

GRAND KASHMIR ODYSSEY

4 NIGHTS SRINAGAR (INCL. 1 NIGHT HOUSEBOAT), 1 NIGHT GULMARG, 2 NIGHTS PAHALGAM



07 NIGHTS / 08 DAYS

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TOUR DETAILS

PACKAGE TYPE : LEISURE TOUR
DURATION : 07 NIGHTS

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 07 Nights' accommodation on twin sharing basis in hotel / houseboat
- Daily breakfast & dinner at the hotel
- All sight - seeing as per the itinerary mentioned below.
- All transfers and sightseeing by private Non – A C vehicle.
- Transportation part includes all Toll, taxes (if any), fuel charges, parking charges & driver allowances **(Vehicle will not be at disposal it will be available as per itinerary only) (point to point basis).**
- Airport pick-up and drop
- Shikara ride on Dal Lake (as per itinerary)
- All applicable toll, parking and driver allowances
- All currently applicable hotel taxes

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- Any Airfare / Train fare
- Anything not mentioned in the Cost Highlights column
- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, portorage.
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicles, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc. (to be borne by the client, who is directly payable on the spot).
- Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.
- Any insurance, medical expenses etc.
- Guide Hiring Charges, Entry Fees, Camera charges at Monuments/temples
- Gondola Ride / Pony Ride Etc.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 01: ARRIVE SRINAGAR

- Arrive Srinagar airport
- Meet your representative and transfer to hotel / houseboat
- Check in and freshen up at the hotel.
- Evening free at leisure.
- Dinner & overnight stay.

DAY 02: SRINAGAR LOCAL SIGHTSEEING & HOUSEBOAT STAY

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day sightseeing covering the Mughal Gardens - Nishat Bagh, Shalimar Bagh and Chashme Shahi - **Nishat Bagh**, the 'Garden of Joy', is the second largest Mughal Garden in Kashmir, laid out along the eastern shore of Dal Lake with the Zabarwan mountains as a backdrop. - **Shalimar Bagh** was built by Emperor Jahangir for his wife Nur Jahan and is famous for its terraced lawns, fountains and chinar trees. **Chashme Shahi**, the 'Royal Spring', is a small - terraced garden built around a natural spring believed to have medicinal properties.
- Also Visit Hazratbal Shrine and Shankaracharya Temple (weather / security permitting)
- Evening Shikara ride on Dal Lake - Enjoy a leisurely Shikara ride on Dal Lake, gliding past floating vegetable gardens, houseboats and the famous Char Chinar island.
- Later check in to houseboat for dinner & overnight stay

DAY 03: SRINAGAR – DOODHPATHRI EXCURSION

- Disembark houseboat after breakfast and check in to hotel
- Later depart for the full day excursion to offbeat Doodhpathri meadows
- Evening free for shopping at Lal Chowk and Polo View Market
- Arrive back to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

DAY 04: SRINAGAR - SONMARG - SRINAGAR (80 KMS / 2.5 HRS EACH WAY)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for the Full day excursion to Sonmarg, the 'Meadow of Gold'
- Arrive Sonmarg and have local sight tour by the local cabs **(at own cost)**
- Optional pony ride / short trek to Thajiwas Glacier **(at own cost)** Thajiwas Glacier near Sonmarg is a popular short trek/pony ride destination, framed by meadows and waterfalls.
- Return to Srinagar by evening
- Dinner & overnight stay

DAY 05: SRINAGAR - GULMARG (52 KMS / 1.5 HRS)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out and drive to Gulmarg.
- Arrive Gulmarg & check into the hotel. **(Standard check in time at 2 PM)**
- After freshening up depart for sightseeing of Gulmarg, the 'Meadow of Flowers'



- **Optional** Gondola cable car rides up to Kongdoori / Apharwat (**at own cost**) Gulmarg's cable car (Gondola), one of the highest cable cars in the world, takes you up to Kongdoori and further to Apharwat Peak, offering panoramic views of the Himalayas.
- Arrive back to the hotel
- Evening free at Leisure
- Dinner & overnight stay.

DAY 06: GULMARG - PAHALGAM (150 KMS / 4 HRS)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out and drive to Pahalgam via Srinagar.
- Arrive Pahalgam and check in hotel
- Day free to relax.
- Spend your evening at the banks of River Lidder.
- Dinner & overnight stay.

DAY 07: PAHALGAM LOCAL SIGHTSEEING & TRANSFER TO SRINAGAR

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for the Full day excursion by local shared cab (**at own cost**) covering Betaab Valley, Aru Valley and Chandanwari. **Betaab Valley**, named after the Bollywood film shot here, is a lush green valley surrounded by pine forests and snow-capped peaks along the Lidder river. **Aru Valley** is a picturesque hamlet known for its meadows, pine forests and as the base for treks to Kolahoi Glacier. **Chandanwari**, the starting point of the Amarnath Yatra, is known for its snow bridges and the Sheshnag mountain views.
- Later transfer to Srinagar.
- Arrive Srinagar & Check in hotel for dinner & overnight stay

DAY 08: DEPART SRINAGAR

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out and transfer to Srinagar airport for onward journey.

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