

Discovering Kashmir Valley – 6 Days

DAY 01 Delhi – SRINAGAR

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your reserved houseboat at Srinagar.

Afternoon enjoy a Shikara ride on the Dal lake visiting Floating and Vegetable gardens. Srinagar attracts tourists throughout the year to enjoy its snow clad mountains, colors of fall & greenery of the summers. Dal Lake, the largest lake, spread across 26 square kilometers is home to the maximum number of houseboats & Shikara's. No trip to Kashmir is complete without a stay on one of its luxurious house boats & a boat ride on a 'Shikara' along the pristine lake.

DAY 02 Sightseeing IN SRINAGAR - Mughal Gardens

After breakfast, join a sightseeing tour of Mughal Gardens.

Srinagar

Srinagar, is the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir; perfectly placed in the center of the Kashmir Valley. Srinagar literally meaning 'the city of wealth & abundance' in Sanskrit, was founded around 150 AD by King Pravarasen II. Situated on the banks of the river Jhelum, Srinagar is surrounded by beautiful lakes like Dal, Nagin and Anchar, whose glittering waters reflecting the rays of the sun is a sight to behold. Its vividly vibrant & beautiful houseboats sailing along the scenic Dal & Nageen Lake against the backdrop of the majestic Himalayan snow clad mountains.

Not only known for its beauty, Srinagar also has a special place in the history of ancient India. Excavations carried out here have identified many valued evidences of ancient settlements dating back to 5,000 years. The artifacts collected from the excavation are displayed in Srinagar museum, which include arrowheads, animal skeletons, implements, tools and pots from the Neolithic age.

The Mughal Gardens

With terraced lawns, cascading fountains, paint-box-bright flowerbeds with the panorama of the Dal in front of them - the three Mughal Gardens of Nishat and Shalimar are the Mughal Emperors' concept of paradise and are today very popular places for picnics and excursions.

Nishat Bagh

Situated on the banks of the Dal Lake, with the Zabarwan Mountains as its backdrop, this "Garden of Love" commands a magnificent view of the lake and the snow capped Pir Panjal mountain range which stands far away to the west of the valley. Nishat was designed in 1633 AD by Asaf Khan, brother of NurJehan.

Shalimar Bagh

Built by Emperor Jehangir for his wife NurJehan, Shalimar, 15 kms from the Tourists Reception Centre, is a beautiful garden with sweeping vistas over gardens and lakes, and shallow terraces. The garden is 539 m by 182 m and has four terraces, rising one above the other. A canal lined with polished stones and supplied with water from Harwan runs through the middle of the garden. The fourth terrace, by far the best, was once reserved for royal ladies.

Evening; return to your reserved accommodation for dinner and overnights

DAY 03 DAY TRIP TO Pahalgam

After breakfast, drive to Pahalgam (Valley of Shepherds) The distance of 98 kms will be covered in about 2 ½ hrs.

Pahalgam (Valley of Shepherds) via old part of Srinagar. Drive through Saffron fields, visit Awantipura ruins (1100 years old temple of Lord Vishnu built by King Awantiwareman). Drive through the pine forest and along Lidder River. The total distance of about 98 kms will be covered in about 2 hrs.. One can enjoy a pony ride through thick pine forest. Evening Return to your reserved accommodation for Dinner and overnight.

Pahalgam offers wonderful opportunities for fishing. Lidder River which passes through the valley is rich in trout and an angler's delight. The fishing season starts from March and lasts till September.

On arrival enjoy hot lunch at Pahalgam and later take a pony ride or simply have short trek to Aru valley

Evening; return to your reserved accommodation for dinner and overnight in Srinagar.

DAY 04 DAY TRIP TO GULMARG

After breakfast, drive to Gulmarg (Meadow of Flowers) 2730 Mts. above sea level. The distance of 58 kms will be covered in about 1 ½ hrs.

Gulmarg – Meadow of Flowers

Gulmarg is a spectacular picnic spot attracted by all kinds of tourists with its lush green backdrop, beautiful landscapes, flowering gardens, serene lakes and pleasant climate during the summers and falls.

This imposing hill station was a pleasure resort for kings and royal family members and a summer retreat for the British officers during the British rule in India. Sir Marc Aural Stein, the renowned central Asian explorer made this place as his halting location between the expeditions during early 20th century. History claims that Mughal emperor Jehangir was a frequent visitor to this pleasant environment.

Gulmarg is an eye catching place with picturesque surroundings, beautiful gardens with mind boggling flowers and fragrance. This is one of the best ski resorts in India as it gets heavy snowfall, especially during winter which makes it the best time to book [Kashmir tour packages](#). Some of the highest ski slopes in India lies in the sloppy Himalayan regions in Gulmarg.

Gulmarg has Asia's highest and longest cable car - Gondola. The two-stage ropeway ferries about 600 people per hour to and from Kongdoori Mountain, a shoulder of nearby Afarwat Peak (4,200 m (13,780 ft)). The first stage transfers from the Gulmarg resort at 2,600 m (8,530 ft) to Kongdoori Station in the bowl-shaped Kongdori valley. The second stage of the ropeway, takes you to a height of 3,747 m (12,293 ft) on Kongdoori Mountain, a shoulder of nearby Afarwat Peak (4,200 m (13,780 ft)).

On arrival , one can enjoy hot lunch at Gulmarg and later take a cable car or a pony ride or simply have short trek to Khalenmarg.

Evening; return to your reserved accommodation for dinner and overnight in Srinagar.

DAY 05 Sightseeing IN SRINAGAR with Heritage Walk

After breakfast, join a for Heritage Walk

Jamia Masjid

Sultan Sikander with Shah Hamdan in 1398 AD constructed this mosque; Great engineer Sayid Mohammad Sadurud din from Khurasan we involved to draft the plan of Jamia Masjid. The plan was laid such that the mosque would accommodate 40,000 worshipers at a time. The ceiling of the mosque is supported by 378 wooden pillars.

Shah Hamdan Mosque

Shah Hamdan Mosque - 7 Km built in 14th century by Sultan Qutab –ud-Din and Sultan Sikandar in 1395 AC - in respect of Syed Ali Hamdani RA. Syed Ali Hamdani RA born in 714 A.H (1314 AC) t Hamdan in Iran. Syed Ali Hamdani became Hafiz – e – Quran (One who knows Quran by heart) in his early boyhood, he studied Islamic theology, acquired knowledge and learnt Tasawwuf (Sufism) under the tuition of SayyidAla – ud – Din Simnani RA, his maternal uncle. One can see view of the mosque blend with colors of Jhelum River is a landmark in the history of Kashmir.

Afternoon : Drive through old part of Srinagar city and visit the famous Jamia Masjid , Shah-E-Hamdan Mosque, Wooden Mosque and walk through Heritage buildings , old spice market and ancient lanes of Srinagar city. Interact with the locals while you pass old bazaars. Enroute also visit the Kashmir Handicraft units for last minute shopping.

Enroute , visit the local bazaars and handicraft units and indulge in shopping for the famous Pashmina shawls and Kashmiri handicrafts . Evening return to your reserved accommodation.

Evening; return to your reserved accommodation for dinner and overnights

DAY 06 – SRINAGAR – DELHI

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Srinagar airport on time for onwards journey...

Journey Ends with Sweet Memories