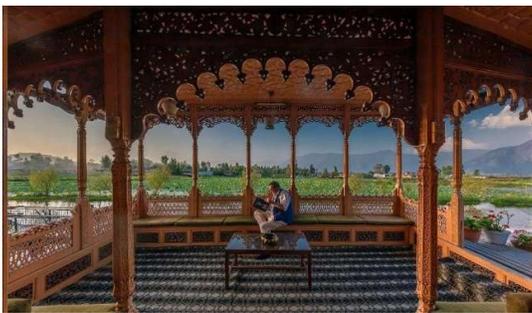


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**Group Departure:** 9-16 August, 2025

## ENCHANTING & Beautiful KASHMIR

**Kashmir** set like a jeweled crown on the map of India, is a multi-faceted diamond, changing its hues with the seasons - always extravagantly beautiful. Two major Himalayan ranges, the Great Himalayan Range and the Pir Panjal, surround the landscape from the north and south respectively. They are the source of great rivers, which flow down to the valleys, forested with orchards and decorated by lily-laden lakes. The capital city of Srinagar is located 1585 meters above mean sea level. According to a popular legend which is mentioned in Kalhana's Rajtaringini Kashmir valley was a vast lake. Kashyap Rishi drained out the water and made it habitable.



## ITINERARY

**09 Aug: ARRIVE DELHI**

**Air India AI 2381 – SIN 0915- DEL 1235**

**D**

Fly to Delhi. On arrival, enjoy your lunch and then go for some shopping. Afternoon visit Akshardham Temple and shop around Delhi. Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Delhi epitomises 10,000 years of Indian culture in all its breathtaking grandeur, beauty, wisdom and bliss. It brilliantly showcases the essence of India's ancient architecture, traditions and timeless spiritual messages. The Akshardham experience is an enlightening journey through India's glorious art, values and contributions for the progress, happiness and harmony of mankind.

**10 Aug: DELHI – SRINAGAR**

**DOMESTIC FLIGHT**

**BLD**

After breakfast transfer to airport to board on your scheduled flight to Srinagar. Srinagar is located in the heart of the Kashmir valley at an altitude of 1,730 m above sea level, spread on both sides of the river Jhelum. The Dal and Nagin lakes enhance its picturesque setting, while the changing play of the seasons and the salubrious climate ensures that the city is equally attractive to visitors around the year. On arrival, transfer to Deluxe Houseboat, made of wood, offering 1-4 bedrooms with attached toilets. "DAL LAKE" and "NAGIN LAKE" are known for rows of Houseboats they harbour. Houseboats are grand fitted with Kashmiri wood carved furniture and rich Kashmiri carpets. There is pantry, dining room and Living room apart from having a front balcony facing the lake. The choices of meals on houseboat are western, Kashmiri, Northern Indian cuisine. Evening to enjoy your ride on a Kashmiri gondola known locally as Shikara. This interesting ride takes you through the lake where you can find natives engaged in farming on water and carrying their produce on their Sikara to market or their houses. This ride also offers spectacular Himalayas mirrored in the lakes.



**11 Aug: SONAMARG EXCURSION**

**162 Km both ways, WHOLE DAY EXCURSION**

**BLD**



Enjoy your morning at the houseboat and after breakfast drive to leave for Sonmarg (Meadow of Gold). The distance of about 81 kms, will be covered in about 3 hrs. Sonmarg lies in Sindh Valley streamed with flowers and surrounded by mountains. Sonmarg is also the base for some interesting treks to the high altitude Himalayan Lakes. You can embark on a hike up to Thajiwas Glacier, a renowned destination for those who visit Sonamarg. This gives a perfect natural setting for a movie shoot or a nature walk. The refreshing nature walk takes you through the rich alpine flora & fauna, the majority of deciduous trees are of different varieties of pines, cedar, chest nut, walnut & birch. The freezing cold white water coming out of the glacier meandering through the rugged terrain provides a soothing natural sound and music to everyone's ears. On completion

start with your land journey back to Srinagar. Reach Srinagar and check in to the houseboat. Evening at leisure or you can opt to visit the left over places of interest, which you might have skipped the previous day due to hectic schedule. Overnight stay in houseboat.

**12 Aug: SRINAGAR – PAHALGAM**

**90 Km, around 2.5 hours drive**

**BLD**

After breakfast transfer to the land transport to begin with your land journey towards Pahalgam. It will be a bit less than three hours of road journey through a spectacular scenery all the way to Pahalgam. Srinagar is located in the heart of the Kashmir valley

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altitude of 1,730 m above sea level, spread on both sides of the river

Jhelum. Today's drive will take you to the best kept secret of the Himalayas i.e. the natural beauty. It provides magnificent views of the Himalayas. You will see lots of paddy fields and scattered villages with farmers working on their fields of the valley along your drive. Drive past all the fertile land of Srinagar and enter in to another Himalayan Valley to reach Pahalgam. Mountain trails of Pahalgam run northeast to Amarnath Cave Temple, a Hindu shrine and site of the annual Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage. Over Aru Wildlife Sanctuary is home to animals including brown bears and musk deer. Northeast, the Lidder River runs through scenic Betaab Valley. Southeast, Tulian Lake is flanked by mountain peaks and often frozen. Evening at leisure at Pahalgam.

