

# Family Week in Kashmir: Kid-Friendly Trails, Meadows & Cultural Visits

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Destination  
**Kashmir**



Duration  
**7 Nights 8 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 28,499 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Srinagar · 3N

↗ Gulmarg · 2N

↗ Pahalgam · 2N

## Overview

Experience a gentle, family-focused Kashmir tour package designed for parents and children alike. This Kashmir Family tour package blends easy nature walks, safe kid-friendly activities, comfortable stays on houseboats and hotels, and cultural visits that introduce children to Kashmiri traditions. Ideal as a 7 and 8 Kashmir Family tour package, the itinerary covers Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam over 7 nights and 8 days, ensuring relaxed travel pace and memorable family moments.

### Highlights:

- Shikara ride on Dal Lake and stay on a traditional houseboat
- Mughal Gardens and easy family walks in Srinagar
- Scenic Gulmarg Gondola rides and meadows for pony rides and picnics
- Gentle valley walks in Pahalgam, visits to Betaab Valley and Aru/Chandanwari
- Kid-friendly cultural interactions and simple local craft demonstrations

Tip: This package is paced for families — travel windows are short, with child-friendly activities and frequent rest breaks.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Comfortable accommodation for 7 nights (3 nights in Srinagar, 2 nights in Gulmarg, 2 nights in Pahalgam) with daily breakfast
- ✓ Shikara ride on Dal Lake (shared/private as per booking)
- ✓ Transfers and sightseeing in an air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Gondola Phase 1 tickets in Gulmarg for all adults and children (Phase 2 optional, payable locally)
- ✓ Entrance fees for listed sights (where applicable)
- ✓ Experienced local driver/guide and pickup/drop to Srinagar Airport/Railway Station
- ✓ Kid-friendly activity arrangements (pony rides, short walks) as listed
- ✓ Special Note: Family-friendly rooms and child amenities arranged on request at time of booking.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / train fare to/from Srinagar
- ✗ Meals other than specified breakfast; lunches/dinners available on request
- ✗ Gondola Phase 2 tickets (optional) and any additional rides or adventure activities
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, portorage, and insurance
- ✗ Any COVID-19 related testing or quarantine costs (if applicable)
- ✗ Tip: Pre-book optional activities (Phase 2 Gondola, private shikara, pony rides) to avoid queues during peak season.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

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### **Arrival in Srinagar — Dal Lake & Houseboat Check-in**

Arrive at Srinagar Airport / Railway Station and transfer to your comfortable accommodation. Check in to a charming houseboat or family-friendly hotel by the lake. After settling in, enjoy a gentle Shikara ride on Dal Lake—perfect for kids to spot local birdlife and floating gardens. Evening at leisure with an easy stroll along the lakeshore.

Important: Shikara rides are short and supervised; life jackets available for children.

Day

2

### **Mughal Gardens, Shankaracharya & Local Markets**

Spend a relaxed day exploring the famous Mughal Gardens — Shalimar Bagh and Nishat Bagh — ideal for picnic breaks and family photos. Visit the hilltop Shankaracharya Temple (short family-friendly climb) for panoramic views of Srinagar. Conclude with a stroll through the local markets (Lal Chowk area) to see handicrafts and try local snacks.

Note: Gardens are stroller-friendly in most areas; bring a light stroller or carrier for younger children.

Day

3

### **Day Trip to Sonamarg — Meadows & Mini Glacier View**

Take a scenic drive to Sonamarg (approx. 2–3 hours). Enjoy easy walks on the meadows and, weather permitting, a short pony/horse ride to view the Thajiwas Glacier from the base — a thrilling but safe first-glacier experience for children. Return to Srinagar in the evening.

Tip: Carry warm layers and comfortable shoes; high-altitude sun exposure can be strong.

Day

4

### **Transfer to Gulmarg — Gondola Rides & Meadow Time**

Drive to Gulmarg after breakfast (approx. 2 hours). Check into a family-friendly hotel. Take the iconic Gulmarg Gondola (Phase 1; Phase 2 optional based on kids' comfort) to enjoy alpine views and expansive meadows. Kids can enjoy pony rides or gentle meadow strolls; plan a relaxed picnic if weather permits.

Important: Gondola cabins have seating limits — staff assist with family boarding. Phase 2 reaches higher altitude; consider children's tolerance before ascending.

Day

5

### **Gulmarg Adventures — Easy Trails & Playtime**

A full day in Gulmarg for family activities: easy nature trails suitable for small children, a guided short walk through wildflower patches (seasonal), and more pony rides or sledging in winter. Optionally, take Phase 2 of the Gondola for dramatic views if children are comfortable with higher altitudes.

Note: Keep hydration and sun protection handy. Activities adjusted by season (wildflowers in summer, snow play in winter).

Day

6

### **Drive to Pahalgam — Betaab Valley & Riverfront**

After breakfast, drive to Pahalgam (approx. 3–4 hours) with short scenic stops en route. Visit Betaab Valley — a family-favorite with easy walks and open lawns. Check into your hotel in Pahalgam and enjoy a relaxed evening by the riverside.

Tip: Betaab Valley has gentle paths and photo spots ideal for families.

Day

7

### **Pahalgam: Aru Valley / Chandanwari & Cultural Time**

Explore nearby Aru Valley or Chandanwari for short, safe nature walks, pony rides for kids, and picnic spots. In the afternoon, visit a local craft demonstration or a simple cultural session to introduce children to Kashmiri music and crafts.

Note: Activities are short and flexible to suit younger children's energy levels.

Day

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### **Return to Srinagar & Departure**

After breakfast, drive back to Srinagar (approx. 2–3 hours) with a comfortable transfer to the airport or railway station for onward travel. If time allows, make a quick stop for last-minute shopping or a brief lakeside walk.

Important: Coordinate departure times carefully; transfers can be adjusted based on your flight/train schedule.

## **? 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!

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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.

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## ★ **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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