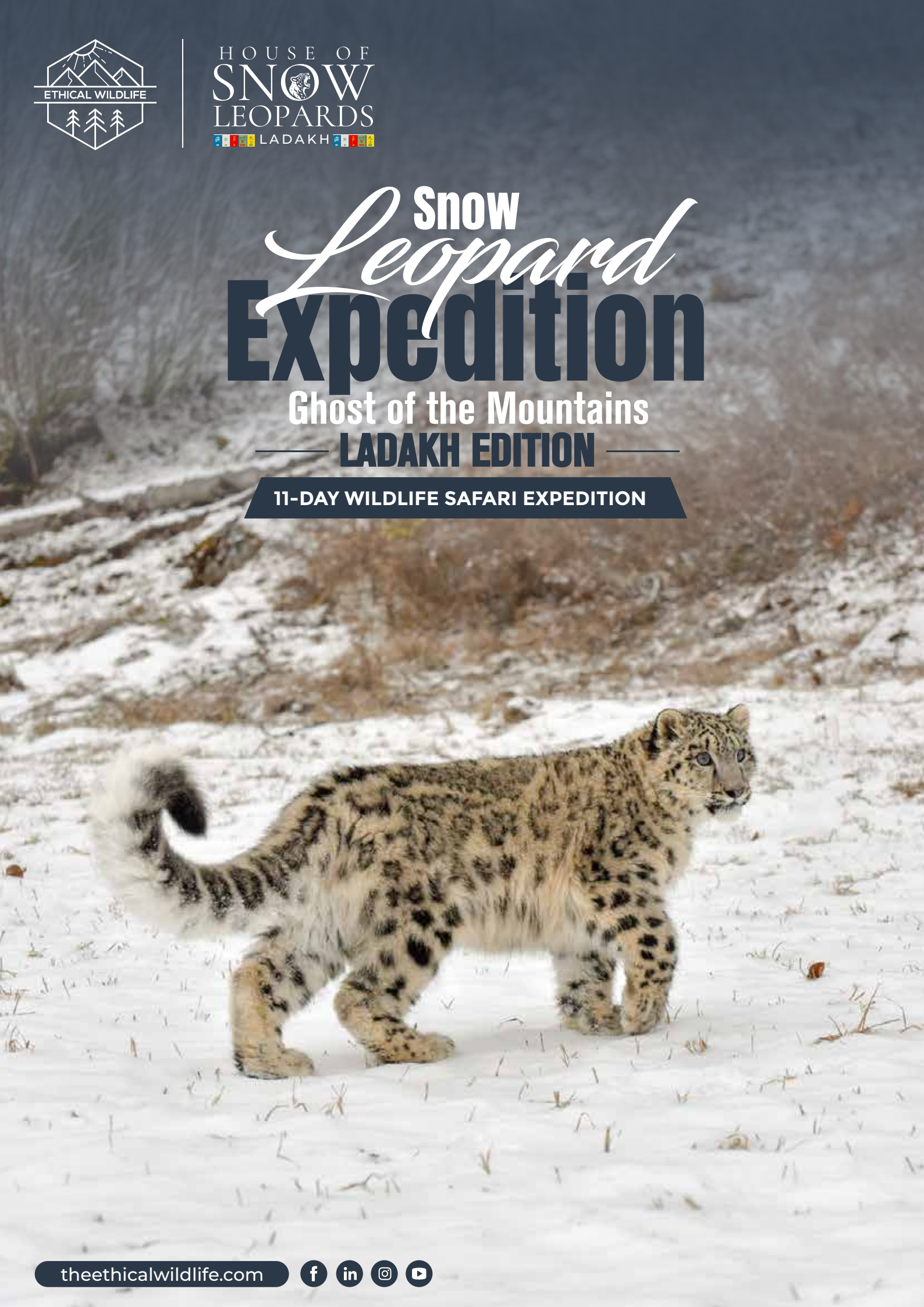
Snow Leopard Expedition

Ghost of the Mountains

LADAKH EDITION

11-DAY WILDLIFE SAFARI EXPEDITION



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Why Join This Expedition?

