

Kashmir Explorer 5N: Srinagar, Gulmarg, Sonamarg Highlights

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Destination
Kashmir



Duration
5 Nights 6 Days



Starting from
Rs. 18,999 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Srinagar · 3N

↘ Gulmarg · 1N

↙ Sonamarg · 1N

Overview

A thoughtfully crafted Kashmir tour package and Kashmir Adventure tour package that blends serene houseboat stays, scenic drives, alpine meadows, and glacier trekking. Ideal for travelers seeking both relaxation and light adventure, this 5 nights / 6 days Kashmir Adventure package covers the best of Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Sonamarg with comfortable transfers and curated experiences.

Highlights:

- Stay on a traditional houseboat on Dal Lake in Srinagar
- Gondola ride in Gulmarg (one of the highest cable cars in the world)
- Thajiwas Glacier excursion in Sonamarg – short trek/pony ride
- Visits to the Mughal Gardens: Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chashme Shahi
- Scenic drives along the Sindh River and through picturesque valleys

Note: This 5N/6D itinerary is optimized for comfort and sightseeing. Adventure options (skiing, snowmobiling, advanced treks) are available as add-ons and seasonal.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights as per itinerary (3 nights in Srinagar houseboat/hotel, 1 night in Gulmarg, 1 night in Sonamarg)
- ✓ Daily buffet breakfast at hotels/houseboat
- ✓ Transfers and sightseeing by private air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for sightseeing
- ✓ Entrance fees for included attractions
- ✓ One Gulmarg Gondola ticket (Phase 1). Phase 2 and adventure activities payable locally
- ✓ Shikara ride on Dal Lake (shared/private as per package)
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare to/from Srinagar
- ✗ Meals other than specified (lunches and dinners unless mentioned)
- ✗ Personal expenses (tips, laundry, phone calls)
- ✗ Adventure activities (skiing, snowmobiling, pony rides beyond short transfers) unless specified as add-ons
- ✗ Gondola Phase 2, skiing equipment rental, or instructor fees
- ✗ Any permits, park fees or entry charges not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Travel insurance and emergency evacuation
- ✗ Peak-season surcharges (if applicable)

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Transfer to Houseboat & Evening Shikara Ride

Arrive at Srinagar Airport and meet your local representative for transfer to the iconic Dal Lake. Check in to your traditional houseboat or hotel. In the evening enjoy a relaxing Shikara ride across the mirror-like waters — perfect for sunset photography and a gentle intro to Kashmir's charm.

Tip: Keep your camera ready for reflections of the Himalayas and floating gardens.

Day

2

Srinagar – Mughal Gardens, Old City & Local Markets

After breakfast, explore the classic Mughal Gardens — Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, and Chashme Shahi — each offering manicured terraces and historic views over Dal Lake. Visit the Shankaracharya Temple for panoramic city views, then wander the Old City markets (Lal Chowk, Polo View) to shop for Kashmiri shawls, handicrafts, and dry fruits. Evening at leisure on the houseboat.

Note: Mughal Gardens are best enjoyed in the morning or late afternoon when light is soft.

Day

3

Drive to Gulmarg — Gondola Ride & Meadow Walks

Scenic drive to Gulmarg (approx. 2-3 hours) crossing lush valleys and pine forests. On arrival, take the famous Gulmarg Gondola (Phase 1 and optional Phase 2) to enjoy sweeping views of snow-capped peaks and the Apharwat range. Spend the afternoon exploring the alpine meadows — ideal for photography, pony rides, or beginner-friendly skiing (seasonal). Overnight stay in Gulmarg.

Adventure option: Book gondola Phase 2 for higher-altitude views and snow activities (subject to weather).

Day

4

Gulmarg Morning Activities, Drive to Sonamarg

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Gulmarg — choose from short hikes, meadow walks, or optional local sightseeing. After lunch, drive to Sonamarg (approx. 3-4 hours) along scenic mountain roads with stops for photos and refreshments. Arrive in Sonamarg in the evening and check in to your hotel.

Tip: Roads between Gulmarg and Sonamarg are scenic but can be winding — carry light motion-sickness remedies if needed.

Day

5

Sonamarg Excursion — Thajiwas Glacier & River Views, Return to Srinagar

After breakfast, head to Thajiwas Glacier — a short trek or pony ride brings you to beautiful ice fields and alpine streams (seasonal snow). Enjoy riverside walks and optional trout fishing or photo stops. In the afternoon, drive back to Srinagar and spend your final night at the houseboat or hotel, with an optional evening stroll along the lake.

Important: Thajiwas Glacier access depends on weather and season; in heavy snow months, local guidance will determine accessibility.

Day

6

Departure — Transfer to Airport

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Srinagar Airport for your onward flight. If time allows, enjoy a final short visit to a nearby market for last-minute souvenirs.

Tip: Confirm flight timings and allow extra time for mountain check-in procedures.

🔗 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 Zaskar. 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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