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# DESTINATION of the MONTH #HEMIS FESTIVAL



#hemismonastery #hemisfestival2020  
#chamdance #ladakhtourism  
#hemisnationalpark #snowleopard

The peaceful and serene Hemis monastery becomes a home for celebration for two days as it vibrates during the Hemis Tse chu (Hemis festival) every year. It is celebrated to commemorate the life of Guru Padamsambhava (Guru Rinpoche) and glorify the victory of good over bad.

The monastery's courtyard comes alive when the lamas in their colourful silk costumes and elaborate masks, dance along with long horns and musical drums.

The festival is concluded with prayers and a sacrificial offering on the second day. A dough sculpture representing the evil powers is destroyed by the head of Black Hat dancers as a representation of warding off the evil spirits.

## Highlights

⇒ **Hemis Monastery** — The largest and most favored monastery in Ladakh, Hemis was reestablished in 17th century under the reign of King Singge Namgyal. It is the headquarters of red hat Drukpa order and all the monasteries in Ladakh are administered from here. It houses quite a few gold statues and Stupas decorated with precious stones.

⇒ **Hemis National Park** — The Rumbak Valley of Hemis is the home to more than 200 snow leopards. The best time to trek is mid June to mid October however top season to spot snow leopards is the late winter i.e. October to March. It is also home to other rare species like Tibetan Wolves, Blue Sheep, Hornsh Sheep, Eurasian Brown Bear and many more.

**Nearest Airport** - Leh  
**Nearest Railway Station** - Jammu Tawi  
**Hemis Festival 2020** - 30th June - 1st July



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