

# Romantic Houseboat Weekender Extended: Dal Lake Private Stay

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Destination  
**Kashmir**



Duration  
**6 Nights 7 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 36,500 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Srinagar - Private Houseboat · 4N

↙ Gulmarg · 1N

↙ Pahalgam · 1N

## Overview

A 6 nights / 7 days Kashmir tour package designed for couples seeking an intimate Kashmir Honeymoon tour package experience. Spend most nights on a private, traditional Kashmiri houseboat on Dal Lake, Srinagar, with short escapes to the emerald meadows of Gulmarg and the peaceful valleys of Pahalgam. This Kashmir Honeymoon package combines serene houseboat living, shikara rides, alpine vistas, and cosy evenings under star-lit skies.

### Highlights:

- Private Houseboat Stay on Dal Lake (Srinagar)
- Shikara ride & floating market exploration
- Day trip & overnight options in Gulmarg (meadows & cable car) and Pahalgam (Betaab Valley, Aru Valley)
- Romantic experiences: candle-lit dinner on the houseboat, sunset shikara, local Kashmiri cuisine
- Optional activities for adventure and leisure: Gondola (Gulmarg), pony rides, trout fishing

This itinerary is ideal as a Kashmir Honeymoon tour package or a Romantic Kashmir tour. Travel times depend on weather and local conditions – plan for early departures for day trips.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ 6 nights accommodation: 4 nights in a private houseboat on Dal Lake (Srinagar) + 1 night in Gulmarg + 1 night in Pahalgam
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 4 specified dinners (including a candle-lit dinner on the houseboat)
- ✓ Private transfers: airport/railway pick-up and drop, intercity transfers as per itinerary
- ✓ Guided sightseeing as per itinerary (entrance fees where applicable not included unless specified)
- ✓ One romantic shikara ride (shared/private as per package option)
- ✓ Assistance of local representative and 24/7 emergency support
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes
- ✓ Note: Meal plan and number of dinners can be customized for Kashmir Honeymoon tour package buyers.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / train fare to/from Srinagar
- ✗ Gondola tickets in Gulmarg (Phase I & II) – payable locally
- ✗ Entrance fees, permits, and activity charges (e.g., pony rides, trout fishing, photography sessions)
- ✗ Any meals not specified in the inclusions
- ✗ Government taxes beyond included hotel taxes and optional gratuities to guides/boatmen
- ✗ Travel insurance and personal expenses
- ✗ Important: Peak-season supplements (spring, summer, winter festival periods) are not included and will be quoted separately.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

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### **Arrival in Srinagar & Private Houseboat Welcome**

Arrive at Srinagar Airport or Railway Station and transfer to your private traditional houseboat on Dal Lake. Settle into the cosy wooden interiors with embroidered Kashmiri rugs and panoramic lake views. Enjoy a welcome drink and a short orientation. In the late afternoon, take a romantic shikara ride through the floating gardens and watch the sunset over the Zabarwan Range.

Evening: Candle-lit dinner on the houseboat with authentic Kashmiri cuisine.

Tip: Request a lake-facing room on the houseboat for the best views.

Day

2

### **Srinagar Sightseeing – Mughal Gardens & Old City**

After breakfast on the houseboat, enjoy a full day of Srinagar highlights. Visit the Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, and Chashme Shahi – the famed Mughal gardens with immaculate terraces and water channels. Continue to the Shankaracharya Temple for panoramic city views and then explore the Old City bazaars for Pashmina shawls, papier-mâché, and local handicrafts. Return to the houseboat for a relaxed evening and optional Kashmiri Wazwan tasting.

Note: Wear comfortable shoes for garden walks and be ready for brief walking on uneven paths.

Day

3

### **Day Trip to Gulmarg – Meadows & Gondola (Phase I & optional Phase II)**

Early departure to Gulmarg (approx. 1.5–2 hrs). Spend the day amid rolling green meadows, wildflowers, and pine-clad landscapes. Enjoy a ride on the Gulmarg Gondola (Phase I – to Kongdoori; optional Phase II to Apharwat for high-altitude vistas). Activities include pony rides, meadow walks, and photography.

Evening: Check into a cosy hotel in Gulmarg for the night or return to the houseboat in Srinagar (itinerary here includes 1 night in Gulmarg).

Tip: Carry a light jacket; temperatures in Gulmarg can be several degrees cooler than Srinagar.

Day

4

### **Gulmarg Morning & Return to Srinagar Houseboat**

Enjoy a peaceful morning in Gulmarg with a stroll through the meadows and breakfast with mountain views. Optional activities: trout fishing (seasonal) or guided nature walks. After lunch, drive back to Srinagar and re-board your private houseboat on Dal Lake. Spend the evening relaxing or taking another shikara ride.

Note: If you prefer less transit, this day can be modified to make Gulmarg a day trip and keep all nights on the houseboat.

Day

5

### **Pahalgam Excursion – Betaab Valley & Aru**

Depart early for Pahalgam (approx. 2.5–3 hrs). Visit Betaab Valley, known for its emerald meadows and filmmaking history, and Aru Valley for serene alpine scenery. Enjoy picnic-style lunch or local Thali at a hillside eatery. Walk along the Lidder River and opt for pony rides or short guided treks.

Evening: Overnight at a comfortable hotel in Pahalgam.

Tip: Carry sunscreen and a hat for valley walks; altitude is moderate but sun exposure can be strong.

Day

6

### **Leisure Morning in Pahalgam & Return to Srinagar Houseboat**

Spend a relaxed morning in Pahalgam – a gentle walk, river-side moments, or souvenir shopping. After lunch, travel back to Srinagar and return to your private houseboat on Dal Lake. Evening free for a private couple's experience – e.g., private sunset shikara and an intimate dinner prepared onboard.

Highlight: Arrange a private Kashmiri cooking demonstration or a photography session on the houseboat (prior booking recommended).

Day

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### **Departure from Srinagar**

After breakfast, complete your checkout formalities and transfer to Srinagar Airport or Railway Station for your onward journey. If time permits, a short stop at the Floating Vegetable Market or pick up last-minute Kashmiri souvenirs.

Note: Confirm flight/train timings and allow extra buffer for local traffic. Safe travels!

## **🔍 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.

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## ❓ **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!

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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!

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ 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

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**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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