Srinagar Gurez Valley Package

Srinagar - Gurez Valley - Srinagar

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Tour Basics •

Duration: 06 Days 05 Nights	**Route:** Srinagar - Gurez Valley - Srinagar

Srinagar — 6D 5N

About This Trip •

Kashmir is truly a paradise on Earth, a destination that words can hardly capture. To fully appreciate its beauty, you must experience it firsthand. Our 5-night, 6-day Majestic Srinagar Gurez Valley package takes you to some of Kashmir's most captivating and offbeat destinations, including Srinagar, Gurez, and Tulail.

Srinagar, often called the 'Venice of the East,' is the valley's crown jewel. Known for its natural beauty and tranquillity, Srinagar offers mesmerising views and a peaceful ambience. It's the perfect place to shop and immerse yourself in local culture.

Gurez Valley, nestled in the majestic Himalayas, is one of the most stunning regions of Kashmir. Surrounded by snow-covered peaks and lush pastures, it is a serene and breathtaking haven, genuinely deserving of its reputation as a paradise on Earth.

Contact us to reserve your spot on this unforgettable 5-night, 6-day Srinagar Gurez Valley Tour Package.

About Gurez Valley
Gurez Valley, also known as Gurais, is a remote and scenic destination in the Himalayas of Jammu and Kashmir, India. Situated in the Bandipore District, it is approximately 86 kilometres from Bandipore and 123 kilometres from Srinagar. At about 2,400 meters, it is north of the Kashmir Valley. Surrounded by majestic snow-capped Mountain Peaks, the valley is carved by the Kishanganga River, adding to its natural beauty.

The inhabitants of Gurez are the Dards, who speak Sheena and trace their ancestry to the Gilgit Valley, now in Pakistan. The Dards' features and attire resemble those of the Kashmiri people from the mountain regions. One of the most iconic landmarks of Gurez is the pyramid-shaped peak, named after the famous Kashmiri poetess Habba Khatoon. This peak holds historical significance as it is believed to be where the emperor Yusuf Shah Chak, a Dard from Gilgit, entered Kashmir. It is also said that during his imprisonment by Emperor Akbar, his beloved Habba Khatoon wandered near this peak in search of him.

The roaring Kishanganga River flows through the valley, creating a soothing ambience. The surrounding mountains add to the serene atmosphere, lulling visitors into a peaceful sleep. The traditional log-wood houses in the valley give Gurez a quaint, European countryside feel.

Gurez offers a variety of adventure opportunities, including trekking routes leading to Gangabal and Sonamarg to the east and Drass, Dahanu, and Zanskar to the north. For rafting enthusiasts, the Kishanganga River offers calm stretches in Gurez, with more challenging rapids in Tulail. The rugged mountains also present great opportunities for rock climbing. Fishing, particularly trout fishing, is a popular activity among the locals, and anglers can enjoy catching brown trout in the Kishanganga River or the streams descending from the mountains. The valley also has lovely campsites near the river where visitors can pitch tents and immerse themselves in nature.

How to Reach:

- By Road: You can hire a cab from Srinagar directly to Gurez or stop at Bandipora town for a break before continuing your journey. From Bandipora, you can take a passenger vehicle or hire a cab to reach Gurez Valley.

Gurez: Land of the Dard-Shins
Gurez Valley, located 127 km from Srinagar, is a remote, picturesque region in northern Kashmir known for its stunning natural beauty and tranquillity. It is home to the Dardic people, descendants of the ancient Dard-Shin tribe, and serves as their last sanctuary in India. The valley was once part of ancient Dardistan and the old Silk Route, connecting Kashmir with Gilgit-Baltistan and China. Gurez, dotted with quaint villages along the Kishanganga River, offers opportunities for trekking, such as the Patalwan Lakes Trek. The area is isolated and peaceful, with the Indian Army maintaining a positive relationship with the locals.

The formidable Habba Khatoon Peak:

The striking Habba Khatoon Peak is the highlight of Gurez. Its graceful, pyramid-like shape towers over the village of Dawar. The peak dominates the landscape, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding green expanse and the gently flowing Kishanganga River.

The mountain’s beauty is incredibly captivating at sunrise and sunset, when light from behind enhances its majestic appearance and adds a mystical aura.

Beyond its natural allure, the peak holds significant cultural importance. It was named after the 16th-century Kashmiri poetess Habba Khatoon.'She was a legendary figure whose heart-wrenching poems and songs of loss and separation after her husband’s death continue to resonate in the valley today. The peak is a powerful symbol of her enduring legacy in Kashmiri literature and history.

Hamlets of the Tulail Valley:

Tulail Valley, located in the northern part of Jammu and Kashmir beyond Gurez, is one of the region's most remote areas, situated along the Line of Control. As you venture farther from the Dawar township, you pass through several Army checkpoints, making the area highly restricted and requiring special permissions.

The journey along the Kishanganga River reveals a land straight out of a folktale, offering a striking blend of landscapes. The valley combines the barren beauty of Ladakh with the lush greenery of Kashmir, creating stunning views at every turn.

Along this 60-km route, you encounter picturesque villages like Chakwali —the last settlement, Sheikhpora, Badugam, Purana Tilail, and Angaikot, each more charming than the previous. These villages, home to the Dard-Shin ethnic group, feature traditional wooden houses and log structures built in an age-old style without nails.

