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Recommendation for an outstanding guide in Leh and Ladakh

Dear Stanzin,

I am writing to tell you again how much we valued your services as a guide for our 12 day trip to Ladakh in July of 2022. We were a small group of 4 in our 60's and early 70's who wanted to learn about the culture and people of Ladakh as well as the landscape and countryside. For the 2 weeks you were our guide, we were constantly reminded of how careful and knowledgeable you were with regards to the terrain, Buddhist religion, peoples and lands of the region. You were considerate and always on the lookout to make sure that we were sufficiently acclimatized to the altitude and able to successfully negotiate the various ascents and descents to and from the monasteries, the city and country trails, and to the various places that interested our group. Your English language proficiency is excellent and very understandable, and that allowed us to learn from your explanations about the various sites we visited. Your attention to detail and your adherence to schedule and timelines were much appreciated.





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Accompanying and leading a group of American-Israelis who are well traveled was not too difficult for you. We know that you organize and lead very serious multi-day horse and walking treks. But for our more vehicle based tourings, the pacing was appropriate, the attention to our needs and abilities was spot on, and we came away with wonderful memories and great respect for you and your people. Your explanations to our group (the professors of medicine and psychology, the lawyer and the business consultant) were appropriate and tailored to the level of interest that we showed at the many places we visited.

On behalf of Lisa, Shalom, Dena and myself, we recommend you without reservation as a unique and most capable guide whose personal qualities and professional expertise are outstanding. We wish you much success in the future.

With respect and gratitude,

Shimshon

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