



HIMALAYA INSIGHT TOUR

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Create Memories For Life

Kashmir Great Lake Trek

08 Nights – 09 Days

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| DAY 01 | ARRIVE SRINAGAR TRANSFER TO HOTEL/HOUSEBOAT, AFTERNOON – NISHAT GARDEN- SHALIMAR GARDEN – SHIKARA RIDE |
| DAY 02 | Drive from Srinagar to Sonamarg |
| DAY 03 | Trek from Sonmarg camp to Nichinai Camp |
| DAY 04 | Trek from Nichinai to Vishnusar (Vishansar) & Kishansar Lakes via Nichinai Pass |
| DAY 05 | Trek from Vishansar lake (Vishnusar) to Gadsar via Gadsar pass |
| DAY 06 | Trek from Gadsar to Satsar |
| DAY 07 | Trek from Satsar to Gangabal Lake and Mund Kol Lake via Zaj Pass |
| DAY 08 | Trek from Gangabal lake to Naranag (7,800 feet) & drive to Srinagar |
| DAY 09 | Srinagar Airport Drop |

DAY 01: Arrive Srinagar Airport

Upon arrival at Srinagar Airport You will met by our representative and transfer to Houseboat. Rest of the day at leisure for independent activities & one can also enjoy a relaxing Shikara ride on the lake Its one of the most soothing & relaxing aspects of a holiday in Kashmir.

SRINAGAR (EXCURSION TO SHANKRACHARYA TEMPLE & MUGHAL GARDENS)

Later we take a sightseeing tour of Srinagar (Lake City) visiting **Shankaracharya Temple** & **Mughal Gardens, Nishat Bagh** (Garden of Pleasure) & **Shalimar Bagh** (Garden of Pleasure). Overnight at Houseboat.

DAY 02: Drive from Srinagar to Sonamarg | Drive: 81 km | 3-4 hrs

- **Drive:** 81 KM to Sonamarg
- **Hike:** 0.5 KM to the campsite
- **Time:** 4 hours total time taken
- **Altitude:** 2,750 meters

We leave Srinagar around 1 PM and reach Sonamarg by 4:30 PM, following the Sind River. Once we cross over to the true right of the river at Wayil bridge, which is 25 KM ahead of Srinagar, we encounter the Anchar lake of Srinagar on the way. The drive is a gradual climb all the way to Sonamarg, and from an altitude of 1,600 meters at Srinagar, we reach a modest altitude of slightly over 2,700 meters at Sonamarg. We will camp overnight at Shitkadi and will have to walk a short distance of 500 meters to reach our campsite.

DAY 03: Trek from Sonmarg camp to Nichinai Camp | Trek: 11 km | 7 hrs

- **Trek:** 11 KM distance
- **Altitude:** 3,600 meters

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- **Time:** 5 to 6 hours of trek

From our camp at Shitkadi, we start the trek towards the Nichinai camp. Throughout the day, we follow the Nichinai stream, which is on our right.

After a 1.5 KM trek upstream, we arrive at a meadow with maple trees dotting the landscape, along with pines. The trail continues to climb up the ridge, and as we gain more altitude, the view towards Sonamarg becomes quite picturesque.

DAY 04: Trek from Nichinai to Vishnugar (Vishansar) & Kishansar Lakes via Nichinai Pass (13,100 feet) | Trek: 13 km | 6 hours

The trek from Nichinai camp starts with an ascent to the Nichinai Pass. The altitude of Nichinai Pass is around 4,100 meters, which is quite close to the altitude of Hampta Pass or the Sar Pass, and higher than Kuari Pass. So, take pride in the fact that so early into the trek, you have already crossed over a pass. The ascent takes a good couple of hours to reach the pass from the campsite at a moderate pace.

As soon as we cross over the Nichinai Pass, we can see a small lake at the base of the mountain to our left. There is another larger lake, almost 500 meters in length, around 2 KM ahead, but it cannot be seen unless we climb up to the ridge to our right.

The trail continues downhill from the pass and enters grassland with a gentle slope after an hour of descent. From here, the trail is gentle up to the Vishansar Lake. It's a few KM before we reach the base of the lake and our campsite. The lake will require another 20 mins to reach as it is slightly higher in altitude. Kishansar is further ahead of the Vishansar lake and higher in altitude still.

The lakes are quite large, and while the Vishansar runs 1.1 KM long and a little over 700 meters wide, the Kishansar is slightly smaller at 900 meters long and 550 meters wide. The latter's shape is more of a triangular one with an inward arc on one side.

DAY 05: Trek from Vishansar lake (Vishnugar) to Gadsar via Gadsar pass (13,700 feet) | Trek: 16 km; 10 hrs

- **Trek:** 16 KM distance
- **Altitude:** 4,210 meters at Gadsar Pass, 3,810 meters at Gadsar camp
- **Time:** 6 hours of trek

The trek from Vishansar to Gadsar is beautiful but demanding. Today's trek will take you across the highest point of the entire trek, at a modest altitude of 4,210 meters at the Gadsar Pass.

The trail from the Vishansar campsite continues to the right, with Kishansar lake on our left as we cross it. The trail then starts climbing with a steep ascent all the way to the pass, and the trail that cuts across the mountain in zig-zags can be seen from far away.

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It will take around 2 hours to reach the Gadsar Pass. As we climb higher, we are rewarded with magnificent views of the two lakes as we turn our backs. Take some time to capture these moments in your mind, as you will cherish them for the rest of your life.

DAY 06: Trek from Gadsar to Satsar (11,950 feet) | Trek: 10 km; 6 hrs

- **Trek:** 12 KM distance
- **Altitude:** 3,660 meters at Satsar Lake camp
- **Time:** 5 to 6 hours of trek

The trek from Gadsar to Satsar starts with an initial steep hike that will take a little over an hour, before we come across a trail that is mostly level and gradual.

This will be a relatively easier day compared to other trek days.

DAY 07: Trek from Satsar to Gangabal Lake and Nund Kol Lake via Zaj Pass (13,280 feet) | Trek: 11 km; 6 hrs

- **Trek:** 9 KM distance
- **Altitude:** 3,500 meters at Gangabal Lake camp
- **Time:** 5 to 6 hours of trek

The trek starts with an ascent to the Zaj Pass, which is comparatively lower in altitude than the former two passes we have crossed before along the trail.

With an altitude of 13,280 feet, it takes around 2 hours to reach the pass. The trail descends steeply and then gradually descends, making it enjoyable to walk upon.

DAY 08: Trek from Gangabal lake to Naranag (7,800 feet) & drive to Srinagar | Trek: 13 km; 6 hrs; Drive: 50km; 2-3 hrs

- - **Trek:** 13 KM distance
 - **Altitude:** 2,270 meters at Naranag
 - **Time:** 5 to 6 hours of trek
 - **Drive:** 50 KM in 2 hours

On the last trekking day, the trail oscillates between minor ascents and descents up to halfway, after which there is a steep descent all the way to Naranag. We arrive in Srinagar between 5 and 7 PM, depending on the start time from Gangabal.

DAY 09: Srinagar Airport Drop

Tour concludes. HIMALAYA INSIGHT TOUR thanks you for your patronage and ensure a punctual transfer to Domestic Airport to catch the flight for your onward Destination.

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