

Adventure Trails: Sonamarg to Thajiwas Trek & River Crossing

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Destination
Kashmir



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



Starting from
Rs. 11,900 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ **Srinagar · 2N**

↗ **Sonamarg · 2N**

Overview

A thrilling 4-night / 5-day Kashmir Adventure tour package designed for explorers who want the perfect mix of high-altitude trekking, glacier views and hands-on river crossing training. This Kashmir tour package covers scenic drives, a serene houseboat experience in Srinagar, an immersive stay and camp-based adventure in Sonamarg, and a full-day trek to the Thajiwas Glacier with supervised river crossing on the Sindh River.

Highlights:

- Thajiwas Glacier trek – guided, non-technical glacier walk
- River crossing experience on the Sindh River with trained instructors
- Shikara ride & houseboat stay on Dal Lake, Srinagar
- Scenic drive through mountain passes and alpine meadows
- Small-group guided adventure with safety briefing and gear

This itinerary is ideal for active travelers comfortable with moderate trekking and cold mountain conditions. Carry layered clothing, waterproof hiking boots and a light daypack.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation: 2 nights in a traditional Srinagar houseboat + 2 nights in Sonamarg camp/guesthouse (twin/double sharing).
- ✓ Meals: Daily breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners (as per itinerary).
- ✓ Transfers: Airport transfers, point-to-point transfers (Srinagar–Sonamarg–Srinagar) by private vehicle.
- ✓ Activities: Guided Thajiwas Glacier trek, supervised river crossing session, shikara ride on Dal Lake.
- ✓ Guides & safety: Certified trekking guides, river-crossing instructors, safety gear (helmets, harnesses, ropes), first-aid kit and emergency communication.
- ✓ Permits & taxes: All local permits and applicable taxes.
- ✓ Small-group support: Porter assistance for group gear and local logistics.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic airfare to/from Srinagar.
- ✗ Travel insurance (mandatory for all adventure participants).
- ✗ Personal expenses: tips, laundry, phone calls, and beverages beyond included meals.
- ✗ Optional activities & equipment: Gulmarg day trip, pony rides (if not included), specialized glacier equipment (crampons/ice axe) for technical glacier climbs beyond the itinerary.
- ✗ Any cost arising from weather delays, route changes or government-imposed restrictions.
- ✗ Single-room supplement (if solo traveler requires private accommodation).

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Srinagar Houseboat Experience

Arrival at Srinagar Airport and warm welcome by our representative. Transfer to a traditional houseboat on Dal Lake. After check-in, enjoy a relaxing shikara ride through floating gardens and local life on the lake. Afternoon visit to the Mughal Gardens – Shalimar Bagh and Nishat Bagh – for gentle walks and panoramic valley views. Evening briefing by the adventure guide about the trek and river-crossing plan.

Tip: Keep your luggage light on arrival day; carry trekking essentials in a small daypack for quick access.

Day

2

Drive to Sonamarg & Orientation Trek

Morning drive to Sonamarg (approx 2.5–3 hours) through scenic mountain roads. Check in to camp/guesthouse. After lunch, an introductory short trek to nearby viewpoints to acclimatize and enjoy sweeping alpine meadows. Evening safety orientation and river-crossing demonstration by certified instructors. Gear fitting and practice of basic rope commands and harness checks.

Note: Drive times vary with weather; keep an extra layer on hand.

Day

3

Thajiwas Glacier Trek & River Crossing Adventure

Full day dedicated to the Thajiwas Glacier trek. Guided, non-technical glacier walk across moraine trails with frequent photo stops and interpretive guidance on glacial features. Midday, participate in a supervised river crossing exercise across the Sindh River – techniques include assisted rope crossing and team belays. Picnic on a meadow with panoramic views. Return to camp in late afternoon for debrief and relaxation.

Important: All adventure activities are led by certified guides. Safety gear (helmet, harness, ropes) is provided. Participants must follow guide instructions at all times.

Day

4

Exploration & Return to Srinagar

Morning options: short pony ride to nearby vantage points, river-side photography or light fishing (permit required). Pack and check out from Sonamarg camp then drive back to Srinagar. En route, stop at Pampore for a look at saffron fields (seasonal) and local culture. Evening arrival at the houseboat; free time to shop or enjoy Kashmiri cuisine.

Tip: Saffron fields bloom in autumn – check seasonality when booking.

Day

5

Departure — Optional Add-ons

After breakfast, enjoy a short optional shikara ride or last-minute shopping at the local bazaars (Lal Chowk / Polo View). Transfer to Srinagar Airport for onward journey. Guests opting for add-ons (e.g., Gulmarg day trip, pony rides, additional adventure modules like zip-line) can coordinate with our team before departure.

Note: Standard checkout time applies. Airport transfer times depend on flight schedule.

🔍 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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