

# FLASHBACK FRIDAY – BRANDON AT LAMAYURU

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High in the Himalayas of India in the remote moonscape of Tibetan Ladakh is the *gompa* (Tibetan monastery) of Lamayuru. It is older than Tibetan Buddhism, for it was originally a gompa for the lama monks of Bön, the ancient animist religion of Tibet. I took my son Brandon here on an expedition through Tibetan India in 1993. Brandon had his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday here. Behind him is the enormous statue of blue-eyed Sakyamuni Buddha in the central prayer hall.

Brandon has never forgotten Lamayuru as anyone who has been here never does. We'll be here again this August – and Brandon will be leading the expedition (*Glimpses of our breathtaking world #151* photo ©Jack Wheeler)

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