

Kashmir Quick Escape: Srinagar Houseboat & Dal Lake Shikara Ride

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Destination
Kashmir



Duration
3 Nights 4 Days



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Rs. 8,499 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

✓ **Srinagar - 3N**

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Overview

Experience a romantic 3 nights / 4 days Kashmir tour package designed for couples and travelers who want a short, memorable getaway. This Kashmir Honeymoon tour package blends the timeless charm of Dal Lake and a stay on a traditional Srinagar houseboat with the serene beauty of Mughal gardens and hilltop views. Ideal as a 3 and 4 Kashmir Honeymoon tour package, this itinerary is compact, relaxing, and rich in photo-worthy moments.

Highlights:

- Overnight stay on a traditional Srinagar houseboat
- Shikara ride on Dal Lake at sunrise/sunset
- Visits to Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh and Chashme Shahi
- Panoramic view from Shankaracharya Temple
- Optional day excursion to Gulmarg (meadows & gondola)

Tip: Carry a light jacket—Kashmir mornings and evenings are cool year-round.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation: 1 night on a traditional Srinagar houseboat + 2 nights in a well-rated Srinagar hotel (twin/deluxe room as per selection)
- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ 1 evening Shikara ride on Dal Lake and 1 short morning Shikara (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Private airport pick-up and drop-off in Srinagar
- ✓ All sightseeing transfers by an air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Local English-speaking driver/guide (where required)
- ✓ Applicable hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Emergency assistance and local support

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Srinagar
- ✗ Any applicable permit fees (if required)
- ✗ Entry fees, gondola tickets, adventure activities (skiing, pony rides) and optional excursions
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions (lunches & dinners unless mentioned)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, laundry, phone calls
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Any item not mentioned in 'Inclusions'

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Srinagar – Houseboat Check-in & Evening Shikara Ride

Welcome to Srinagar. Arrive at Srinagar Airport and meet your representative for a private transfer to your iconic houseboat on Dal Lake. After check-in and some leisure time, enjoy a serene Shikara ride on Dal Lake at sunset – glide past floating gardens, local markets and the famous Char Chinar island. Later, enjoy traditional Kashmiri cuisine on the houseboat.

Important: Houseboat check-in is usually in the afternoon; early arrivals can store luggage and freshen up before boarding the shikara.

Day

2

Mughal Gardens & Old Srinagar Exploration

After breakfast on the houseboat, set out for a half-day of classic sights: visit Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, and Chashme Shahi – the famed Mughal gardens with terraced lawns, fountains, and panoramic lake views. In the afternoon explore Old Srinagar: stroll through the bustling bazaars, see traditional crafts (pashmina, papier-mâché) and visit iconic landmarks. Finish the day with a short drive up to Shankaracharya Temple for sunset panoramic views of the valley and Dal Lake.

Tip: Carry small change for bargaining in local markets and wear comfortable shoes for garden walks.

Day

3

Optional Gulmarg Day Excursion – Meadows & Gondola

Today choose between a relaxing day in Srinagar or an optional full-day excursion to Gulmarg (approx. 2–2.5 hours each way). In Gulmarg enjoy alpine meadows, pine forests and (seasonal) snow. Take the famous Gondola ride – one of the highest cable car experiences in the world – or simply stroll the meadow and enjoy the Himalayan vistas. Return to Srinagar in the evening for overnight on the houseboat/hotel.

Note: Gulmarg activities (gondola, skiing, pony rides) are seasonal and require extra charges.

Day

4

Leisure Morning, Final Shikara Ride & Departure

Enjoy a leisurely morning with a final short Shikara ride or visit any missed local spots. Check out from your houseboat/hotel and proceed for airport transfer based on your flight schedule. Depart with beautiful memories of this short Kashmir Honeymoon package.

Important: Confirm transfer time with your coordinator at least 12 hours before departure.

🔗 Frequently Asked Questions

🔗 What are the must-see tourist attractions in Kashmir?

Kashmir offers breathtaking attractions like Dal Lake for its houseboats, Pahalgam for stunning valleys, Gulmarg for skiing, and Sonamarg for breathtaking landscapes. Don't miss the Mughal Gardens in Srinagar and the ancient monasteries in Zanskar. Each location showcases the region's natural beauty and rich culture.

🔗 How can I reach Kashmir from major cities in India?

You can reach Kashmir by air, road, or rail. The nearest airport is Srinagar, with flights from Delhi and other major cities. For train travel, Jammu is the closest railway station, followed by a scenic drive to Kashmir. Buses and taxis also connect major cities via the highway. Enjoy the breathtaking landscapes!

🔗 Is Kashmir a safe destination for tourists?

Kashmir, renowned for its stunning landscapes and rich culture, has seen improvements in safety for tourists in recent years. While many travelers visit without issues, it's important to stay updated on local conditions and follow travel advisories. Enjoy the beauty, but prioritize your safety.

🔗 What are the best times to visit Kashmir for tourism?

The best times to visit Kashmir are during spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November). Spring showcases blooming flowers and pleasant weather, while autumn offers stunning fall colors and crisp air. Summer can be warm, but it's a good time for trekking and adventure activities.

🔗 What activities can I do in Kashmir during my visit?

In Kashmir, you can enjoy stunning activities like trekking in the Himalayas, houseboat stays on Dal Lake, exploring Mughal gardens, skiing in Gulmarg, and experiencing the vibrant culture through local markets and cuisine. Don't miss the breathtaking views and photography opportunities!

🔗 What is the local cuisine of Kashmir and where can I try it?

Kashmir boasts a rich cuisine, with specialties like Rogan Josh, Yakhni, and Dum Aloo. You can savor these dishes at local restaurants in Srinagar, such as Ahdoos or Mughal Darbar. For an authentic experience, try traditional Wazwan meals served at local homes or heritage hotels.

? What accommodations are available for tourists in Kashmir?

Kashmir offers a wide range of accommodations for tourists, from luxury hotels and heritage houseboats on Dal Lake to cozy guesthouses and boutique hotels in popular areas like Pahalgam and Gulmarg. Many options provide stunning views and warm hospitality, making your stay memorable.

★ Traveller Reviews



Kapil Bhatnagar

★★★★★ 5/5

Cordial and Cheerful

Kashmir's warmth is reflected in the smiles of its people. This tour package was delightful with its activities and accommodations.



Sakshi Agarwal

★★★★★ 5/5

An Experience of a Lifetime

The entire trip was an experience of a lifetime. Every sight was a story waiting to be told. Don't miss it!



Deepesh Malik

★★★★☆ 4/5

Kashmir Unplugged

This journey let me unplug from everyday life and soak in the beauty of nature. A much-needed retreat!



Nandini Patil

★★★★★ 5/5

A Perfect Blend of Activities

From trekking to leisure walks along the lake, this package offered a perfect blend of activities to enjoy.



Suman Verma

★★★★★ 5/5

Beautiful Gardens

The Mughal gardens were stunning during our visit. Highly recommended as part of the package!

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