

Travel Guide

7 Nights / 8 Days

# Explore Kashmir

Route: Katra → Srinagar → Doodpathri → Gulmarg → Srinagar → Sonamarg → Pahalgam → Jammu Tawi



# Tour Schedule

## Day 1 : Arrival at Katra

- Upon arrival in Katra, transfer to your hotel and check-in.
- After breakfast, embark on a divine visit to the famous Vaishno Devi Temple. Experience the serene ambiance of Katra and its peaceful surroundings.
- **Overnight Stay: Katra**

## Day 2 : Katra to Srinagar

- After breakfast, depart for Srinagar, the jewel of Kashmir, famed for its lakes and houseboats. Upon arrival, check-in to your hotel.
- Rest day
- **Overnight Stay: Srinagar**

## Day 3 : Doodhpathri's Untouched Beauty

- After breakfast, journey to Doodhpathri, a serene meadow known for its pristine beauty.
- Enjoy a day of sightseeing with activities such as pony rides, snow biking, and ATV rides along the Shaliganga River.
- Return to Srinagar in the evening.
- **Overnight Stay: Srinagar**

## Day 4 : Gulmarg Adventure: Gondola & Snowy Thrills

- After a delicious breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Gulmarg, a haven for adventure enthusiasts.
- **Thrilling Activities:** Experience the excitement of the Gondola ride (Phases 1 & 2), snow biking, and ATV rides.

### Gulmarg Specifics:

- **Local Vehicle Change:** A mandatory local vehicle change is required in Gulmarg (approx. ₹2,000 per car, subject to change, not included in package) for visits to Drung Waterfall, Maharaja Palace, and the Gondola point (Not required during summers)
- **Gondola Ride:** The Gondola ride to Phases 1 & 2 is optional (approx. ₹1,200 per person, subject to change, not included in package).
- **Overnight Stay: Srinagar**

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## Day 5 : Srinagar Local Sightseeing

- Mughal Gardens Exploration: Immerse yourself in the beauty of Srinagar's famed Mughal Gardens, including the vibrant Shalimar Garden, historic Nishat Bagh, the majestic Pari Mahal, and the serene Chashme Shahi.
- Visit the revered Shankaracharya Temple, offering panoramic views of the valley.
- Dal Lake Shikara Ride: Enjoy a complimentary 1-hour Shikara ride on Dal Lake, gliding past houseboats and picturesque landscapes.
- **Overnight Stay: Srinagar**

## Day 6 : Srinagar to Sonamarg

- After breakfast, head to Sonmarg, a stunning valley known for its meadows and glaciers. Engage in thrilling activities such as pony rides, snow biking, and snowboarding. Visit the Thajwass Glacier and Zero Point for breathtaking views.
- After a fun-filled day, return to Srinagar in the evening.
- **Overnight Stay: Houseboat**

## Day 7 : Pahalgam's Valleys & Local Charm

- Travel to Pahalgam, a picturesque town nestled amidst lush valleys.
- Explore local attractions, including Apple Valley View Point, enjoy a pony ride to Baisaran Valley, an ATV ride, and explore the local market.
- Explore Aru Valley, Betaab Valley, and Chandanwari.
- **Please note:** A mandatory local vehicle change is required in Pahalgam (approx. ₹2,500 per car, subject to change, not included in package) for visits to Aru Valley, Betaab Valley, and Chandanwari.
- **Overnight Stay: Pahalgam**

## Day 8: Farewell to Kashmir

- After breakfast, transfer to Jammu railway station for your onward journey.

# Travel tips

## Best Time to Visit:

- Summer (April to June): Pleasant weather, sightseeing, and outdoor activities
- Autumn (September to November): Beautiful fall colors, peaceful atmosphere
- Winter (December to February): Snow sports, winter landscapes, a true winter wonderland
- Spring (March to April): Blooming flowers, pleasant weather

## Clothing:

- Warm clothes (even in summer evenings), gloves, cap
- Comfortable shoes for walking / light trekking
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, basic meds

## Connectivity:

- Only Postpaid sim work in Kashmir
- Internet & mobile networks (Jio & BSNL work best)

## Local Travel:

- For Pahalgam, Sonmarg (during winters), and Gulmarg (during winters), local taxis are mandatory for sightseeing:

## Travel Tips:

- Gondola tickets can be booked online in advance: [gulmarggondola.com](http://gulmarggondola.com)
- Don't litter – the valleys are pristine
- Bargain while shopping at markets
- Carry motion sickness tablets for hilly roads

## ✓ Inclusions

- **Accommodation:**
  - Stay in 3-star or equivalent hotels on double/triple sharing basis
- **Meals:**
  - Daily breakfast and dinner at hotel (MAP plan)
- **Transportation:**
  - Private vehicle (sedan/SUV/tempo) for all intercity & local sightseeing
- **All road toll taxes**
- **Pickup from Katra**
- **Drop at Jammu Tawi Railway Station**
- **Complimentary 1-hour Shikara ride on Dal Lake**
- **Support:**
  - 24x7 assistance from local travel agent
  - All applicable hotel taxes and GST

## ✗ Exclusions

- **Airfare or Train Tickets**
  - Not included unless specified
- **Lunch / Snacks / Drinks**
  - Meals other than mentioned (e.g., lunch, evening tea, mineral water)
- **Adventure Activities:**
  - Pony rides, skiing, river rafting, ATV rides (to be paid on-site)
- **Entry Tickets:**
  - Entry fees at gardens
- **Personal Expenses:**
  - Laundry, phone calls, room service, tips
- **Medical / Travel Insurance**
- **Anything not explicitly mentioned in 'Inclusions'**



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