Venture into the heart of Ladakh's trans-Himalayan wilderness in search of the elusive Snow Leopard, the **"Ghost of the Mountains."** This handcrafted expedition blends comfort with adventure, offering intimate wildlife encounters, authentic Ladakhi culture, and inspiring landscapes — all under the guidance of experienced trackers and naturalists.



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What is

HOUSE OF SNOW LEOPARDS

House of Snow Leopards is a signature expedition series designed to take travellers into some of the world's most remote high-altitude ecosystems, where raw wilderness, rare wildlife, and ancient mountain cultures coexist. Each edition is built around ethical wildlife tracking, small-group immersive experiences, and deep local engagement, focused exclusively on landscapes that serve as strongholds for the elusive Snow Leopard. This series is created for travellers who value authenticity, conservation, and meaningful exploration over conventional tourism. It is dedicated to celebrating and documenting snow leopard habitats across all destinations curated by The Ethical Wildlife.



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LENGTH : 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



Why Ladakh?

Home of the Snow Leopard: Track one of the world's most elusive predators in the wild, deep in Ladakh's snow-covered winter valleys, home to the highest concentration of snow leopards in the world.

Raw Beauty & Real Adventure: Trek across high-altitude deserts, cross frozen rivers in winter, or explore blooming alpine valleys and glacial lakes in summer.

Live the Culture: Stay with mountain communities, share butter tea, and witness ancient monastery rituals woven into daily life.

High-Altitude Biodiversity: Spot rare species like blue sheep, golden eagles, and Tibetan wolves in this fragile Himalayan ecosystem that thrives year-round.

• ITINERARY •

Day 1 – Arrival in Delhi & Expedition Briefing

Arrival: Delhi

Upon arrival in Delhi, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and rest. The day is reserved for relaxation and preparation for the journey ahead. Later, attend an expedition briefing, where you will be introduced to Ladakh's high-altitude wilderness, the wildlife you may encounter, and the experiences that await you during the Snow Leopard Expedition.

Meals: Dinner included.
Overnight: Overnight in Delhi

Day 2 – Arrival in Leh & Acclimatization

Departure: Delhi → Leh (flight)

Board your flight from Delhi to Leh, where you will arrive in the heart of Ladakh's dramatic Himalayan landscape. The rest of the day is reserved for complete rest, allowing you to acclimatize to Ladakh's high altitude, which is over 3,500 meters above sea level.