**13 Aug: PAHALGAM**

**BLD**

A day to explore Pahalgam and enjoy your time being in the alpine set up among the nature. Pahalgam is surrounded by mountains and pine forests, located at the banks of Lidder River at the altitude of 7200 ft. The main attractions for tourists at Pahalgam are Hikes, fishing and horse riding. Pahalgam is well known for its trout fish in Lidder River. It is supposedly a serene place to rest and relax in the vicinity of nature. Spend your time exploring the beautiful valley and walk up to the view point through thick pined forests. Enjoy your lunch at the hotel and evening at leisure at Pahalgam. Overnight stay at Pahalgam.

**14 Aug: PAHALGAM – SRINAGAR**

**90 KM, 2.5 hours drive**

**BLD**

Get up early in the morning and enjoy a refreshing morning walk around the neighborhood to breathe in the fresh air and to experience the early life in the mountains. Enjoy your breakfast at your hotel and embark on your nature trail. People mostly come to Pahalgam to enjoy the nature at its best. The lush green meadows, fragrant pine forests and meandering rivers. On completion drive towards Srinagar and visit the Nishat Bagh (The garden of pleasure) and the Shalimar Bagh (Abode of love), collectively known as Mughal Gardens. Nishat Bagh (The garden of pleasure) Queen Nur Jahan's brother, Asif Khan, laid the Garden in 1633 A.D. It is situated on the banks of the Dal Lake in the backdrop of the Zabarwan hills. Shalimar Bagh (Abode of love) was built by Emperor Jahangir for his beloved wife, Nurjahan. The gardens with four terraces is 539 by 182 meters and gets water from Harwan through a canal lined with fountains. The fourth terrace was once reserved for royal ladies Cheshma Shahi or the Royal Spring was laid by Shah Jahan in 1632 A.D. pay your visit to Shankaracharya Temple or Jyeshtheshwara Temple, it is a Hindu temple situated on top of the Shankaracharya Hill on the Zabarwan Range in Srinagar. It is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple is at a height of 1,000 feet above the valley floor and overlooks the city of Srinagar. Many sources suggest that the temple was a Buddhist place of worship at some time and was changed into a Hindu temple by the great saint and philosopher Adi Shankaracharya. Built in the indigenous early Kashmiri style of architecture, the temple was built sometime in 200 B.C by the great Indian Emperor Ashoka's son, Jalauka. In the evening return to your Houseboat for overnight stay.

**15 Aug: GULMARG EXCURSION**

**125 Km both ways, WHOLE DAY EXCURSION**

**BLD**

After breakfast at Houseboat, depart by surface to Gulmarg - one of the most beautiful summer resorts in Kashmir valley. It is also well known for its golf course during summer season and ski resort during the winter season. Enjoy the splendour of nature and the snowy mountains. Enjoy Gondola ride (Cable car) from Gulmarg to Kongdoor (first half). Afternoon return back to Srinagar and take a stroll to witness the way of life in the alleys and small streets of Srinagar town. Dinner served at your houseboat.

**16 Aug: SRINAGAR – DELHI – FLY HOME**

**DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS**

**B**

Morning after breakfast transfer to the airport to board your scheduled flight to Delhi and further to fly home sweet home.

**Hotels Envisaged**

Delhi	Srinagar 1 <sup>st</sup> Visit	Palalgam	Srinagar 2 <sup>nd</sup> Visit
Cardinal Express	Deluxe Houseboat	Hotel Asal Resorts	Hotel Rose Petal

Hotels are booked and confirm only after booking with deposit is received. Final Hotel confirmation is provided before final payment.

**Airfare Inclusive Tour Cost Includes**

<b>Group Departure Cost</b>	<b>Book Before 15 April, 2025</b>	<b>Pay While Seats Available</b>
<b>S\$ 2695</b>	<b>S\$ 300 Per Pax</b>	<b>S\$ 2395</b>

**To book send photo of your passport & S\$ 900 Per Pax**

Tour Cost Includes	Cost Excludes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Airfare including 25 kg check in baggage by Air India</li> <li>Domestic Airfare including 15 kg check in and 7 kg hand carry baggage.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian visa, insurance, medical and evacuation expenses if any.</li> </ol>

3. Airport transfers and all transport costs in chartered transport as per the itinerary.
4. Hotels as indicated in the itinerary with meals as shown above.
5. Two nights stay at Deluxe Houseboat with all meals.
6. Entrance charges to the places of Interest as shown above.
7. 1000 ml of bottled water per person per day in transport.
8. Cable Car ticket up to the first point at Gulmarg to enjoy the enchanting view of the Himalayas.
9. An hour of boat ride in Dal lake.
10. Local Guide during sightseeing.

2. All expenses of personal nature like drinks, elephant ride, tipping, Cable Car & telephone calls etc.
3. And any other expenses paid due to any change in dates and itinerary.

***We suggest you to buy travel insurance before payment to cover your interest.***