

KASHMIR · CLASSIC ITINERARY

Classic Kashmir

The complete Kashmir circuit: gardens and a houseboat night in Srinagar, a day at Gulmarg's gondola, two nights among the pines at Pahalgam, and a day trip to Sonamarg on the way back — six nights with no drive over three hours.

6 nights / 7 days

Route: **Srinagar – Gulmarg – Pahalgam – Srinagar (Dal Lake houseboat + Sonamarg day trip)**

From **₹52,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

SRINAGAR

Arrive and settle by the lake

Fly Ahmedabad–Delhi–Srinagar, landing by early afternoon. Our representative meets you at the airport (15 km from the city) and transfers you to your houseboat or hotel on Dal Lake. Afternoon shikara ride through the floating vegetable gardens and Nehru Park, watching the sunset over the Zabarwan hills. Settle in and rest after the flights.

Stay: **Houseboat on Dal Lake** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

SRINAGAR

Mughal Gardens and the old city

Morning visit to Nishat Bagh, Shalimar Bagh and Chashme Shahi — the three great Mughal terraced gardens, each about 20–30 minutes apart. If travelling in early-to-mid April, this is the day to add the Tulip Garden, best visited before 10 am. Afternoon at Shankaracharya Temple for the view, then a craft-emporium visit for pashmina and papier-mache. Evening free on the houseboat.

Stay: **Houseboat on Dal Lake** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
3

SRINAGAR → GULMARG

The gondola day

Drive to Gulmarg (56 km, about 1.5–2 hours). Take the Phase 1 gondola to Kongdoori (3,088 m) and, snow and weather permitting, Phase 2 up to Apharwat Peak (3,979 m) — book Phase 2 tickets in advance as they sell out and are capacity-controlled. In winter this is a full snow-play and skiing day; in summer it is cool, green meadows with the same views minus the snow at the base. Return to Srinagar by evening, or overnight in Gulmarg if the season calls for it.

Stay: **Srinagar** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

SRINAGAR → PAHALGAM

Into the pines

Drive to Pahalgam (90 km, about 2.5–3 hours) via Awantipora, with a stop at the Avantismwami temple ruins if time allows. Check in and take an easy walk along the Lidder river in the afternoon. Pahalgam sits at 2,130 m in a pine valley and is noticeably cooler and quieter than Srinagar.

Stay: **Pahalgam** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

PAHALGAM

Betaab Valley and Aru

Full day of local sightseeing by shared taxi (private cars are restricted on some stretches): Betaab Valley, Aru Valley and, road conditions permitting, Chandanwari — the base point for the Amarnath Yatra. Pony rides are available at each stop for those who want them; agree the rate before mounting. Return to Pahalgam by evening for a relaxed dinner.

Stay: **Pahalgam** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

PAHALGAM → SRINAGAR (VIA SONAMARG)

Sonamarg and back to Srinagar

Drive back towards Srinagar, detouring to Sonamarg (about 3 hours from Pahalgam via Srinagar's ring road). Short pony or shared-vehicle ride to Thajiwas Glacier viewpoint, weather permitting — this road can close after fresh snow. Continue to Srinagar for a last evening; those who prefer can shop for saffron, dry fruit and carpets at a fixed-price emporium.

Stay: **Srinagar** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
7

SRINAGAR → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Transfer to Srinagar airport for your flight via Delhi; allow 3 hours before departure as security screening at Srinagar airport is thorough and can be slow. Keep boarding passes and ID handy — checks are frequent right up to the gate.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Srinagar flights via Delhi
- + 6 nights: 1 on houseboat, 3 in Srinagar hotels, 2 in Pahalgam hotel
- + Private AC vehicle for Srinagar and Gulmarg legs; shared taxi for restricted Pahalgam sightseeing zones
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Gondola Phase 1 ticket at Gulmarg
- + Airport pickup and drop

Not included

- Lunches
- Gondola Phase 2 ticket (subject to availability, booked on the day or in advance where possible)
- Pony and sledge rides
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹52,000–62,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹78,000–1,05,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative, including flights via Delhi at normal fares. Winter (Dec–Feb) and the April tulip season run 15–25% higher due to demand and flight prices. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: there is no non-stop Ahmedabad–Srinagar flight. IndiGo, Air India and Vistara connect via Delhi, with total journey time (including the layover) usually 4–6 hours depending on the connection. Book the Ahmedabad–Delhi and Delhi–Srinagar legs together where possible so a delay on the first doesn't strand you in Delhi.

Food. Srinagar's better hotels are used to Gujarati groups and can lay on a Gujarati thali on request; give at least a day's notice. Jain meals (no onion, garlic, root vegetables) are available at our recommended hotels and on the houseboat when requested at the time of booking, and we confirm this in writing.

Permits and rules. No inner-line or special permits are required to visit the Kashmir valley (Srinagar, Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg) — this is different from Ladakh, which does require permits for some areas. Every traveller should carry original Aadhaar or another government photo ID; hotels, houseboats and airport security all check ID, and there are occasional checkpoints on the highway where ID may be asked for. Carry photocopies as backup.

Pack

- Heavy woollens, a down or padded jacket, thermal inners for December–February; a lighter jacket suffices March–May and September–November

- Waterproof, closed-toe walking shoes with grip — cobblestones and snow are both slippery
- Woollen cap, gloves and socks for anyone visiting Gulmarg or Sonamarg in winter
- Sunglasses and sunscreen — snow glare at Gulmarg is strong even on a cloudy day
- A light raincoat or umbrella for spring showers
- Personal medication and a basic first-aid kit; Srinagar and Gulmarg have pharmacies but Pahalgam and Sonamarg have limited stock
- Power bank and warm sleepwear for the houseboat, which can be cool at night even with heaters

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