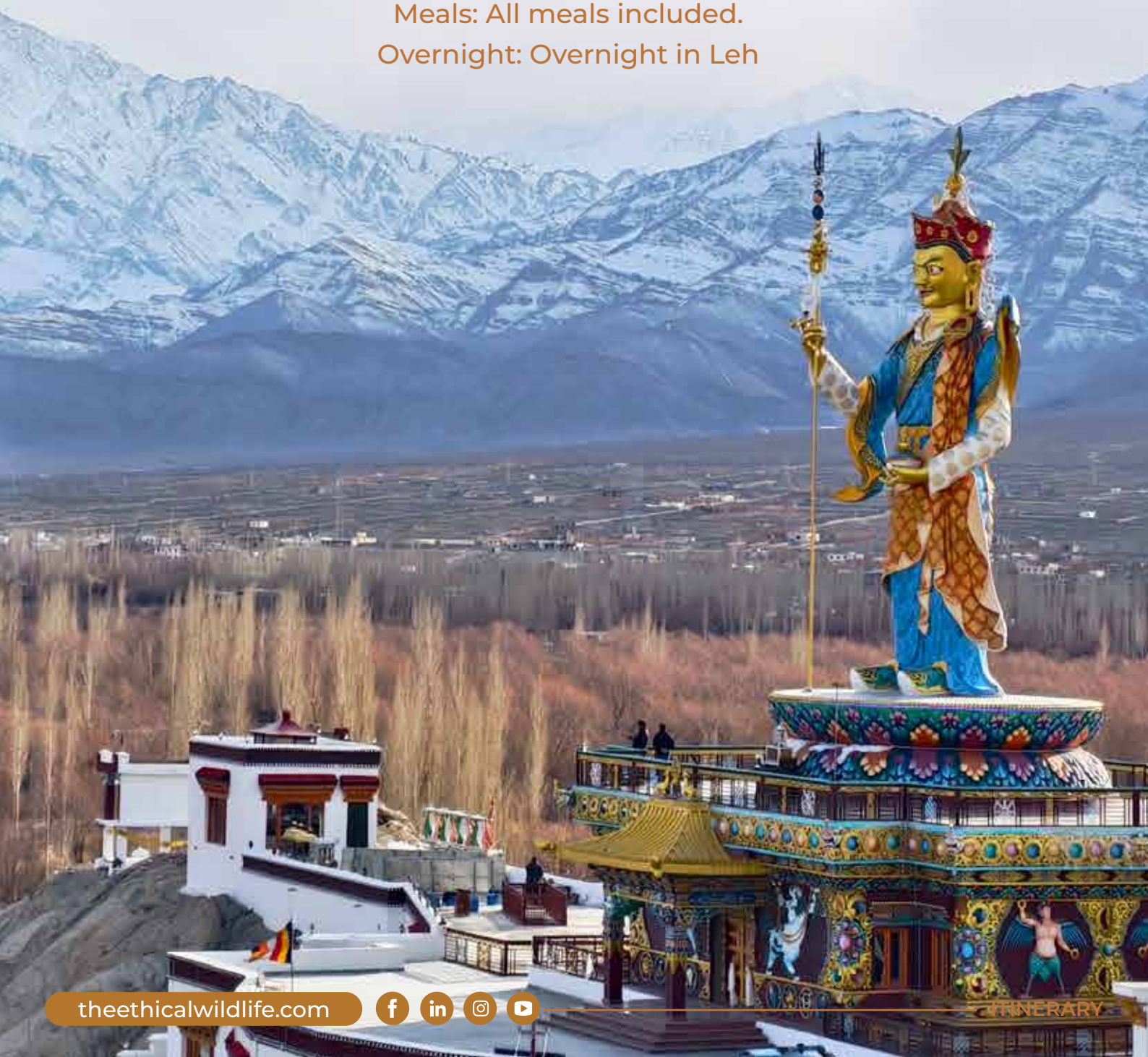
Meals: Lunch and dinner included.
Overnight: Overnight in Leh



Day 3 – Monasteries & Local Immersion

Excursion: Leh → Hemis & Thiksey Monasteries → Leh (by road)
Depending on the guests' health and comfort, the day includes a guided visit to the iconic Hemis and Thiksey Monasteries, offering a glimpse into Ladakh's rich Tibetan-Buddhist heritage. The experience involves light walking and opportunities for cultural immersion, allowing guests to connect with the spiritual and historical essence of the region.

