

Premium Kashmir Culinary Week (8 Nights): Wazwan Masterclasses & Market Tours

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Destination
Kashmir



Duration
8 Nights 9 Days



Starting from
Rs. 72,400 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Srinagar · 4N

↗ Gulmarg · 2N

↗ Pahalgam · 1N

↗ Srinagar · 1N

Overview

An immersive Kashmir tour package crafted for food-loving families and small groups. This premium Kashmir Family tour package blends hands-on Wazwan masterclasses, guided market tours, scenic drives across Dal Lake, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam, and curated meals in traditional settings. Ideal as an 8 and 9 Kashmir Family tour package, the journey balances culinary learning, family-friendly activities, and mellow sightseeing over 9 days.

Highlights:

- Hands-on Wazwan masterclasses with local wazwan chefs
- Srinagar houseboat stay and Dal Lake shikara ride
- Gulmarg Gondola experience and alpine meadow picnic
- Traditional Pahalgam village visit and lamb dish workshop
- Guided local spice & fruit market tours and recipe booklet

Special note: This package is designed for families and small groups. Masterclasses are adapted for ages 12+; younger children can join supervised sessions.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Airport transfers (arrival & departure)
- ✓ 8 nights accommodation as per itinerary (houseboat & hotels)
- ✓ Daily breakfast, 6 chef-led masterclass meals, 5 curated lunches, welcome & farewell dinners
- ✓ All cooking class ingredients, aprons, recipes, and a souvenir spice kit
- ✓ Guided market tours, shikara ride on Dal Lake, Gondola tickets (one ascent per person), and local entrance fees
- ✓ Experienced culinary hosts/chefs and local English-speaking guides
- ✓ All ground transportation between destinations as per itinerary
- ✓ Applicable local taxes (unless stated otherwise)
- ✓ Note: Private family masterclass scheduling can be arranged at an extra cost.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International or domestic flights to/from Srinagar
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and portage
- ✗ Optional activities (horse/pony rides, extra Gondola rides, snow activities) not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages and specific premium items purchased locally
- ✗ GST or additional government levies introduced after booking
- ✗ Important: Any special dietary requirements must be informed at the time of booking to arrange alternatives.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Shikara Welcome and Orientation

Arrive at Srinagar Airport and transfer to a traditional houseboat on Dal Lake. Settle in and enjoy a relaxing shikara ride at sunset. Orientation with your culinary host who will outline the week's masterclasses and market tours. Evening welcome dinner featuring a light Kashmiri spread and introduction to the Wazwan tradition.

Tip: Carry light layers—mornings and evenings on the lake can be cool.

Day

2

Old Srinagar Market Tour & Kashmiri Snack Walk

Guided walk through Lal Chowk and the narrow lanes of the old city to discover spice stalls, nut merchants, and bakeries. Taste street snacks like Kashmiri kahwa, noon chai, and freshly baked breads. Workshop-style stop at a spice vendor to learn about Kashmiri masalas used in Wazwan.

Evening: Relax on your houseboat with a short demo — preparing modur pulav (sweet pulao) and local breads.

Day

3

Wazwan Masterclass — Meats & Masalas

Full-day hands-on Wazwan masterclass with a local wazwan chef. Learn to prepare signature meat dishes including Rista, Gushtaba, and marination techniques for Yakhni. Session includes:

- Spice grinding and masala blending
- Demonstration on meat preparation techniques
- Supervised cooking and plating

Dinner: Sit down to the full Wazwan feast you helped prepare. Dietary note: vegetarian alternatives available on request.

Day

4

Houseboat Baking & Saffron Field Visit

Morning visit to nearby saffron fields (seasonal) with a short talk on saffron harvesting and uses in Kashmiri sweets and pulao. Return to the houseboat for a baking session focusing on Kashmiri breads and desserts, including sheermal and phirni.

Evening leisure: Optional cultural performance or walk along the Dal Lake promenade.

Day

5

Transfer to Gulmarg: Gondola and Alpine Cooking

Scenic drive to Gulmarg through pine forests and mountain vistas. Check in and take the Gulmarg Gondola (weather permitting) to the alpine meadows. Picnic-style culinary session focusing on high-altitude cooking techniques, foraging notes (seasonal herbs), and a simple meadow lunch featuring grilled kebabs and mountain salads.

Evening: Free time to explore Gulmarg village or relax at the hotel.

Day

6

Farmers' Market Visit & Kashmiri Baking in Gulmarg

Morning visit to a local farmers' market to source fresh produce—apples, berries (seasonal), dairy products. Return for a hands-on baking session focusing on rustic Kashmiri breads and milk-based desserts. Afternoon optional activities include short nature walks or pony rides.

Tip: Carry comfortable walking shoes for meadow trails.

Day

7

Drive to Pahalgam: Village Visit & Lamb Workshop

Depart Gulmarg for Pahalgam, stopping en route for photo points. On arrival, visit a hill village to meet local families and learn about sheep-rearing traditions. Participate in a focused workshop on Kashmiri lamb dishes—preparing Rogan Josh and regional stews using slow-cooking techniques and yogurt-based gravies.

Evening: Warm family-style dinner with local hosts.

Day

8

Return to Srinagar: Final Culinary Walk & Farewell Dinner

Drive back to Srinagar. Afternoon culinary walk through a different neighborhood market to pick final souvenirs and ingredients. Final hands-on session to assemble a multi-course menu blending what you've learned—rice, bread, a meat dish, and dessert. Farewell dinner on the houseboat or boutique hotel featuring certificate presentation.

Special note: Recipes and a souvenir spice kit provided to all participants.

Day

9

Departure and Optional Shopping

After breakfast, transfer to Srinagar Airport for your onward flight. Those with later departures can enjoy optional shopping for Kashmiri saffron, dry fruits, pashmina (verify authenticity), and souvenirs in curated shops.

Tip: Allow extra time for airport procedures during peak season.

🔗 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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