

KASHMIR SUMMER 2023

DAY 01: ARRIVAL AT SRINAGAR (LOCAL SIGHTSEEING)

Upon arrival at Srinagar Sheikh Ul Alam Int'l Airport (This must be one of the Most Scenic Flights in the World, Srinagar is popularly known as the "City of Reshi's & Sufi's" and it is also the summer capital of state Jammu & Kashmir), you will be met by our representative and transfer to Hotel for Check in followed by welcome drink. In the afternoon, we take a visit to Mughal Gardens, Nishat Garden known as 'Garden of pleasure' built in 16th century (1633) by Mughal King Asif Khan. Then visit to Shalimar Garden known as 'Garden of love' built in 16th century (1619) by Mughal King Jahangir for his beloved wife Noor Jahan or (Mehr-un-Nissa & Chashmashahi (The Royal Spring). The Chashmashahi Mughal Garden in Srinagar had been loved by emperors and picnickers alike. Dinner & Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 02: IN SRINAGAR (DAY EXCURSION TO SONMARG) (87 Kms – 3 hrs One Way)

After an early breakfast, leave for a full day excursion to Sonmarg, which means Meadow of Gold, has its backdrop of snowy mountains against the blue sky. The drive offers incredible scenic beauty, dense pine forests and gigantic mountains. The place provides an ideal base for various trekking routes, high mountain lakes, glaciers, and Shri Amarnath Holy cave. The river meanders along here & abounds with Trout & Mahseer. Sonamarg's importance lies in the fact that it is the last halt on the Kashmir side for the drive from Srinagar to Leh. Ponies / vehicles (direct payment basis) can be hired for the trip up to Thajwas Glacier, which is a major local attraction during the summer. Return back in the evening to Srinagar for Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03: SRINAGAR TO GULMARG (54 Kms – 2 Hrs One Way)

After an early breakfast, check out from hotel & drive towards Gulmarg via Srinagar Bye-Pass. Gulmarg, called as "Meadow of Flowers". Gulmarg is at an altitude of 8700 – ft. Gulmarg also referred as Meadow of Flowers is a famous Ski Resort & the world's highest 18-hole Golf Course. The place was prominent during the British

time. Gulmarg's legendary beauty, prime location and proximity to Srinagar naturally make it one of the premier hill resorts in the country. Originally called 'Gaurimarg' by shepherds, its present name was given in the 16th century by Sultan Yusuf Shah, who was inspired by the sight of its grassy slopes emblazoned with wild flowers. Gulmarg was a favourite haunt of Emperor Jehangir who once collected 21 different varieties of flowers from here. Today Gulmarg is not merely a mountain resort of exceptional beauty- it also has the highest green golf course in the world, at an altitude of 2,650 m, and is the country's premier ski resort in the winter. One Can go for the Gondola Ride up to 1st or 2nd Phase. The Gulmarg Gondola is a tourist attraction in itself. It is one of the highest cable cars in the world, reaching 3,979 metres. The two-stage ropeway ferries about 600 people per hour to and from the gondola main station in Gulmarg to a shoulder of nearby Mt. Affarwat Summit (4,200 m (13,780 ft)). Gulmarg is also called as "heartland of winter sports in India", as it is a gathering ground for all things extreme sports and outdoors related. In the winter, the diverse and extreme terrain combines with torrential snowfall to create a snow destination that is among the best in the world. From the Kongdoori station, Skiers can ski down a groomed trail through the woods that descends 450m in about 3.8 km. There are also countless off-piste possibilities through the beautiful Khilanmarg meadows on the foot of Mount Affarwat, which offer a scenic view of Nanga Parbat. The Affarwat ridge at 3850+ metres offer an avalanche-controlled ski area that offers a wide field of snow to descend 800 m in approximately 3 km of skiing, and is for advanced skiers only. Due to Gulmarg's steep terrain, the region is popular amongst advanced and extreme skiers from around the world and has been visited by a number of ski professionals and featured in a number of ski films also.

