

Adventure & Culture Combo (5 Nights): Trekking, Markets & Food

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Destination
Kashmir



Duration
5 Nights 6 Days



Starting from
Rs. 16,700 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Srinagar · 3N

↘ Gulmarg · 1N

↙ Pahalgam · 1N

Overview

Discover the best of Kashmir with this carefully curated Kashmir tour package that blends high-altitude trekking, vibrant markets, and authentic Kashmiri cuisine. Ideal for travelers looking for an active yet culturally rich escape, this Kashmir Adventure tour package covers scenic meadows, short guided treks, local bazaars and food experiences across Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam. This itinerary is optimized for those searching for a Kashmir Adventure package and also aligns with travelers comparing 5 and 6 Kashmir Adventure tour package options.

Highlights:

- Houseboat stay & Shikara ride on Dal Lake
- Gulmarg Gondola (Phase I) and meadow trekking
- Guided short trek in Pahalgam (Baisaran/Aru corridors)
- Mughal Gardens: Nishat & Shalimar
- Lal Chowk & Old Srinagar markets for handicrafts and street food
- Kashmiri food tasting: wazwan-style specialties, noon chai & kahwa

This package is designed for moderate fitness travelers; trekking sections are short to moderate (2–4 hours) and suitable for first-time trekkers with a guide.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights: 3 nights in Srinagar (houseboat/hotel), 1 night in Gulmarg, 1 night in Pahalgam (standard hotels on twin-sharing basis)
- ✓ Daily breakfasts (5) + 2 welcome/dinner meals as specified
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Guided local treks and local English-speaking guides
- ✓ Gulmarg Gondola (Phase I) ticket
- ✓ Shikara ride on Dal Lake
- ✓ Entry fees for included monuments as per itinerary
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes
- ✓ Note: Customization available for hotel categories (upgrades to premium properties available on request).

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International/domestic flights to/from Srinagar
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not mentioned above (lunches and most dinners)
- ✗ Gondola Phase II (Apharwat summit) – optional and payable locally
- ✗ Personal expenses (tips, laundry, phone calls)
- ✗ Adventure equipment rental (trekking poles, ponies for Baisaran if chosen)
- ✗ Any permit fees or entrance charges not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Important: Peak-season surcharges, festival dates, or government-imposed taxes may apply and will be communicated at booking.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Houseboat Welcome & Evening Shikara Ride

Arrive at Srinagar Airport and transfer to your traditional houseboat on Dal Lake. Relax and refresh before an evening Shikara ride to watch the sunset over floating gardens. Explore nearby floating vendors and enjoy a welcome dinner featuring Kashmiri specialties.

Activities:

- Check-in to houseboat
- Sunset Shikara ride on Dal Lake
- Evening stroll to local market (time-permitting)

Tip: Carry a light jacket for cool lake breezes in the evening.

Day

2

Gulmarg Transfer, Gondola & Meadow Trek

Drive to Gulmarg (approx. 2 hours). After arrival, take the Gulmarg Gondola (Phase I)—one of Asia's highest cable cars—for superb views of the Apharwat peaks. Enjoy an easy guided trek through the alpine meadows and wildflowers; perfect for photos and short high-altitude hiking.

Activities:

- Drive to Gulmarg
- Gondola (Phase I) ride (Phase II optional at extra cost)
- Guided meadow trek and photo stops

Note: Gondola Phase II access may be weather-dependent and is charged separately.

Day

3

Scenic Transfer to Pahalgam & Local Exploration

Leave Gulmarg for Pahalgam with scenic stops en route. Check into your hotel and explore Betaab Valley and Aru Valley — both famous for dramatic river valleys and easy walking trails. Spend the evening sampling local street food and shopping at the Pahalgam market.

Activities:

- Drive to Pahalgam with photo stops
- Visit Betaab Valley and Aru Valley
- Evening market walk and local food tasting

Tip: Try local walnut and kahwa-based sweets available at Pahalgam markets.

Day

4

Guided Short Trek — Baisaran (Mini Switzerland) & Village Walk

Set out for a guided walk/short trek to Baisaran (Mini Switzerland) — a picturesque meadow accessed by a short climb or pony ride. Interact with local shepherd communities, observe traditional wool crafts, and enjoy a picnic with panoramic views.

Activities:

- Guided trek/pony ride to Baisaran
- Village walk and cultural interactions
- Picnic lunch with local snacks

Important: Wear sturdy walking shoes and sun protection; weather in meadows can change quickly.

Day

5

Return to Srinagar — Mughal Gardens & Food Walk

Drive back to Srinagar. Visit the iconic Nishat Bagh and Shalimar Bagh, then climb Shankaracharya Hill for panoramic city views. Spend the evening on a curated food walk in the old city — sample noon chai, kebabs, kebab rolls, and wazwan tasters at recommended local eateries.

Activities:

- Visit Nishat Bagh and Shalimar Bagh
- Shankaracharya viewpoint photo stop
- Evening food walk and shopping in Lal Chowk and old bazaars

Tip: Bargaining is common in local bazaars; carry small notes for purchases.

Day

6

Departure — Last-minute Shopping & Airport Transfer

Depending on your flight schedule, enjoy a final morning stroll or shopping on Residency Road for pashmina shawls and traditional papier-mâché items. Transfer to Srinagar Airport for your departure. End of services.

Activities:

- Final shopping and photo opportunities
- Transfer to Srinagar Airport

Note: Keep extra time for airport check-in during peak travel seasons.

? 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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