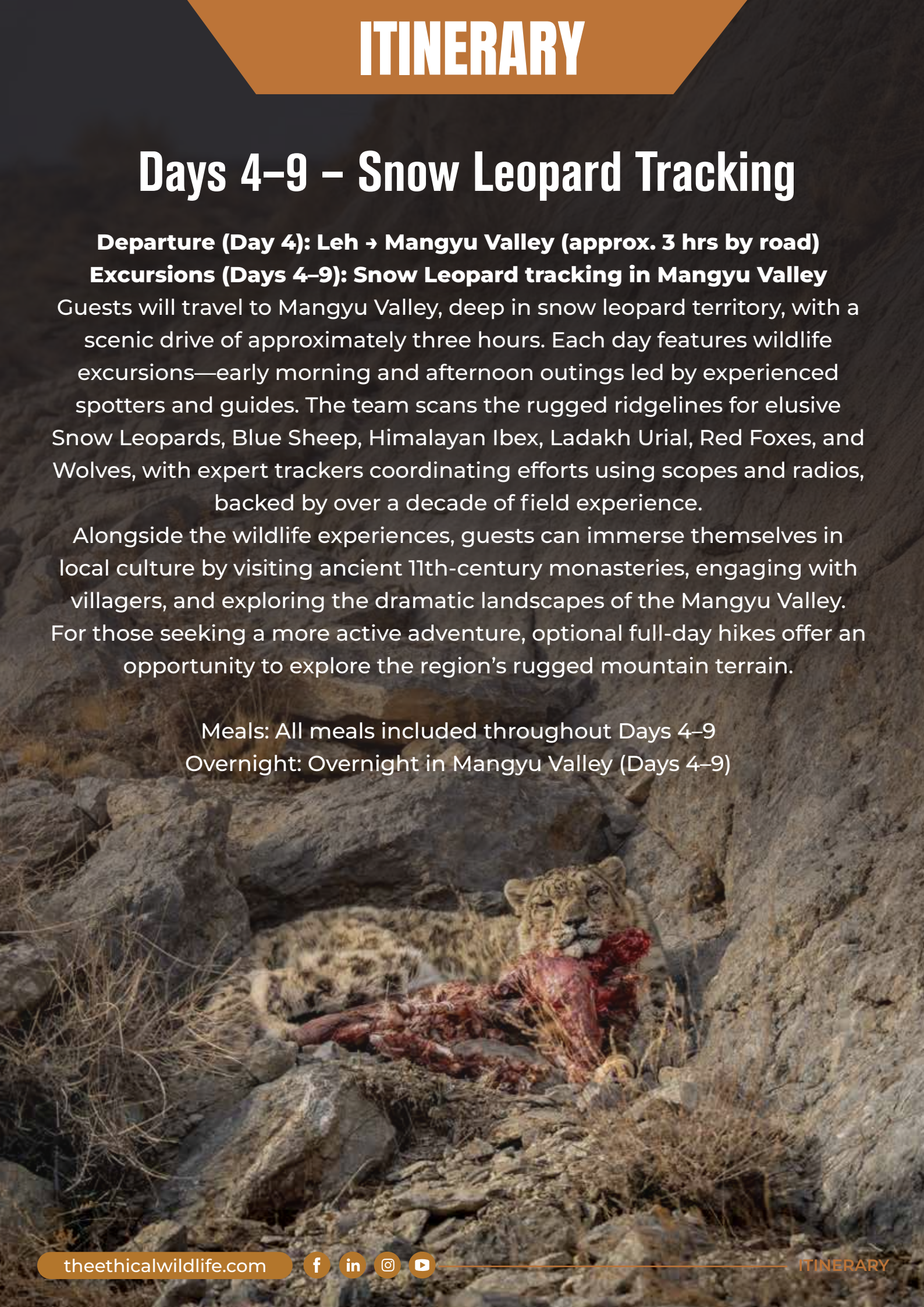
Meals: All meals included.
Overnight: Overnight in Leh



Days 4–9 – Snow Leopard Tracking

Departure (Day 4): Leh → Mangyu Valley (approx. 3 hrs by road)
Excursions (Days 4–9): Snow Leopard tracking in Mangyu Valley
Guests will travel to Mangyu Valley, deep in snow leopard territory, with a scenic drive of approximately three hours. Each day features wildlife excursions—early morning and afternoon outings led by experienced spotters and guides. The team scans the rugged ridgelines for elusive Snow Leopards, Blue Sheep, Himalayan Ibex, Ladakh Urial, Red Foxes, and Wolves, with expert trackers coordinating efforts using scopes and radios, backed by over a decade of field experience.
Alongside the wildlife experiences, guests can immerse themselves in local culture by visiting ancient 11th-century monasteries, engaging with villagers, and exploring the dramatic landscapes of the Mangyu Valley. For those seeking a more active adventure, optional full-day hikes offer an opportunity to explore the region's rugged mountain terrain.

