

# 2025 Snow Leopard Safari Trip Report

In India, 95 % of communities, however small, have internet connectivity. In Ulley village, Ladakh, where our Snow Leopard safari group spent 6 days in search of the high-altitude cat, the internet service is called “Heaven.”

It is heaven in Ulley’s mountains. Each time I come here I feel a sense of personal calm. My guests often say they feel it too. I explain it as immersion in Buddhist beliefs and the Himalayas which are the best examples of religious architecture.

The Snow Leopard Safari is as much about NOT seeing Snow Leopards as it is about seeing them. I understand this now. The journey to find them is the destination. It is about letting go of your attachment to getting everything you want, especially every wildlife photo you want...

We did see Snow Leopards, a mother and her cubs, and after they eluded us for days, their pug marks erased by new snowfall. But this was after a trip to the monastery and spinning prayer wheels. By the time the universe granted us this wonderful trio on their freezing mountain top, the understanding of what this week’s experience was really about had taken root and was accepted, the reason I believe that we saw Snow leopards at all. I will not forget that leopard sighting. We studied them for hours through scopes and lenses. At the end of the afternoon, when the mother moved out of sight in search of prey, there was so much joy and respect among those of us who had watched her and her family, the kind of comradery that only comes when you have shared a very special moment.