

Wild Kashmir Expedition: Multi-Day Wildlife & Trekking Adventure

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Destination
Kashmir



Duration
8 Nights 9 Days



Starting from
Rs. 46,750 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Srinagar · 2N

↙ Gulmarg · 1N

↙ Sonamarg · 1N

↙ Pahalgam · 2N

↙ Daksum / Kokernag · 1N

↙ Lolab Valley · 1N

Overview

an immersive 8 nights / 9 days Kashmir tour package built for nature lovers and thrill-seekers. This Kashmir Adventure tour package combines wildlife safaris, high-altitude meadows, glacier-side walks, and multi-day trekking bases to create an authentic Himalayan experience. Ideal for travelers seeking an active itinerary with opportunities for wildlife spotting, guided treks, and cultural encounters.

Highlights:

- Dachigam National Park wildlife safari (spot the Kashmir stag / Hangul)
- Gulmarg Gondola ride & alpine meadow treks
- Thajiwas Glacier, Sonamarg short glacier trek
- Multi-day base treks from Pahalgam (Aru & Betaab Valley)
- Remote valley exploration: Daksum, Kokernag, and Lolab Valley
- Authentic nights on a Srinagar houseboat and village homestays

This package is an 8 and 9 Kashmir Adventure tour package option designed for moderate to fit trekkers. Altitude varies; acclimatization recommendations included below.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 8 nights as per itinerary: houseboat & lodges/homestays
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 6 dinners (regional cuisine) – customizable for dietary needs
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle with an experienced driver
- ✓ Licensed local guides for treks, Dachigam safari, and valley walks
- ✓ Entry permits for Dachigam National Park and local attractions
- ✓ Gondola tickets (Gulmarg Phase I & II) – subject to availability
- ✓ First-aid kit, emergency oxygen cylinder, and basic trekking support
- ✓ Local taxes and forest permits
- ✓ Important: Trek support (porters, camping gear) available on request for an additional fee.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International or domestic flights to/from Srinagar
- ✗ Travel insurance (mandatory for adventure activities)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and porter charges (unless prebooked)
- ✗ Meals not listed above and alcohol
- ✗ Winter-only equipment (crampons, heavy-duty snow gear) – available to rent
- ✗ Any trek extensions, national park special permits not mentioned, or emergency evacuations
- ✗ Note: Peak-season surcharges (spring bloom / autumn festival weeks) may apply; booking early is recommended.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Srinagar — Houseboat Welcome & Shikara on Dal Lake

Arrive at Srinagar Airport and transfer to a traditional houseboat on Dal Lake. Enjoy a leisurely shikara ride at sunset and a welcome briefing with your guide. Evening free to relax or stroll along the lakeshore markets.

Key activities: check-in, shikara cruise, local market walk.

Tip: Keep luggage light for trekkers and carry a warm layer for evening breezes on the lake.

Day

2

Dachigam Wildlife Excursion & Srinagar Mughal Gardens

Early morning transfer to Dachigam National Park for a guided wildlife drive focusing on spotting the endangered Kashmir stag (Hangul), Himalayan birds, and endemic flora. Return to Srinagar for lunch then visit the Mughal Gardens — Shalimar Bagh and Nishat Bagh.

Evening: cultural dinner on the houseboat.

Important: Dachigam entry requires prior permits; we handle permits in this package.

Day

3

Transfer to Gulmarg — Gondola & Alpine Meadows

Drive to Gulmarg through scenic valleys. On arrival, take the iconic Gulmarg Gondola (Phase I & II) to the alpine heights. Short guided treks from the top station to explore meadows, wildflowers, and panoramic views of the Pir Panjal range.

Optional: for adventure seekers, arrange summer skiing or mountain biking on request.

Note: Gondola timings depend on weather; the guide will advise early reservations.

Day

4

Gulmarg to Sonamarg — Thajiwas Glacier Walk

Depart Gulmarg and drive to Sonamarg. On arrival, enjoy a short trek to Thajiwas Glacier, a family-friendly glacier walk with fantastic photo opportunities. Evening at leisure in Sonamarg.

Tip: Carry waterproof shoes for glacier approaches and expect colder temperatures near the ice.

Day

5

Drive to Pahalgam — Betaab & Aru Valley Introductions

Morning drive to Pahalgam, the gateway to many famed treks. En route, stop at Betaab Valley and Aru Valley for short walks, riverside views, and picnic spots. Check in at Pahalgam and brief on the next day's trekking options.

Evening: gear check and acclimatization.

Note: Pahalgam is a high-altitude meadow area — stay hydrated and avoid heavy exertion on arrival.

Day

6

Full Day Trek from Pahalgam — Baisaran or Sheshnag Options

Choose between two guided trek options:

- Baisaran Meadow (short, family-friendly): a 3–4 hour round trek to a high green plateau with sweeping valley views.
- Sheshnag / Chandanwari (moderate): longer day trek along the Lidder River leading to glacial lakes and alpine scenery.

Both options include packed lunches and wildlife/plant interpretation by the guide.

Tip: Wear sturdy trekking shoes and bring sun protection. Weather can change quickly in the mountains.

Day

7

Second Day at Pahalgam — Optional Multi-Day Trek Start or Local Exploration

Option A (trekkers): Start a controlled multi-day trek from Pahalgam toward higher meadows (guided, campsite or guesthouse support).

Option B (leisure): Explore local villages, visit Lidder River banks for angling/photography, or short walks to nearby viewpoints.

Evening: local cuisine tasting and storytelling with villagers (if homestay organized).

Important: Multi-day trekking requires prior fitness confirmation; our team provides porters on request.

Day

8

Pahalgam to Daksum / Kokernag — Forest Trails & Waterfalls

Drive toward Daksum with a stop at Kokernag—known for botanical gardens and springs. At Daksum, enjoy forest walks, see the confluence of streams, and visit nearby Sinthan Top viewpoints if conditions permit.

Evening in a cozy forest lodge with a campfire (seasonal).

Tip: Daksum provides excellent birdwatching opportunities; carry binoculars.

Day

9

Lolab Valley Exploration & Return to Srinagar Departure

Drive to the remote Lolab Valley for a day of off-the-beaten-path exploration: meadow walks, village interactions, and chances to spot Himalayan fauna. Afternoon transfer back to Srinagar for final shopping on the way and transfer to the airport or houseboat for departure.

Note: Depending on your flight schedule, we can extend or compress this day; ask about add-on nights or transfers.

🔗 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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