

# Kashmir Paradise Tour Package

Srinagar - Gulmarg - Pahalgam - Srinagar

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## Tour Basics •

**Duration:** 05 Days 04 Nights

**Route:** Srinagar - Gulmarg - Pahalgam - Srinagar

Srinagar — 5D 4N

## About This Trip •

Kashmir is a multi-ethnic, multi-religious, multicultural region in northern India. The majority of Kashmiri people are Muslim, with a Hindu minority. The region covers about 222,236 km<sup>2</sup> (85,806 sq mi), and its population is mainly in Jammu and Kashmir. The region has been the site of political unrest and violence for over 70 years and has been the subject of numerous international disputes. Pakistan and the eastern part of India administer the western parts of the region. The northernmost territory of Kashmir is the Siachen Glacier, the world's second-largest glacier and the largest in India. Kashmir has a rich history and culture, and the region's people are known for their craftsmanship, music, and cuisine. Kashmir is a beautiful place with stunning scenery and is also known as the "Switzerland of India". Kashmir is also home to some of the most beautiful lakes in the world, such as Dal Lake, Wular Lake, and Anchar Lake. The climate of Kashmir is primarily cool in summer and very cold in winter. Snowfall is common in the region's higher reaches.

The Kashmir problem dates back to the formation of the Indian Union on 15 August 1947. India was partitioned into two sovereign states, India and Pakistan, based on religious divisions. The Muslim-majority states in the northern part of the subcontinent joined Pakistan, and the Hindu-majority states in the southern part joined India. The state of Jammu and Kashmir in the northwest was a Muslim-majority, governed by a Hindu ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh. He was offered the option of joining either India or Pakistan, but chose to remain independent. Pashtun tribe members from the northwest frontier province of Pakistan invaded the state in October 1947.

How to reach Kashmir

**By Air:** Srinagar International Airport is the only airport in Kashmir. It connects all Indian cities, including New Delhi and Mumbai.

**By Rail:** There are no direct trains to Srinagar. The nearest railhead is Jammu Tawi, which is 314 km from Srinagar.

**By Road:** Srinagar is connected to all parts of India by road.

Srinagar is rightly called the 'Land of Lakes and Gardens'. It is surrounded by the Himalayan Mountains, adorned with beautiful Mughal gardens, and home to the tranquil Dal and Nigeen lakes. This lovely place is also one of the dream travel destinations in India for honeymooners and family vacationers.

The summer capital of the J&K union territory, Srinagar, is one of India's most popular holiday destinations, and it impresses vacationers primarily with its unique experiences of a shikhara ride and houseboat stay on Dal and Nigeen lakes. Another treat is witnessing a Floating Vegetable Market on Dal.

Lake.

### Nigeen Lake

The city's numerous lakes and gardens lend it its famous charm. A small distance away from Dal Lake is Nigeen Lake, where you can go boating, swim, or try water skiing.

### Dal Lake

Dal Lake is a beautiful water body nestled in scenic surroundings in Srinagar. It represents tourism in Srinagar internationally and is rightly called the 'Jewel in the Crown'. With an area of 22 sq. km, this monotonous lake is the second-largest in the northern state. It is significantly associated with different aspects of Srinagar's heritage and lifestyle, including its culture, traditions, and mythology. Mythological legends state that this lake had an island, Isabar, on its eastern coast, which was the abode of Goddess Durga. It was fed by a spring called Satadhara, and the region along its banks was known as Sureshwari. Over time, this lake became the hub of commercial activities such as water plant harvesting and fishing, thereby playing a crucial role in Srinagar's economy.

### Shikara Ride on Dal Lake, Kashmir

A Shikara ride on Dal Lake offers a peaceful blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage. As you glide across the calm waters in a delicately carved wooden boat, you'll see the stunning Pir Panjal mountains, elegant houseboats, and the vibrant life surrounding the lake. This ride provides a

glimpse into Kashmir's rich traditions and the artistry of its artisans.

#### Best Time to Visit:

- Autumn (September-November): Enjoy the golden hues, serene lakes, and clear blue skies in a calm, picturesque setting.
- Summer (June): Experience a lively atmosphere with blooming flowers and pleasant weather, although it's a popular time for tourists.

#### Practical Tips:

- Pricing: Always negotiate and agree on the fare before your ride starts.
- Duration: Rides can last from 30 minutes to several hours. Discuss your preference with the boatman in advance.
- Safety: If available, wear a life jacket, keep your belongings secure, and handle cameras or phones carefully.

### Aru Valley, Betaab Valley, and Chandanwari in Pahalgam

#### Aru Valley

Located 12 km from Pahalgam, Aru Valley is a pristine destination known for its lush meadows, dense forests, and snow-capped peaks. It's a haven offering trekking, horse riding, and camping activities. The valley is also the starting point for the famous Kolahoi Glacier and Tarsar-Marsar treks.

#### Betaab Valley

Betaab Valley, named after the Bollywood movie *Betaab*, is about 15 km from Pahalgam. It is famed for its stunning landscapes, featuring lush greenery, sparkling streams, and towering mountains. The valley is a picturesque picnic spot, and its scenic beauty makes it a favourite for filmmakers and tourists alike.