On arrival, check in to the pre-arranged Hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure. Dinner & Overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 04: GULMARG TO PAHALGAM (148 Kms – 4 to 5 Hrs One Way)

After a leisurely breakfast, time free to explore the destination more. Later, check out from hotel & leave for overnight stay at "Pahalgam" called as "Valley of Shepherds". Pahalgam is situated at the confluence of the streams flowing from

Sheshnag Lake and the Lidder River, Pahalgam (2,130 m) was once a humble shepherd's village with breath-taking views. Enjoy the nature & walk around the bank of river Lidder. Pahalgam is famous for some trekking routes also & is the base camp for Amarnath Pilgrimage. Pahalgam is also famous for Indian film Industry (Bollywood). Now it is Kashmir's premier resort, cool even during the height of summer when the maximum temperature does not exceed 25 Degree C. Upon arrival, check in to the pre-arranged Hotel. Rest of the day is free. Dinner & Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05: PAHALGAM (LOCAL SIGHTSEEING)

After a leisurely breakfast, full day free to enjoy and explore the Beauty of “Pahalgam” **(ON OWN – By Union Vehicle)**. One can go to Chandanwari (16 Kms from Pahalgam) which is the starting point of Amarnath Yatra, Aru (10 kms from Pahalgam) which is a fine meadow of picturesque scenery and starting point of trekking of (Liddarwat, Kolahoi Glacier & Trsar Lake) & Betaab Valley.

ARU VALLEY

It is located around 12 km from Pahalgam, 11 km upstream from the Lidder River. Noted for its scenic meadows, lakes and mountains, it is a base camp for trekking to the Kolhoi Glacier and Tarsar Lake. The village lies of the left bank of the Aru River, which is a tributary of the Lidder river The Aru valley is noted for its scenic meadows. It is popular among the tourists for its peaceful environment and scenic beauty. Other popular tourist activities include fishing of trout in the Lidder river, trekking, hiking, horse riding, sightseeing and photography.

BETAAB VALLEY

It is situated at a distance of 15 kilometers from Pahalgam. The valley got its name from the Sunny Deol– Amrita Singh hit debut film Betaab. The valley surrounded by lush green meadows, snow clad mountains and covered with dense vegetation. Betaab Valley is a very popular touristic destination. Betaab Valley is also a favourite campsite of travellers as it also serves as a base camp for trekking and further

exploration of the mountains. The valley is a walk-able distance from Pahalgam. The crystal clear & chilly water of the stream bubbling down from the snowy hills is a delight; locals here drink this water too.

CHANDANWARI

Situated 16 km from Pahalgam, is the starting point of the Amarnath Yatra, which takes place every year in the month of Sawan (Rain). It is famous for snow sledging on a snow bridge. Taxi cabs can be hired from Pahalgam for a roundtrip. Snow fights" is what people generally indulge in here before they sledge back down. Many prefer to sip a cup of tea or snack at the nearby dhabas. Hajan, on the way to Chandanwari is an idyllic spot for a picnic. Filmgoers will recognize it instantly as it has been the location of several movie scenes.

Return by the evening for Dinner & Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 06: PAHALGAM TO SRINAGAR (96 Kms – 2 to 3 Hrs One Way)

After an early breakfast, check out from hotel & transfer to Srinagar. On arrival in Srinagar, take a visit of Shankaracharya Temple, it is believed that it was the place where the great philosopher and saint Shankaracharya stayed when he visited Kashmir ten centuries ago to revive Sanathan Dharma. The original ceiling was dome-shaped and the brick roof is not more than a century old. In the evening you take a shikara ride on world famous Dal Lake, where you visit the floating vegetable gardens & Open Dal Lake. While riding the Shikara's there are plenty of opportunities for bird watching with plentiful species including Kingfisher, Little Bittern, Common Pariah Kites, Grebe etc. Dinner & Overnight stay at Houseboat.

DAY 07: DEPART SRINAGAR (FLY OUT)

After breakfast transfer to Domestic Airport to catch the flight for your onward Destination.

HOTELS & HOUSE BOAT INCORPORATED				
PLACE	NIGHTS	AA	BB	CC
Srinagar	2	Hotel Apple Orchard Resorts Namrose Resorts & Spa	Hotel The Down Town	Hotel Kareem Residency / Hotel Asian Park
Gulmarg	1	Hotel The Rose Wood	Hotel Pine Spring	Hotel Royal Park The Meadows Khaleel Palace
Pahalgam	2	Hotel Royal Hilton	Hotel Pine Spring	Hotel Baisaran or Similar
Houseboat	1	ITC Welcome Gurkha (House Boat)	Chicago House Boat Cultural Palace or Similar	Lake Victoria Group of House Boats