Isolated from modernisation, the people of Tulail have preserved their unique traditions, lifestyles, and cultural identities. The valley is accessible by a restricted motorable route that connects it to Kargil’s Drass and Mushkoh Valley via the Kabul/Kaobal Gali pass. Remote mountain trails, which remain primarily forbidden, also link it to Kashmir's Sonamarg.

Stay Categories & Options •

Basic	Persons: 2	INR 19,200.00	~~INR 21,200.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 4	INR 16,200.00	~~INR 18,200.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 6	INR 15,900.00	~~INR 17,900.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 2	INR 20,700.00	~~INR 22,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 4	INR 17,700.00	~~INR 19,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Premium	Persons: 6	INR 17,500.00	~~INR 19,500.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 2	INR 28,700.00	~~INR 30,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 4	INR 25,700.00	~~INR 27,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 6	INR 25,500.00	~~INR 27,500.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Arrival in Srinagar

- Upon arriving in Srinagar, you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel for a smooth check-in. Spend the day exploring local attractions like Boulevard Road and Dal Lake. Take a peaceful Shikara ride on Dal Lake in the evening, then return to the hotel.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Srinagar

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: Journey from Srinagar to Gurez(123 km, 6 to 7 hours drive)

- Start your day with a hearty breakfast, and drive to Gurez Valley. Nestled in the majestic Himalayas, the journey takes you through Bandipora, passing the breathtaking Razdan Top. This route offers a captivating experience, showcasing nature's splendour.
- Razdan Top, perched at 11,672 feet, is renowned for its diverse medicinal plants. The pass offers a thrilling drive and panoramic views of the snow-clad Harmukh Peak, the tallest mountain in Kashmir.
- Upon arriving in Gurez, settle into your hotel for a restful overnight stay.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel at Gurez

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 3: Gurez Local Sightseeing

- Begin your day with a delicious breakfast, then explore the local sights of Gurez. Your first stop will be Dawar, a charming town known for its archaeological significance. Here, you can admire the unique log-wood houses and interact with the friendly locals, known as the

"Dards," to gain insights into their culture and daily lives.

- Next, visit the iconic Habba Khatoon peak, a pyramid-shaped mountain steeped in Kashmir's history. This landmark is named after the renowned Kashmiri poetess Habba Khatoon. Don't miss the nearby Habba Khatoon spring, where crystal-clear water flows from the mountains and is believed to have medicinal qualities.
- After an eventful day, return to your hotel for a relaxing evening. Enjoy a satisfying dinner and settle in for an overnight stay.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel at Gurez

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 4: Gurez to Tulail and Back (40 km, 2 hours)

- Start your morning with a hearty breakfast before heading via Dawar to the serene Tulail Valley. Known for its remote and untouched beauty, Tulail Valley offers a glimpse into one of the most secluded regions.
- Upon arrival, take a leisurely walk around the valley, soaking in the breathtaking scenery. During your return journey, visit the captivating villages of Sheikhpura and Chakwali. Chakwali is the last Indian village along the Line of Control.
- Conclude your day by driving back to Gurez Valley for a comfortable overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Stay: Stay at the Hotel at Gurez

Day 5: Journey from Gurez to Srinagar (123 km, 6 to 7 hours drive)

- Start your day with a satisfying breakfast before heading back to Srinagar. Along the way, stop at the picturesque Izamrg village, where you can capture the stunning green meadows with your camera or take a leisurely walk to soak in the village's serene beauty.
- Upon reaching Srinagar, check into your hotel, enjoy a delicious dinner, and unwind for a restful overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Stay: Stay at the Hotel in Srinagar

Day 6: Departure from Srinagar

- Enjoy breakfast before heading to Srinagar airport for your onward flight, concluding your memorable journey.

Meals: Breakfast

Stay: Nil

Inclusions •

Meals as mentioned in the Itinerary.

One-hour Shikara rides are complimentary.

5-night accommodation.

Heater Charges.

Individual cab for the tour.

Daily Breakfast and Dinners.

All sightseeing mentions the itinerary pickup and drop-off at Srinagar.

Taxes included toll tax, parking fee, green tax, driving and fuel expenses.

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.

Heater charges in hotels.

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 does not include safaris, rafting, or other activities.

5% GST.

FAQs •

Q: What is the Gurez Valley famous for?

A:

Gurez Valley in Jammu and Kashmir is a beautiful mountain valley along the Kishanganga River, known for its stunning views and strategic location near the Line of Control.

Q: Is Gurez Valley open for tourists?

A:

Gurez Valley is open to tourists from May to October, as heavy snowfall keeps it closed during winter.

Q: Is permission required for Gurez Valley?

A:

Indian tourists don’t need permits for Gurez Valley, but should carry ID proof. Foreigners must get permission from the district commissioner in Srinagar or Bandipora.

Q: Is Gurez Valley better than Doodhpathri?

A:

Gurez Valley is ideal for adventure and exploration, while Doodhpathri is perfect for a peaceful, scenic retreat.

Q: What is the distance from Srinagar to Gurez Valley?

A:

The distance from Srinagar to Gurez Valley is approximately 125.8 km, and the journey takes about 4 hours via the Bandipora-Srinagar Road and Bandipora-Gurez Road.

Q: Is Gurez a border area?

A:

Gurez Valley, near the Line of Control in the Himalayas, is known for its snow-capped peaks, diverse wildlife, and the scenic Kishanganga River.

Q: Does Gurez Valley have mobile network coverage and internet connectivity?

A:

In Gurez Valley, BSNL and Jio networks work in main towns, but connectivity is patchy in remote areas, with limited or no signal in some parts.

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