

KASHMIR · RELAXED ITINERARY

Relaxed Kashmir

Fewer hotel changes and a slower pace, built for families with senior parents: two full nights each in Gulmarg and Pahalgam instead of rushed day trips, and three nights in Srinagar bracketing the trip.

7 nights / 8 days Route: **Srinagar – Gulmarg – Srinagar – Pahalgam – Srinagar**

From **₹58,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1**SRINAGAR****Arrive and settle by the lake**

Fly Ahmedabad–Delhi–Srinagar. Transfer to your houseboat on Dal Lake, a gentle first day with an evening shikara ride only. No sightseeing planned — this gives elders and children a full day to recover from travel.

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

Day

2**SRINAGAR****Mughal Gardens at an easy pace**

Late-morning start to Nishat Bagh and Shalimar Bagh, with plenty of bench stops and no rush between the two. April travellers add the Tulip Garden here, ideally before 10 am when it is coolest. Afternoon free on the houseboat or a short craft-emporium visit for those who want it.

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

Day

3**SRINAGAR → GULMARG****Up to the meadows**

Drive to Gulmarg (56 km, under 2 hours) and check into a hotel there rather than a same-day return — this avoids a long single day for older travellers. Afternoon at leisure in the meadow; those who want the gondola can go today if the queue is short, otherwise it waits for tomorrow.

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

Day
4

GULMARG

Gondola day, no rush

A full day at Gulmarg with no drive attached. Phase 1 gondola to Kongdoori in the morning while the weather is clearest, Phase 2 to Apharwat Peak for those comfortable with the altitude and cold (book ahead where possible). Others can stay at Kongdoori or in the meadow itself — there is plenty to see without going higher. Return to the hotel for an early dinner.

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

Day
5

GULMARG → SRINAGAR → PAHALGAM

Back through Srinagar to Pahalgam

Drive back to Srinagar and on to Pahalgam (total about 3.5–4 hours with a lunch break in Srinagar). Check in by late afternoon and take a short, level walk along the Lidder river — no climbing required.

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

Day
6

PAHALGAM

Betaab Valley at leisure

A single easy outing today: Betaab Valley by shared taxi, with time to sit by the river and a picnic-style lunch box we arrange. Aru and Chandanwari are optional add-ons only for those who want a longer day; most families are content to rest at the hotel in the afternoon.

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

Day
7

PAHALGAM → SRINAGAR

Return to Srinagar

Unhurried drive back to Srinagar (90 km, about 2.5 hours) with a stop at the Awantipora temple ruins. Afternoon free for last-minute shopping — saffron, dry fruit, pashmina — at a fixed-price government emporium. Farewell dinner at the hotel.

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

Day
8

SRINAGAR → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Transfer to Srinagar airport 3 hours before your flight via Delhi. Security screening is in multiple stages, so keep documents accessible.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Srinagar flights via Delhi
- + 7 nights: 2 on houseboat, 1 in Srinagar, 2 in Gulmarg, 2 in Pahalgam

Not included

- Other lunches
- Gondola Phase 2 ticket
- Pony rides

- + Private AC vehicle for Srinagar and Gulmarg; shared taxi for restricted Pahalgam zones
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Gondola Phase 1 ticket at Gulmarg
- + Airport pickup and drop, and a packed picnic lunch on the Betaab Valley day
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹58,000–68,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹85,000–1,15,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative, including flights via Delhi. Extra nights in Gulmarg and Pahalgam push this above the Classic itinerary; winter and tulip-season dates run higher still. 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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