TOUR COST PER PERSON EX BANGALORE	AA	BB	CC
2 adults (1 Room) by AC Etios	59250	45750	32250
4 adults (2 Rooms) by AC Innova (6-Seater)	55250	41750	28250
6 adults (3 Rooms) by AC Innova (6-Seater)	53250	39750	26250
8 adults (4 Rooms) by AC Tempo (12-Seater)	53750	40250	26750
10 adults (5 Rooms) by AC Tempo (12-Seater)	53250	39250	26000
Extra Adult / Child with Extra Bed / Matrasses	26250	19250	17250
Child without Bed (5-11 Years)	18250	14250	12250

OTHER SUPPLEMENT COSTS: -

Pahalgam Sightseeing:	Rs. 3,400.00 per vehicle
Gulmarg Gondola 1st Phase:	Rs. 800.00 per person
English Speaking Guide:	Rs.1500.00 per day

RATES ARE VALID FROM 1st April to 30th June

5 % GST Extra on above costing

THE ABOVE PACKAGE TOUR COST INCLUDES: -

- Assistance upon arrival at Srinagar Sheikh Ul Alam Int'l Airport by our Rep.
- 06 Night accommodation on double sharing basis as per the itinerary with Breakfast & Dinner.
- Return airport and round-trip transfers along with all sightseeing tours by AC Vehicle –AS MENTIONED ABOVE as per the itinerary.
- 01-hour boat ride on world famous dal lake (Srinagar)
- All toll Taxes & Parking Charges

THE ABOVE PACKAGE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: -

- GST 5 %
- Any Airfare / Train fare
- Any Kind of Personal Expenses or Optional Tours / Extra Meals Ordered
- Anything not specifically mentioned under the head "Prices included".
- The Services of Vehicle is not included on leisure days & after finishing the sightseeing tour as per the Itinerary
- Guide fee, Camera fee & any monument Entrances
- Medical & Travel insurance
- Any changes you may choose to make during your tour
- Additional costs due to flight cancellation, road blocks etc

TERMS & CONDITION: -

- Check-In / Check-out time at all the properties would at 1200 hrs (Noon)
- We will not bear any cost for flight cancelled or delayed due to Bad weather or any other reason given by the airline. Cost for accommodation and transport in such cases will have to be borne by passenger.
- No Refund or Compensation for any unused services or transport in any kind of circumstance.
- No changes in the date of travel once booked.
- Room allotment will be as per availability at the time of check in, floor or view preferences are not guaranteed.
- Food menu as per availability of vegetables based on Buffet | Fixed menus

- Any dispute will be subject to Srinagar jurisdiction
- 25% advance (Non-Refundable) to be deposited at the time of booking confirmation & Balance 75% one month prior to arrival.
- Any addition in Tax or Fuel charge done by Airlines / Transport Company etc will be chargeable to group members.
- The above rates are applicable strictly for resident Indian citizens only

IMPORTANT NOTE: -

- Due to local Pony union in Gulmarg Vehicles are allowed to pick up & drop only no sightseeing will be done by outside vehicles.
- If Guest has an overnight stay in Gulmarg Vehicles will be allowed for Pick up & drop Only & for day excursion in Gulmarg vehicle will drop the Guest at Parking.
- From Parking to Gondola Counter Distance is around 01 Km for which Guest can hire the Pony or can walk, no vehicles will be used for such services.
- During Winters while going for a day excursion to Sonmarg in case of heavy snow vehicles will go only till gagangir from their Guest has to hire local chained vehicles on own.
- During Winters due to heavy snow fall while going to Gulmarg vehicles will go up to Tangmarg from their Guest has to hire the snow Jeep on own.
- We shall not be responsible for any local dealings with local Guides in Gulmarg, Pahalgam & Sonmarg unless & until suggested or referred by us.
- We Suggest to negotiate with all vendors at every place be it Pony Ride, ATV Ride or any other extra services not included in package.
- Vehicle used in Package will be on disposal basis from Morning 09 :00 AM to Evening 07 :00 Pm Only.
- Please carry enough woollen clothes if you are visiting for Kashmir trip in winter.
- Last day of the trip will be considered as drop at Airport only if Guest wants to go for sightseeing, they have to pay extra
- We shall not be responsible for any change in the itinerary due to landslides, flight cancellations, weather conditions or any unforeseen circumstances. The additional cost incurred will be in addition to the cost