#### Chandanwari

Chandanwari Valley is the starting point of the Amarnath Yatra. Known for its snow bridges and serene environment. The region is also excellent for winter snow-related activities such as sledging and snowball fights.

## Stay Categories & Options •

Basic	Persons: 2	INR 13,200.00	<del>INR 15,200.00</del>	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 4	INR 10,500.00	<del>INR 12,500.00</del>	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 6	INR 10,500.00	<del>INR 12,500.00</del>	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 2	INR 21,800.00	<del>INR 23,800.00</del>	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 4	INR 19,100.00	<del>INR 20,100.00</del>	Save INR 1,000.00
Premium	Persons: 6	INR 19,100.00	<del>INR 20,100.00</del>	Save INR 1,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 2	INR 35,500.00	<del>INR 37,500.00</del>	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 4	INR 32,800.00	<del>INR 34,800.00</del>	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 6	INR 32,800.00	<del>INR 34,800.00</del>	Save INR 2,000.00

## Itinerary •

### Day 1: Arrive in Srinagar

Pick up from the Srinagar Airport. You will be checked into a hotel. Later, you will visit the Mughal Gardens of Shalimar, Nishat, and Pari Mahal, and Chashma Shahi.

Meals: Dinner

Night: Stay at the hotel in Srinagar

### Day 2: Srinagar to Gulmarg

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and embark on a scenic drive to Gulmarg, approximately 50 km from Srinagar. Once in Gulmarg, you can enjoy various adventure activities, such as skiing, snowboarding, and trekking (depending on the season). Experience the Gulmarg Gondola, one of the world's highest cable cars.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Stay: Stay at the hotel in Gulmarg.

### Day 3: Gulmarg to Pahalgam

Early in the morning, depart for Pahalgam, the 'valley of shepherds', located at the Lidder and Sheeshnag Lakes. On the way, visit the Awantipora ruins, a 1100-year-old temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Then, explore the small village of Baisaren amidst pine and fir forests.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Stay: stay at the hotel in Pahalgam.

### Day 4: Pahalgam to Srinagar

After breakfast today, we will drive to Srinagar and check into the Houseboat. We will enjoy a Shikara Ride on Dal Lake in the evening for up to one hour.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Night: Stay on the houseboat in Srinagar

### Day 5: Departure

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and proceed to Srinagar airport for your onward flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Nil

## Inclusions •

A 2-night stay in Srinagar, including breakfast and dinner, is included.

A 1-night stay in Pahalgam, including breakfast and dinner, is included.

1-night stay in Gulmarg with breakfast and dinner included.

Heater Charges.

Private trip to Thajiwas Glacier.

Private sightseeing tour of Gulmarg.

Private sightseeing tour of Srinagar, including Badam Wari.

Private sightseeing tour of Srinagar, including the Botanical Garden and Pari Mahal.

Private sightseeing tour of Pahalgam.

Private Shikara ride on Dal Lake in Srinagar.

Airport transfer from Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport to the Standard Hotel.

Airport transfer from the Standard Hotel to Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport.

## Exclusions •

Fees for any adventure activity.

Guide Charges.

Lunch, Camera Fee, or Monument Fee.

Any kind of personal expenses or extra meals ordered.

Services of the vehicle on leisure days and after finishing the sightseeing tour as per the Itinerary.

Any kind of drink (alcoholic, mineral water, aerated).

Any increase in taxes or fuel prices will affect surface transportation and land arrangements, which may become effective before departure.

Costs are incidental to any change in the itinerary/stay resulting from flight cancellations due to bad weather, ill health, roadblocks, or other factors beyond our control.

This package includes no advice, including rafting or other activities.

5% GST.

## FAQs •

**Q:** What is the best time to visit Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam?

**A:**

The best time to visit these places is during the summer months, from March to June, and from September to November. The weather is pleasant during these months, and outdoor activities are

easy.

**Q:** How can I reach Srinagar?

**A:**

Srinagar's international airport can be reached by train or bus. However, the most convenient option is to take a flight.

**Q:** How far is Gulmarg from Srinagar, and how can I reach it?

**A:**

Gulmarg is about 48 km from Srinagar and can be reached by taxi or bus. The trip takes about 1.5 hours.

**Q:** What are the must-visit places in Gulmarg?

**A:**

Some must-visit places in Gulmarg are Gulmarg Gondola, Khilanmarg, Alpathar Lake, and Ningle Nallah.

**Q:** What are the must-visit places in Pahalgam?

**A:**

Some must-visit places in Pahalgam are Betaab Valley, Aru Valley, Chandanwari, and Lidder River.

**Q:** What is the best way to travel from Srinagar to Gulmarg and Pahalgam?

**A:**

The best way to travel is to hire a taxi or take a shared cab. You can also book a private car for the entire trip.

**Q:** What are the best activities in Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam?

**A:**

Some of the best activities in these places are skiing, trekking, Shikara riding, golfing, and enjoying the scenic beauty.

## Get in Touch •

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