

Kashmir Culture & Cuisine Week: Markets, Crafts & Wazwan Evenings

Prepared by TourGrids



Destination
Kashmir



Duration
7 Nights 8 Days



Starting from
Rs. 21,750 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

✓ Srinagar · 4N

✓ Gulmarg · 1N

✓ Pahalgam · 2N

Overview

An immersive 7 nights / 8 days Kashmir tour package designed for couples and food lovers who want to explore Kashmiri markets, traditional crafts and the royal multi-course Wazwan experience. This carefully curated Kashmir Honeymoon tour package blends serene houseboat stays on Dal Lake, strolls through Mughal gardens, artisan bazaars, and intimate evenings sampling authentic Kashmiri cuisine.

Highlights:

- Shikara ride on Dal Lake and stay in a traditional houseboat
- Mughal Gardens: Shalimar Bagh & Nishat Bagh
- Local markets & craft bazaars: Lal Chowk, Residency Road, Polo View
- Traditional Wazwan evenings with a local chef (subject to availability)
- Gulmarg Gondola ride to Apharwat Peak
- Pahalgam & Betaab Valley: scenic meadows and riverside walks
- Day trip to Sonamarg and optional Thajiwas Glacier walk

Perfect for couples seeking a culturally rich Kashmir Honeymoon package focusing on food, craft and calm.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ 7 nights accommodation (houseboat & hotels as per itinerary)
- ✓ Daily breakfast, 4 specially curated dinners including Wazwan evenings (as per itinerary)
- ✓ All transfers & sightseeing by private AC vehicle
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for city & market walks
- ✓ Gulmarg Gondola tickets (one round trip, subject to operational hours)
- ✓ All applicable taxes and entry fees
- ✓ One hands-on Kashmiri cooking experience in Pahalgam
- ✓ Note: Meals listed as included are subject to local availability and festival closures.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fares to/from Srinagar
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips and portage
- ✗ Additional meals not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Adventure activities (skiing, snowmobile, pony rides) unless specified as optional
- ✗ Travel insurance and emergency evacuation cover
- ✗ Any permits or fees for special activities not listed above
- ✗ Important: Optional experiences (pony rides, additional gondola phases) are payable locally and may be seasonal.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Srinagar — Houseboat Welcome & Shikara Ride

Arrive at Srinagar Airport where you will be greeted and transferred to a traditional houseboat on Dal Lake. Relax and unwind with a late afternoon shikara ride through floating gardens and markets. Evening welcome briefing and a gentle walk along the lakeside.

Tip: Carry light warm layers; mornings and evenings can be chilly even in summer.

Day

2

Srinagar: Mughal Gardens, Old City & Craft Bazaars

Spend the day exploring the famous Mughal Gardens — Shalimar Bagh and Nishat Bagh — followed by a guided walk through the Old City. Visit local craft workshops to see pashmina weaving, papier-mâché artisans and copperware makers. Evening reserved for your first authentic Wazwan tasting — a multicourse Kashmiri feast prepared by local chefs.

Note: Wazwan evenings are communal and a highlight of this Kashmir Honeymoon tour package — please inform us of any dietary restrictions in advance.

Day

3

Transfer to Gulmarg — Gondola to Apharwat Peak

Drive to Gulmarg (approx. 2 hours). After hotel check-in, take the iconic Gulmarg Gondola up to Apharwat Peak for panoramic views and photo opportunities. Options include short meadow walks, pony rides or, season permitting, skiing and snow activities.

Tip: The gondola operates in phases; the higher phase can be weather-dependent.

Day

4

Leisure Morning in Gulmarg — Return to Srinagar

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Gulmarg with optional activities (golf, horseback ride or nature walk). After lunch, drive back to Srinagar. Evening at leisure — consider a second, intimate Wazwan or dine at a lakeside restaurant to sample local kahwa and rogan josh.

Note: This day is deliberately relaxed to balance activity with leisurely cultural immersion.

Day

5

Srinagar to Pahalgam — Enroute Crafts & Riverside Walks

Drive to Pahalgam (approx. 2.5–3 hours). Enroute, stop at small artisan hubs to observe walnut wood carving and local embroidery. Arrive at Pahalgam and explore the Lidder River promenade, local bazaars and small artisan stalls selling Kashmiri souvenirs.

Tip: Carry small change for local markets and support local artisans — bargaining is common but respectful.

Day

6

Pahalgam: Betaab Valley, Aru & Traditional Cuisine Evening

Full day exploring Betaab Valley, Aru Valley, and scenic meadows. Enjoy a picnic-style lunch beside the river or dine at a local dhaba to sample rustic Kashmiri specialities. Evening features a curated dine-in where you can meet a local cook/host to learn basics of making a Kashmiri dish — part of the 'Cuisine Week' experience.

Note: Valley walks are gentle; ponies are available for steeper stretches.

Day

7

Return to Srinagar via Sonamarg — Thajiwas Glacier View (Day Trip)

Drive back toward Srinagar with a scenic detour to Sonamarg. Stroll to Thajiwas Glacier (short walk or local pony/jeep) and enjoy Himalayan valley vistas. Late afternoon return to Srinagar for a farewell lakeside evening — optional final Wazwan or private candlelit dinner onboard your houseboat.

Tip: Sonamarg's glacier walk can be muddy; wear sturdy footwear and a waterproof layer during rains.

Day

8

Departure from Srinagar — Farewell

Morning at leisure — last-minute shopping in Srinagar's craft lanes or a short shikara ride if time permits. Transfer to Srinagar Airport for your onward flight, carrying memories (and handicrafts) from this immersive Kashmir tour package focusing on markets, crafts and Wazwan evenings.

Important: Confirm flight times; we recommend morning departures to avoid evening weather-related delays.

? 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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