

Kashmir Scenic Loop: Srinagar, Pahalgam & Aru Valley Experience

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Destination
Kashmir



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



Starting from
Rs. 13,750 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Srinagar · 2N

↘ Pahalgam · 1N

↙ Aru Valley · 1N

Overview

A perfectly paced 4 nights / 5 days Kashmir tour package tailored for families and couples. Explore the serene backwaters of Dal Lake, stroll through royal Mughal Gardens, and discover the alpine beauty of Pahalgam and Aru Valley. This Kashmir Family tour package blends gentle sightseeing with light nature walks and optional pony/trek experiences – ideal for travelers seeking a relaxed yet scenic escape.

Highlights:

- Shikara ride on Dal Lake and stay in Srinagar
- Mughal Gardens: Shalimar & Nishat
- Scenic drive to Pahalgam, visit Betaab Valley & Baisaran (Mini Switzerland)
- Day excursion to Aru Valley with optional pony trek or nature walk
- Comfortable family-friendly hotels, private transfers, English-speaking local guide

Special notes: This 4 and 5 Kashmir Family tour package is designed with family comfort in mind – light activities, private transfers, and flexible optional experiences. Carry warm layers, and allow extra time for local sightseeing in case of traffic or weather-related delays.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation in listed hotel/houseboat (breakfast included)
- ✓ Private transfers and sightseeing by air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ Shikara ride on Dal Lake (shared/private depending on group)
- ✓ English-speaking local guide for sightseeing days
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Local taxes
- ✓ Note: Specific hotels will be confirmed at booking. Child and family room options available.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Flights to/from Srinagar
- ✗ Lunches, dinners and personal expenses unless specified
- ✗ Monument entrance fees, activities not listed as inclusions (e.g., pony rides, helmet fees for treks)
- ✗ Travel insurance, gratuities, and items of personal nature
- ✗ Peak-season supplements (if applicable)
- ✗ Tips: Carry warm clothing and comfortable walking shoes; mobile connectivity can be intermittent in valleys.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Srinagar & Shikara on Dal Lake

Arrive at Srinagar Airport and meet your representative. Transfer to your hotel or houseboat. Unwind and enjoy a leisurely Shikara ride on Dal Lake at sunset – a quintessential Kashmir experience. Evening at leisure with dinner at the hotel/houseboat.

Day

2

Srinagar: Mughal Gardens, Old City & Local Markets

After breakfast, enjoy a guided city tour visiting the Mughal Gardens – Shalimar Bagh and Nishat Bagh – with panoramic views of Dal Lake. Continue to the Shankaracharya Temple for a hilltop viewpoint overlooking Srinagar. Explore the historic lanes of the Old City and visit Jamia Masjid and local markets for Pashmina shawls and handicrafts. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Day

3

Drive to Pahalgam via Anantnag & Awantipora

After an early breakfast, drive to Pahalgam (approx. 2.5–3 hours). En route, visit the archaeological site of Awantipora (optional) and scenic stops near Anantnag. On arrival in Pahalgam, check in to your hotel and explore Lidder River front. Optional afternoon visit to Betaab Valley or a short walk to Aruf Bagh. Evening free to relax.

Day

4

Aru Valley Excursion & Nature Walk

After breakfast, take a short drive to the pristine Aru Valley. Enjoy easy nature walks, panoramic viewpoints, and optional pony rides or short treks suitable for families. Spend time taking photos of alpine meadows and the surrounding peaks. Return to Pahalgam in the late afternoon for an overnight stay.

Day

5

Return to Srinagar & Departure

After breakfast, check out and drive back to Srinagar. Depending on your flight time, stop for last-minute shopping at Lal Chowk or visit additional sights as time permits. Transfer to Srinagar Airport for your onward journey with fond memories of your Kashmir Family Retreat package.

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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