

TOUR NAME: VISHNU DEVI & KASHMIR

Duration: 7 Nights, 8 Days

DETAIL ITINERARY

Day 01: Jammu Pickup – Katra Transfer (1 & half hour drive)

After your arrival Jammu airport/railway station you will be warmly received by our driver/representative and straightaway leave for Katra (Home of Maa Vaishno Devi) Rest of the day you can either have katra local sightseeing or relax in the hotel. Dinner & overnight there in katra hotel.

Day 02: Vaishno Devi Temple Darshan (By Foot/Chopper Can Booked 60days Prior to Darshan Date only that too online)

After very early breakfast leave for Vaishno Devi Temple Darshan (By Foot) Or by Chopper at your own expenses, Temple is located uphill and one has to trek about 14 km to reach to the temple, One can hire ponies' or auto battery vehicles which are being kept available by shrine board for devotee's convenience and comfort .Late evening be back in hotel relax have dinner and overnight stay.

Day 03: Katra – Srinagar Transfer (7- 8 hours)

After early morning Breakfast you will be transferred to Srinagar, The Summer Capital of Jammu & Kashmir, The total distance between Jammu city – Srinagar is 336 km (7-8 hours journey) whole day will be spent in travelling, late evening reach Srinagar .dinner and overnight in hotel

Day 04:- Srinagar local City Sight Seeing

Enjoy early morning breakfast. Leave for full day sightseeing of beautiful Mughal Gardens, Tulip Garden (Opened for April Month Only) Nishat Bagh, Shalimar Bagh, Pari Mahal (Palace of Fairies), SP museum, Chashma Shahi, Holly Hazratbal Shrine situated on the banks of Dal Lake. Later in the afternoon, drive up to Shankaracharya Temple. You will be able to see the breath taking view of the Srinagar from the Temple. Overnight stay in hotel.

Day 05: Srinagar- Sonmarg Full Day Trip (Shikara Ride + Houseboat stay)

After breakfast from hotel leave for Sonmarg (86 km approx.) far from Srinagar ,Sonmarg (Meadow of Gold) is one of the most scenic ,serene ,stunning example of natural beauty ,Covered with snow capped glaciers Sonmarg is best place to visit in Kashmir especially in Summers ,It takes 2-3 hours max to reach there , enjoy pony ride, Sledge ride ,Hire cabs to visit famous Thajwas Glacier and zero point etc. Late evening drive back to Srinagar for Shikara ride in the evening and houseboat stay.

Day 06: Srinagar – Gulmarg transfer & stay (56 km)

After breakfast you will leave for Gulmarg (Meadow of flowers) its take 1 & half hour from Srinagar to reach Gulmarg ,At Gulmarg you will enjoy Gondola Ride (World's highest cable car ride) which has two phases for which tickets can be book on the spot through a local guide's assistance or online before the trip starts in advance ,pony ride ,or you can visit ancient shiv temple located in the centre of gulmarg,100 years old Saint Mary's church, Dinner & Overnight at Gulmarg hotel.

Day 07: Gulmarg to Pahalgam Transfer (140 km)

After breakfast drive towards Pahalgam (Valley of shepherds) just 140 km away from Gulmarg ,enroute stop at Pampore (saffron bowl of Kashmir) ,Awantipura(agrological sight) ,Sangam (a place where world famous Kashmiri willow bats are manufactured)after reaching Pahalgam one can take a pony to visit Betaab valley or one can take local cab to visit Aru valley, Baisaran ,Chandanwari etc. . Dinner & overnight stay there at Pahalgam.

Day 08:-Pahalgam – Jammu Drop (05 hours drive)

After breakfast and as per your train timings you will leave for Jammu city to catch your train.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

1. Accommodation in above mentioned hotels/houseboat for 7 nights
2. Twin Sharing Deluxe /Standard Rooms (As per the package Chosen)
3. 07 Dinners & 07 Breakfasts during the trip (Buffet Type In 2nd and 3rd Category)
4. Non AC Vehicle for all transfers ,pickup and drop (Ex-Srinagar Airport)
5. 01 Hour Shikara Ride on Dal Lake once during the trip
6. Driver Expenses ,Fuel Charges ,Toll Taxes Included
7. GST is also Included, Parking fee as well.

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

1. Air or Train Tickets or Chopper tickets for Vaishno Devi Darshan
2. Gondola Tickets ,Garden Entry Tickets ,Yatra slip
3. Guide Charges, Pony Ride Charges
4. Union Taxi Charges at Places like Sonmarg ,Pahalgam and Gulmarg
5. Lunch Or Any extra meals ordered in hotels/houseboat
6. Any Personal Expenses ,Tips ,Equipment which is rented by the traveller

IMPORTANT & USEFUL INFORMATION

1. Our Packages Included, accommodation, Transportation, Meals, Taxes and Sightseeing as per itinerary not Airfares.
2. Helicopter Tickets for Having Vaishno Devi Temple Darshan must be book 60 days prior to the scheduled /intended Darshan date and it can be booked online only by visiting official Maa Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Website.
3. Our Drivers are locals so they can be consider them your guides as well but using your own brain is also highly recommended while doing shopping or hiring any item or services
4. Due to Local Taxi Operators/Pony Walas Union Rules at Hill stations like Sonmarg ,Gulmarg & Pahalgam a tourist is bound to use local cab or pony service to access and explore local points of interest that are mentioned in our detailed itinerates.
5. Gondola (Cable Car) at Gulmarg has two phases, 01 (Gulmarg to Kongdori 3500 ft.) & 02 is (Kongdori – Affarwat Peak 14000ft above the sea level) for its tickets one can go online to book them as per there date and day at Gulmarg or on the spot by themselves or hiring local guide at Gulmarg, it has fixed price like 700 /- PP for Phase 01 & 900/- PP for Phases 01.

6. Guides/Local Touters Can be used at Gulmarg on Direct Payment basis to save time and engage in less efforts at Gulmarg Or even in that case use them to bargain/negotiate on your behalf with pony wala's /local service providers, Guides usually Charge 700RS for a day.
7. Local taxi Charges for 3 Points at Pahalgam (Aru Valley, Betaab Valley and Chandanwari) range from 1600-2000/- on sharing basis on point wise fix rate basis.
8. Pony Ride Charges have no fix rates during peak season time, its better advised to negotiate on the spot with pony wala to get genuine price.
9. Our drivers help in giving information and insights about the places and service that you have to pay for at Hill stations but at the end you have to go by your brain to get the least price possible from local taxi Walas/Pony Walas.
10. There is No Fix rate System of Taxi or Ponies at Sonmarg to visit Thajwas Glacier and Zero Point (Snow Point) one needs to do hard bargaining to get the best rates, normally for Thajwas Glacier Taxi Operators charge around 4000 Min during Peak Season & 6000 Min for Zero Point which is in Kargil Side.
11. Pony Rides at Places like Sonmarg /Pahalgam/Gulmarg have no Fix rates during season time, Anyone Using them should bargain to get genuine price.
12. One can shop throughout Kashmir, Our drivers also suggest points and showrooms where you can get all what you want from Kashmir but final decision and choice is yours where you want to shop and where not.