

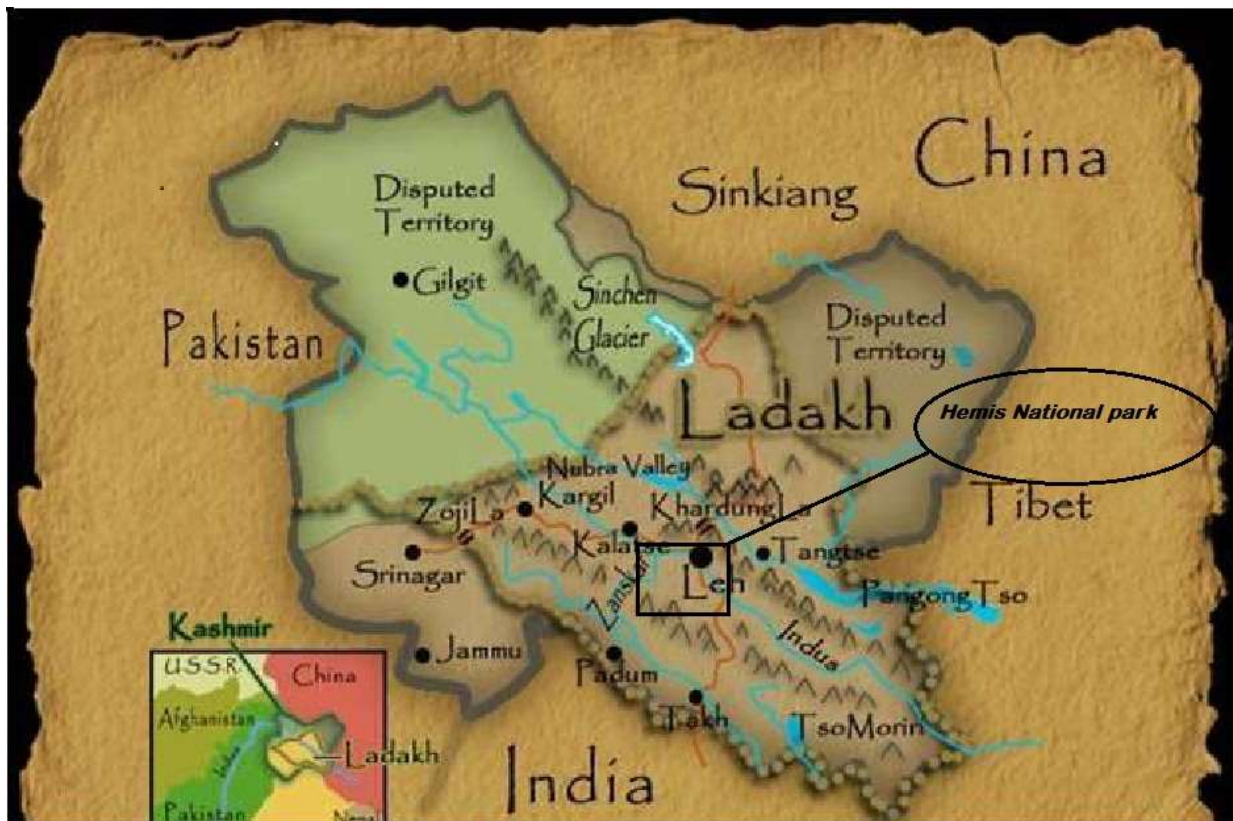
Hemis National Park, Ladakh, India.

“In search of the Snow Leopard”

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Participants.

Dalida Innes and William Andrew Innes (from Australia), Exotic Travel Team members Dorjey, Sonam, main spotters), Takpa, Tharpa (Assistant Spotters), Thinlay and Tundup (Chef and assistant).



Introduction

[Exotic Travel Leh-Ladakh](#), India have been organizing Snow Leopard trips since 2005. We have been successful, and our snow leopard trips have achieved almost a 100 percent sighting success record.



Trip description

Dalida and William Andrew Innes (from Australia), arrived into Leh on 26 November 2017. They rested on the first day to help acclimatize to the 3500m altitude. The next day we went birding around the Shey Marshes and the Indus belt. We saw many birds including Solitary Snipe and Ibis Bill, among the most sought after birds in the world.

From 27 November til 3 December the Innes family took a cultural tour of Ladakh visiting the Alchi, Kamayurá and Pangong regions.

From 4 December to 16 December we went in search of the elusive cat in Hemis National Park and Saspochey Village to the west of Leh. We saw an incredible total of nine **Snow Leopards!** Five Snow Leopards were in Hemis National Park including a mother with two cubs and two individual Snow Leopards. A further four animals were near Saspochey Village. Here we found a mother with two cubs and also a male leopard. All this between 6 to 16 December 2017. During trip we observed other wildlife including **Tibetan Wolf, Red Fox, Blue Sheep, Ladakh Urial,** Ibex, Golden Eagle, Lammergeyer, Himalayan Griffon Vulture, Himalayan Snow Cock, Tit Warbler and Finches etc.