Meals: All meals included throughout Days 4–9
Overnight: Overnight in Mangyu Valley (Days 4–9)



Day 10 – Cultural Performance & Return to Leh

Departure: Mangyu Valley → Leh (by road)

The day offers an opportunity to experience Ladakh's rich cultural traditions through a local cultural performance, providing a glimpse into the region's heritage and way of life. Following the experience, guests will drive back to Leh. The remainder of the day is reserved for relaxation, shopping, or a leisurely evening at one's own pace.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight: Overnight in Leh



Day 11 – Departure

Departure: Leh → Delhi (flight)

A final morning in Leh before the expedition comes to a close. Transfer to Leh Airport for your flight to Delhi, carrying memories of Ladakh's breathtaking landscapes, rare wildlife encounters, and the search for the elusive Snow Leopard.

From the rugged valleys of Mangyu to Ladakh's snow-covered ridgelines, an unforgettable Himalayan adventure draws to a close.

Bon voyage.



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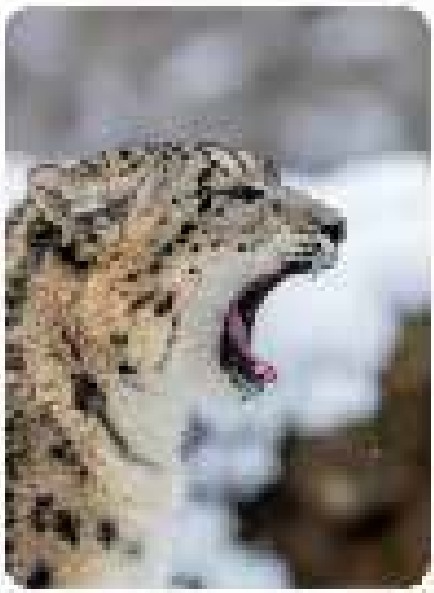
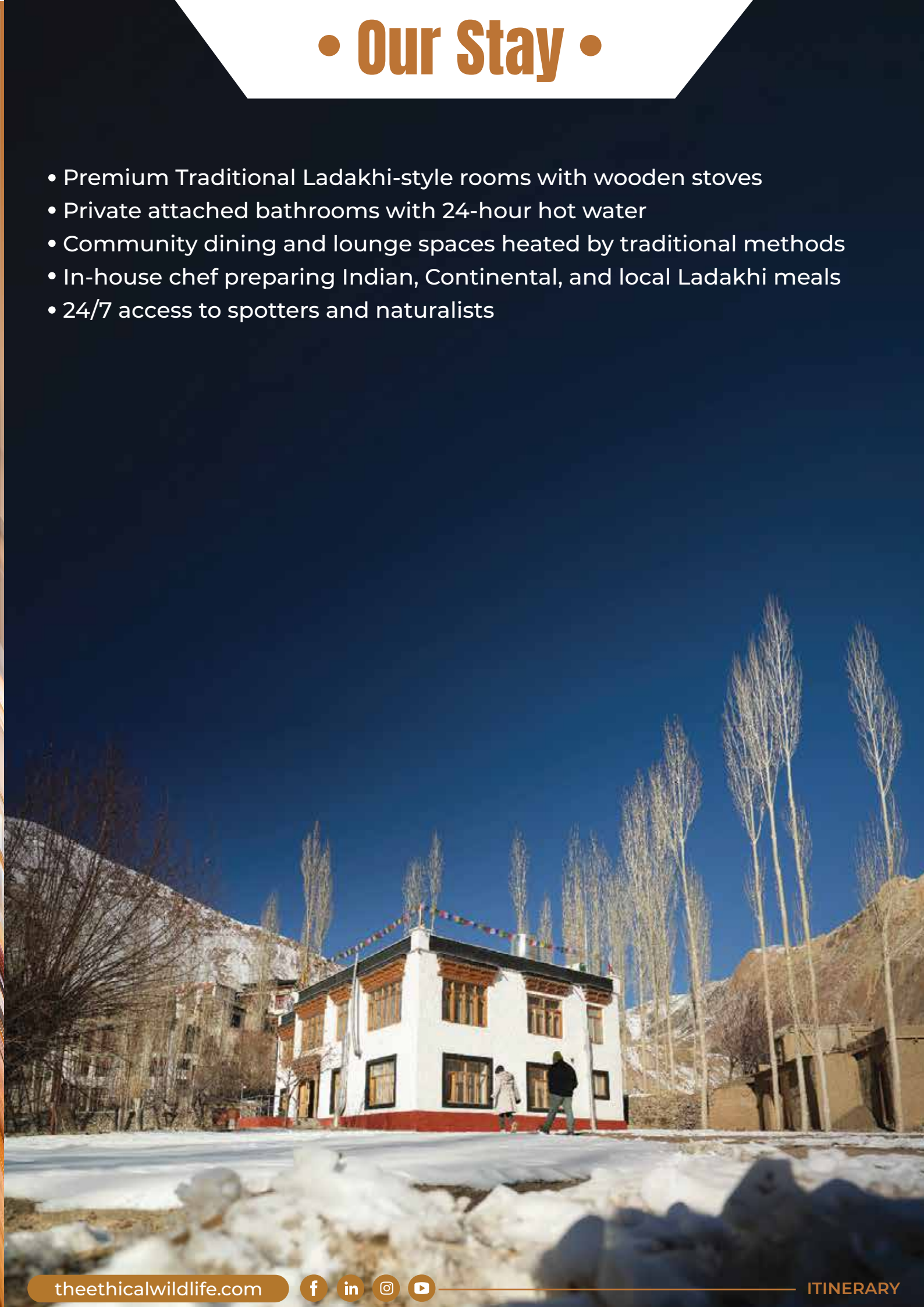


