

# Magic of Kashmir's Landscapes

## Kashmir



### 9 days in Sonmarg, Gulmarg, Pahalgam & Srinagar

Destinations Covered	No of Nights
Sonmarg	2 Night
Gulmarg	2 Night
Pahalgam	2 Nights
Srinagar	2 Nights

#### DAY 01 : ARRIVAL SRINAGAR – SONMARG ( 87 Kms – 2 to 3 Hrs One Way )

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 & leave for overnight stay at 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 gigantics 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. Sonmarg’s importance lies in the fact that it is the last halt on the Kashmir side for the drive from Srinagar to Leh. On arrival, check in to the pre-arranged Hotel. Rest of the day is free at leisure. Dinner & Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### DAY 02 : IN SONMARG ( LOCAL SIGHTSEEING )

After a leisurely breakfast, a full day is free to enjoy & explore the beauty of the Valley. 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 for Dinner & overnight stay at Hotel.

#### DAY 03 : SONMARG – GULMARG ( 130 Kms – 4 to 5 Hrs One Way )

After a leisurely breakfast, check out from Hotel & drive to Gulmarg via Bye-Pass for overnight stay. Gulmarg, called the “Meadow of Flowers”. Gulmarg is at an altitude of 8700 – ft. Gulmarg also referred to as Meadow of Flowers is a famous Ski Resort & the world’s highest 18 hole Golf Course. The place was prominent during 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. On arrival, check in to the pre-arranged Hotel. Rest of the day is free at leisure. Dinner & Overnight stay at Hotel.

**NOTE :** In case of snowfall, our vehicle will be able to drop you at Tangmarg only ( 10 Kms before ) from where you need to hire a Snow Jeep ( chained vehicle ) directly. Else Vehicle will drop you at Gulmarg Hotel only from where you

can either hire ponies / ATV bikes or can go by walk for Gondola Ride as vehicles are not allowed for sightseeing or any movement.

#### **DAY 04 : IN GULMARG ( LOCAL SIGHTSEEING ) – NO TRANSPORT**

After a leisurely breakfast, One Can go for the Gondola Ride up to 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 the “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 offers 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. Return by the evening for Dinner & Overnight stay at Hotel.

**Note: As per the new rules from Cable Car Corporation all Gondola tickets has to be pre-booked online only ([www.jammukashmircablecar.com](http://www.jammukashmircablecar.com)) by the Guest with valid ID proof only to avoid on site inconvenience**

#### **DAY 05 : GULMARG – PAHALGAM ( 148 Kms – 4 to 5 Hrs One Way )**

After a leisurely breakfast, time free to explore the destination. Later, check out from the Hotel & leave for overnight stay at “Pahalgam” called “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 breathtaking views. Enjoy 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 free at leisure. Dinner & Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### **DAY 06 : IN PAHALGAM ( LOCAL SIGHTSEEING )**

After a leisurely breakfast, a full day is 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 Kolahoi Glacier and Tarsar Lake. The village lies on 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 for trout in the Lidder river, trekking, hiking, horse riding, sightseeing and photography.

#### **BETAAB VALLEY**

It is situated at a distance of 15 kilometres from Pahalgam. The valley got its name from the Sunny Deol– Amrita Singh hit debut film Betaab. The valley is surrounded by lush green meadows, snow clad mountains and covered with dense vegetation. Betaab Valley is a very popular tourist 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. Baisaran and Tulian Lake are few nearby attractions that can be visited.

### **CHANDANWARI**

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 sledding on a snow bridge. Taxi cabs can be hired from Pahalgam for a roundtrip. Snow fights are 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 07 : PAHALGAM – SRINAGAR ( 96 Kms – 2 to 3 Hrs One Way )**

After a leisurely breakfast, check out from the Hotel & transfer to Srinagar. On arrival at Srinagar, check in to the pre-arranged Hotel. In the afternoon, we took a visit to Mughal Gardens, Nishat Garden known as 'Garden of pleasure' built in the 16th century (1633) by Mughal King Asif Khan. Then visit Shalimar Garden known as 'Garden of love' built in the 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. 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 Hotel.

### **DAY 08 : SRINAGAR – DOODH PATHRI – SRINAGAR ( 42 Kms – 2 Hrs One Way ) – SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS**

After an early breakfast, leave for a full day excursion to Doodhpathri. "Doodhpathri" - known as the Valley of Milk is a tourist destination and hill station in Kashmir. It is located in Budgam district of Jammu & Kashmir, located at a distance of 42 km from state summer capital Srinagar. It is said that the famous saint of Kashmir Sheikh ul Aalam Sheikh Noor din Noorani has prayed here, and once when he was in search of water in the meadows to offer prayers, he pricked the ground with his stick to search water, and milk came out, he asked the milk that you can only be used for drinking and not performing ablution. Hearing this milk at once changed its state to water and the meadow got its name DOODHPATHRI. The water which is at present flowing through the meadows looks like milk from a distance and remains very cold throughout the year. The lush green grasses over the vast meadows and silver shining stream running over the large stones further increase its beauty. Doodhpathri is sloping grassy landscapes with a diversity of multicoloured flowers up to Chang. The natural meadows, which are covered with snow in winter, allow the growth of wild flowers such as daisies, forget-me-nots and butter cups during spring and summer. Return by the evening to Srinagar for Dinner & Overnight stay at Hotel.

### **DAY 09 : DEPART SRINAGAR ( FLY OUT )**

Tour concludes. Yolo Holidays thanks you for your patronage and ensures a punctual transfer to Domestic Airport to catch the flight for your onward Destination.

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2. Traditional welcome in the Hotel with Welcome Drink ( Hot Tea / Coffee / Kahwa) on arrival.
3. 02 Night Accommodation in Sonmarg as per the Itinerary with Breakfast and Dinner.
4. 02 Night Accommodation in Gulmarg as per the Itinerary with Breakfast and Dinner.
5. 02 Night Accommodation in Pahalgam as per the Itinerary with Breakfast and Dinner.
6. 02 Night Accommodation in Srinagar – Hotel as per the Itinerary with Breakfast Only.
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9. All toll taxes & parking charges.

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5. Guide fee, Camera fee and; any monument Entrances
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