

KASHMIR · SHORT BREAK ITINERARY

Kashmir Short Break

A compact long-weekend version for couples or working families: gardens, one gondola day at Gulmarg and a houseboat night, skipping Pahalgam and Sonamarg to keep travel time down.

3 nights / 4 days Route: **Srinagar – Gulmarg – Srinagar (Dal Lake houseboat)**

From **₹36,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1**SRINAGAR****Arrive and shikara ride**

Fly Ahmedabad–Delhi–Srinagar, landing by early afternoon. Transfer to your houseboat on Dal Lake. Evening shikara ride through the floating gardens and past Nehru Park as the sun sets.

Stay: Houseboat on Dal Lake · Meals: Dinner

Day

2**SRINAGAR → GULMARG****Gondola day**

Early start to Gulmarg (56 km, about 1.5–2 hours) to beat the queue at the cable car. Phase 1 gondola to Kongdoori, Phase 2 to Apharwat Peak where booked and weather permits. Return to Srinagar by early evening.

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

Day

3**SRINAGAR****Mughal Gardens and the old city**

Morning at Nishat Bagh and Shalimar Bagh (add the Tulip Garden if travelling in early-to-mid April). Afternoon at Shankaracharya Temple for the view over the lake, then a craft-emporium stop for pashmina and papier-mache before a farewell dinner on the houseboat.

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

Day
4

SRINAGAR

Free morning, fly home

A free morning for the market at Lal Chowk or a last shikara ride, depending on your flight time. Transfer to the airport 3 hours before departure via Delhi.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Srinagar flights via Delhi
- + 3 nights on a Dal Lake houseboat
- + Private AC vehicle for the Gulmarg day and Srinagar sightseeing
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Gondola Phase 1 ticket at Gulmarg
- + Airport pickup and drop

Not included

- Lunches
- Gondola Phase 2 ticket
- Shikara ride beyond the included evening rides
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹36,000–42,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹52,000–68,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative, including flights via Delhi. Best value in the shoulder months (May–June, September); winter dates cost more due to flight demand even though the trip is shorter. 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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