• Our Stay •

- Premium Traditional Ladakhi-style rooms with wooden stoves
- Private attached bathrooms with 24-hour hot water
- Community dining and lounge spaces heated by traditional methods
- In-house chef preparing Indian, Continental, and local Ladakhi meals
- 24/7 access to spotters and naturalists



• INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS •

Inclusions

- Airport transfers and travel between destinations in private vehicles
- Domestic flights between Delhi and Leh, including the return journey
- Ground transportation in Toyota Crysta as per the itinerary
- Accommodation for 10 nights
- All meals as per the itinerary
- Six days of Snow Leopard tracking excursions in Mangyu Valley
- Expert wildlife trackers and English-speaking naturalists
- Wildlife tracking and photography guidance throughout the expedition
- Forest and wildlife permits required for the expedition
- Shared spotting scopes and binoculars during wildlife excursions
- Guided visits to Hemis and Thiksey Monasteries, subject to acclimatization and guest comfort
- Visit to a local Ladakhi home with tea and barley wine experience
- Cultural interactions and a traditional cultural performance in Ladakh
- Expedition briefing in Delhi
- End-to-end ground travel logistics from arrival to departure
- Meals as per the confirmed itinerary
- All major tips included, except for the Tour Leader's gratuity

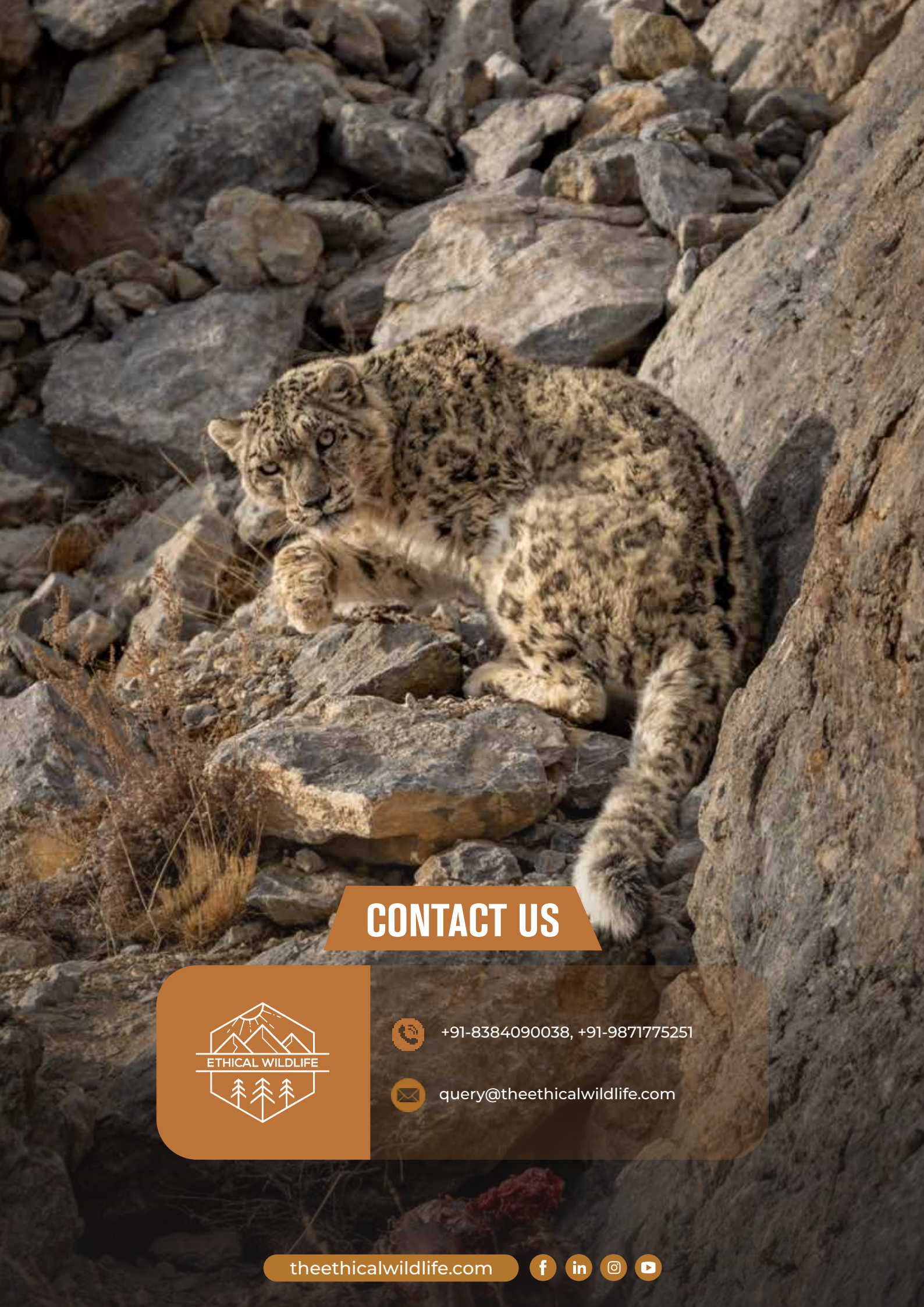
Exclusions

- International airfare to and from Delhi
- Travel insurance, which we strongly recommend arranging before departure
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, or souvenirs
- Tips and gratuity for the Tour Leader are not included
- Alcoholic beverages, except complimentary local wine (Chang)
- Optional excursions, full-day hikes, or activities not included in the confirmed itinerary
- Personal photography equipment, clothing, binoculars, and spotting scopes
- Food and beverages consumed beyond the inclusions, charged as per actuals
- Visa fees and processing, if applicable
- Anything not specifically mentioned under “Inclusions”

• WHO SHOULD JOIN? •

- Wildlife photographers
- Nature lovers seeking rare species in remote landscapes
- Adventure travellers interested in authentic Himalayan culture
- Ethical travellers supporting sustainable, local tourism





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