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## KOMIC

KOMIC ('KO'-SNOW COCK, 'MIC'-EYE), SITUATED AT AN ALTITUDE OF 4513 MTS. IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST VILLAGES IN ASIA AND LITERALLY MEANS THE 'EYE OF A SNOW COCK'. THIS QUAIN TITTLE FARMING VILLAGE HOUSES A POPULATION OF 84 IN 13 HOUSEHOLDS. ONE OF THE WORLD'S HIGHEST MONASTERIES (4587 MTS.), CALLED "KOMIC LUNDUP CHHEMO" IS SITUATED IN THIS VILLAGE AND BELONGS TO THE SAKYAPA SECT OF TIBETAN BUDDHISM.

### ACCOMMODATION:

**HOMESTAYS**—ENJOY A CLEAN AND COMFORTABLE SOJOURN IN A SPITIAN HOUSE, WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVOUR THE LOCAL CUISINE BESIDES EXPERIENCING THE TRADITIONAL LIFESTYLE.

**CONTACT PERSON**—VILLAGE CO-ORDINATOR, **CATTS**.

**PLACES TO VISIT:** 1. KOMIC LUNDUP CHHEMO MONASTERY-4587 MTS.

2. KU-BUM CAVE 3. RUINS OF THE OLD SAKYAPA MONASTERY

4. LEE GYIB (PASTURE LANDS)

**FLORA:** DACTYLORHIZA HATAGIREA, CIRSIUM FALCONERI, LINDELOFIA STYLOSA, ALLIUM OREOPRASUM, LONICERA SPINOSA, ALLIUM CAROLINIANUS, ASTRAGALUS GRAHAMIANUM, ASTER FLACCIDUS, ACONITUM RODUMDI FOLIUM.

**FAUNA:** MAMMALS- SNOW LEOPARD, TIBETAN WOLF, RED FOX, BLUE SHEEP, HARE ?

**BIRDS**—SNOW COCK, HIMALAYAN GRIFFIN, YELLOW BILLE CHOUGH, ROCK PIGEON, HOUSE SPARROW, COMMON RAVEN, HORNED LARK.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES:** PHARMACY AT HIKKIM VILLAGE [5KMS], AMCHI [LOCAL DOCTOR] IN KOMIC.

**NEAREST HOSPITAL AND FUEL STATION:** KAZA [BY ROAD-KMS., WALKING-4KMS.]

THIS INITIATIVE IS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN MUSE [NGO WORKING TOWARDS CREATIVE INITIATIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SPITI] AND SPITI CONSERVATION AND ECO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT [SCED]- A BODY OF THE LOCAL SPITI COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY UNESCO. THE ENDEAVOUR AIMS AT PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE TOURISM PRACTICES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE ECOLOGICALLY FRAGILE SPITI VALLEY. THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS ENDEAVOUR PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE PRE-DOMINANTLY FARMING COMMUNITY OF SPITI AND ENABLES TO ESTABLISH THE CRUCIAL LINK BETWEEN CONSERVATION & LIVELIHOODS.

AS A MEANS TO ASSISTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN PRESERVING THEIR NATURAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING CODES OF CONDUCT DURING YOUR SOJOURN IN THE VALLEY :-

1. EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THE ECOLOGY, CUSTOM AND CULTURE OF SPITI.
2. KINDLY DO NOT LEAVE BEHIND ANY NON BIO-DEGRADABLE GARBAGE IN THE VILLAGE ESPECIALLY USED BATTERIES AND SANITARY WASTE.
3. RESPECT THE LOCAL CULTURE BY DRESSING PROPERLY, REFRAINING FROM LOUD TALK AND PHYSICAL INTIMACY IN PUBLIC PLACES.
4. AVOID EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS IN PUBLIC PLACES.
5. PHOTOGRAPHY WITHIN THE MONASTERIES IS PROHIBITED. KINDLY ALSO SEEK PERMISSION BEFORE CLICKING PEOPLE AND CULTURE.
6. REFRAIN FROM GIVING GIFTS TO CHILDREN.
7. KEEP ALL POLLUTANTS AWAY FROM STREAMS AND WATER BODIES.
8. KINDLY DO NOT PLUCK MEDICINAL PLANTS AND DISTURB THE WILD LIFE.
9. KINDLY DO NOT DEplete SPITI OF ITS NATURAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE, BY PICKING AND PURCHASING FOSSILS AND ANCIENT ARTEFACTS OF NATURAL & CULTURAL VALUE
10. TAKE GOOD MEMORIES AND LEAVE ONLY YOUR FOOT PRINTS BEHIND.





































































































































































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