

# Srinagar Extended Weekend: Mughal Gardens, Shikara & Local Food

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Destination  
**Kashmir**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 14,900 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

✓ Srinagar - 5N

## Overview

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A relaxed 5 nights / 6 days Kashmir tour package ideal for families and couples who want to experience the best of Srinagar. This Kashmir Family package focuses on Dal Lake, Mughal Gardens (Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chashme Shahi), authentic Kashmiri cuisine, and a scenic day trip to Gulmarg. Perfect for those searching for a Kashmir Family tour package or a 5 and 6 Kashmir Family tour package.

### Highlights:

- Signature Shikara ride on Dal Lake at sunset
- Explore the Mughal Gardens: Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chashme Shahi
- Gondola ride & meadows of Gulmarg (day excursion)
- Old City food walk: Wazwan tasters, kebabs & Kahwa
- Stay options: Houseboat experience or hotel by the lake

Important note: Weather can be cool – pack layers. Houseboat stays depend on availability and will be confirmed at booking.

#### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights in Srinagar (Houseboat or Hotel on twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (and 2 dinners) – can be upgraded to include more meals or Wazwan on request
- ✓ Airport transfers (Srinagar Airport – Hotel – Airport)
- ✓ Evening Shikara ride (shared) on Dal Lake
- ✓ Day excursion to Gulmarg with transfers
- ✓ Local sightseeing as per itinerary with private transport
- ✓ 24/7 emergency assistance and local support
- ✓ Note: Gondola tickets, houseboat upgrades, and local permits are extra and subject to availability.

#### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Srinagar
- ✗ Gondola tickets in Gulmarg (Phase 2 optional, payable on spot)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, portorage
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in inclusions and optional activities
- ✗ Any travel insurance (highly recommended)
- ✗ Peak season surcharges, festival supplements, and entry fees if applicable

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

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### **Arrival, Transfer to Houseboat/Hotel & Evening Shikara**

Arrive at Srinagar Airport (Sheikh ul-Alam). Meet and assist, then transfer to your lakefront houseboat or hotel. Freshen up and relax. In the evening enjoy a tranquil Shikara ride on Dal Lake watching the sunset and floating gardens. This gentle ride is perfect to unwind after travel and introduces you to Kashmir's iconic waterway.

Tip: Select a houseboat with lake-facing verandah for best views.

Day

2

### **Mughal Gardens & Hazratbal Shrine**

After breakfast, visit the elegant Mughal Gardens — Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, and Chashme Shahi — showcasing terraced lawns, fountains and Himalayan views. Continue to Hazratbal Shrine on the lakeshore and explore local crafts at the nearby markets. Evening at leisure with an optional walk through the Lal Chowk area and a taste of local street snacks.

Special note: Mughal Gardens bloom differently across seasons; spring and early summer are the best times for floral displays.

Day

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### **Srinagar Old City & Local Food Walk**

Spend the day exploring Srinagar's Old City. Visit Jamia Masjid, stroll through the bustling bazaar, and stop at local shops selling pashmina, papier-mâché and spices. Join a guided local food walk to sample Kashmiri specialties — Rogan Josh, Dum Aloo, Kehwa, and festive Wazwan tasters. Evening free for a relaxed lakeside dinner.

Tip: Try Kahwa after your meal to aid digestion and warm up on cool evenings.

Day

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### **Day Excursion to Gulmarg — Gondola & Meadows**

Full-day excursion to Gulmarg (approx. 1.5–2 hours drive). In Gulmarg enjoy panoramic meadows, a hilltop walk and the famous Gondola ride (Phase 1 & optional Phase 2) offering spectacular alpine views. Ideal for families — options for pony rides, short treks or relaxation at a meadow-side café. Return to Srinagar by evening.

Important: Gondola operates subject to weather; tickets booked on spot where available.

Day

5

## Sonamarg OR Leisure Day in Srinagar

Choose between a day trip to Sonamarg (gateway to Thajiwas Glacier; scenic drives and short walks) or a leisure day in Srinagar to enjoy houseboat hospitality, spa, and further exploration of local cuisine and markets. For families, this day is ideal for low-key activities and rest.

Tip: Sonamarg is best in summer; snow and glacier access vary by season.

Day

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## Departure — Last-minute Shopping & Transfer to Airport

Relaxed morning for final photos and last-minute shopping for saffron, dry fruits, and pashmina. Transfer to Srinagar Airport for your onward flight. Bid farewell to the Himalayas with memories of a peaceful Kashmir Family Retreat package.

Special note: Check flight timings and allow sufficient time for lake-to-airport transfers (traffic can be variable).

## 🔗 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔗 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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