

Aru & Lidder Valley Nature Retreat: Meadows, Trout Rivers & Picnics

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Destination
Kashmir



Duration
5 Nights 6 Days



Starting from
Rs. 15,800 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Srinagar - 2N

↘ Pahalgam - 3N

Overview

A 5-night, 6-day Kashmir Family tour package designed for families and nature lovers who want an unhurried exploration of Aru Valley, Lidder River and the iconic meadows of Pahalgam, with peaceful evenings in Srinagar. This Kashmir tour package blends gentle walks, meadow picnics, trout-river experiences, and local culture for a relaxed mountain escape.

Highlights:

- Aru Valley: expansive alpine meadows and family-friendly walks
- Lidder River: trout viewing, riverside picnics and optional angling
- Pahalgam: Betab Valley, Baisaran ("Mini Switzerland") and village trails
- Srinagar: serene Dal Lake shikara ride & traditional Kashmiri cuisine
- Family-friendly activities: short nature walks, pony rides, and easy picnic spots

Ideal keywords: Kashmir tour package, Kashmir Family tour package, Kashmir Family package, 5 and 6 Kashmir Family tour package.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation: 2 nights in Srinagar (Houseboat/Hotel) + 3 nights in Pahalgam (Hotel/Guesthouse)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 select dinners (hotel meals)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Guided local nature walks and meadow picnics
- ✓ One sunset shikara ride on Dal Lake
- ✓ Assistance for local permits (where required) and on-ground coordination
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes and service charges

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Srinagar
- ✗ Personal expenses, optional activities (trout-fishing permits, pony rides, helicopter rides)
- ✗ Entrance fees, monument fees, or special permits not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Travel insurance, medical expenses, and emergency evacuation
- ✗ Tips, portorage and laundry charges

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival at Srinagar — Dal Lake & Houseboat Stay

Arrive at Srinagar Airport and transfer to your pre-booked houseboat/ hotel on Dal Lake. Enjoy a calm shikara ride at sunset — perfect to relax after travel. Evening free to taste local Kashmiri cuisine and walk by the lakeshore.

Activities & notes:

- Sunset Shikara ride on Dal Lake
- Leisurely stroll at Lal Chowk (optional)
- Tip: Carry light warm clothes in evenings; temperature drops near the lake.

Day

2

Srinagar to Pahalgam — Enter Aru & Lidder Valley

After breakfast drive (approx. 2.5–3 hours) to Pahalgam — gateway to Aru Valley and the scenic Lidder River. En route enjoy views of terraced fields and riverside hamlets. On arrival, check in and take an introductory walk along the Lidder River followed by a gentle evening at the meadow.

Activities & notes:

- Scenic drive to Pahalgam
- Introductory riverside walk by Lidder River
- Family highlight: short pony rides available for children in Pahalgam.

Day

3

Aru Valley Meadows — Picnic & Nature Walks

Full day exploring Aru Valley — known for wide alpine meadows framed by snow-capped peaks. Enjoy a curated picnic at a photogenic meadow and take family-friendly walks through wildflower patches and gentle slopes.

Activities & notes:

- Explore Aru Meadows and enjoy a packed picnic by the meadow
- Easy guided walk to vantage points for family photos
- Note: Picnic sites are chosen to be family-friendly with short walking distances from the vehicle.

Day

4

Lidder River Experiences — Trout Rivers & Betab Valley

Visit the tranquil stretches of the Lidder River for riverside picnics, trout-viewing and optional angling (permits may apply). Later drive to Betab Valley (famous film spot) and stop at Baisaran (known as Mini Switzerland) for sweeping meadow views and pony rides.

Activities & notes:

- Riverside picnic and optional trout fishing on Lidder River
- Visit Betab Valley and Baisaran for panoramic meadows
- Important: Fishing requires local permits and seasonal availability.

Day

5

Leisure Morning in Pahalgam & Return to Srinagar

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Pahalgam — last-minute strolls, local market shopping for Kashmiri handicrafts and saffron-based treats. After lunch, drive back to Srinagar. Evening at leisure with an optional shikara or dinner at a traditional restaurant.

Activities & notes:

- Local market visit for Kashmiri handicrafts
- Scenic drive back to Srinagar (approx. 2.5–3 hours)
- Tip: Carry small change for local purchases and support artisans.

Day

6

Departure from Srinagar — End of Package

After breakfast, transfer to Srinagar Airport for your onward flight. If time permits, stop at a garden (e.g., Nishat Bagh) for a short photo-op before departure.

Activities & notes:

- Airport transfer and departure
- Note: Check flight timings and leave with buffer time for Srinagar traffic.

? 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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