

## Tour Name: Family Luxury Sojourn in Kashmir

**Tour Code:** FLSK01

**Duration:** 5 Nights and 6 Days

**One-line Intro:** Experience the serene landscapes and cultural richness of Kashmir with your family, featuring tranquil valleys, majestic peaks, and timeless heritage sites.

**Cost:** ₹ xxxxx + 5% GST  
(Minimum 4 Pax traveling together)

### Highlights

- Serene Shikara ride on Dal Lake, reflecting the grandeur of Kashmir's mountains
- Explore iconic sites in Srinagar, including Cheshma Shahi and Pari Mahal
- Leisure day trip to Sonamarg with optional pony ride to Thajiwas Glacier
- Scenic day trip to Pahalgam, offering riverside walks and family-friendly treks
- Overnight escape to Gulmarg, with an optional gondola ride to Agharwat Peak
- Visit the historic Shankaracharya Temple with panoramic views of Srinagar

### Description

This family-oriented itinerary offers an enchanting journey through the picturesque landscapes of Kashmir. Discover Srinagar's lush gardens and peaceful lakes, embark on scenic day trips to Sonamarg and Pahalgam, and enjoy an overnight adventure in the alpine beauty of Gulmarg. With a blend of cultural sites, serene natural surroundings, and optional family-friendly activities, this luxurious sojourn is the perfect way to explore Kashmir together.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Arrival in Srinagar – A Day of Discovery in the City of 'Sri'

Upon your arrival at Srinagar Airport, a Kashmirinluxury™ representative will warmly welcome you and assist with your smooth transfer to your luxurious accommodations in Srinagar. The city's name, derived from the Sanskrit words 'Sri' (symbolising wealth and prosperity) and 'Nagar' (meaning city), reflects its rich cultural and natural beauty. Nestled amidst majestic mountains, lush valleys, shimmering lakes, and adorned with ancient temples, Mughal-era forts, and stunning gardens, Srinagar has long been an inspiration for poets and explorers.

After a leisurely lunch, explore some of Srinagar's most iconic landmarks. The journey begins with a visit to Cheshma Shahi, or the 'Royal Spring,' an exquisite garden established in 1632 CE around a natural spring. The garden's terraced layout and scenic beauty offer a glimpse into the architectural genius of the Mughal era.

From **Cheshma Shahi**, continue to **Pari Mahal**, also known as the 'Palace of Fairies,' an architectural marvel with seven terraces, constructed by Mughal prince Dara Shikoh. From its perch on the Zabarwan mountain range, enjoy panoramic views of the valley below. As evening approaches, witness a stunning sunset at Pari Mahal, where the golden hues of the sun cast a magical glow over the valley, creating a serene and captivating ambiance. Afterward, return to your

hotel or houseboat, where a lavish dinner awaits. The day concludes with a restful night, preparing you for the experience ahead.

### **Day 2: Leisure Day in Sonamarg – The Meadow of Gold**

After a hearty breakfast, set out for a full day dedicated to the beauty and tranquility of **Sonamarg**, often referred to as the “Meadow of Gold.” Nestled at an altitude of approximately 2,740 meters, Sonamarg is renowned for its stunning vistas of snow-capped peaks, verdant meadows, and the Sindh River, which flows gracefully through the valley. This picturesque destination offers a serene escape into nature, making it one of Kashmir’s most captivating locales.

The morning is yours to explore the wonders of Sonamarg at your own pace. Whether you choose to take a leisurely walk along the meadows, breathe in the crisp mountain air, or simply sit by the riverside and take in the tranquil surroundings, the landscape provides the perfect backdrop for reflection and rejuvenation.

For those seeking a bit more adventure, optional activities such as a pony ride to the Thajiwas Glacier await, where you can witness the awe-inspiring sight of the glacier’s pristine ice.

When it comes to lunch, you have the freedom to explore various local dining options. You might opt for a meal at a quaint café with views of the surrounding mountains or perhaps choose a scenic picnic spot by the river, enjoying the fresh, cool breeze and the soothing sound of flowing water. This independent lunch allows you to savour the flavours of Kashmir in a setting that resonates with your mood. In the evening, return to your luxurious hotel or houseboat in Srinagar for a relaxing dinner, reflecting on the beautiful day spent in Sonamarg.

### **Day 3: Pahalgam Escapade – The Valley of Shepherds**

After a hearty breakfast, embark on a scenic day trip to Pahalgam, known as the ‘Valley of Shepherds.’ This enchanting destination is a paradise of lush meadows, verdant forests, and the gushing Lidder River. According to ancient legend, Pahalgam was once called “Belgav,” where Nandi, Lord Shiva’s companion, was left behind as Shiva journeyed to reveal the truth of life to Parvati ji. As you arrive in Pahalgam, enjoy the breathtaking views of snow-capped peaks and pine-clad hills. Take a leisurely stroll through the charming village, where the simplicity of local life blends seamlessly with the stunning natural surroundings. For the more adventurous, a short trek to Baisaran, known as ‘Mini Switzerland’ for its expansive meadows and dense woods, offers magnificent vistas. Alternatively, you may choose to experience a thrilling pony ride or relax by the Lidder River, allowing the sound of the flowing water to create a meditative atmosphere. After a delightful day, return to Srinagar by late evening, followed by dinner and a comfortable overnight stay.

### **Day 4: Journey to Gulmarg – Meadow of Flowers**

Following breakfast, head out for a scenic overnight trip to **Gulmarg**, a mountain resort known for its unparalleled beauty. Originally named “Gauri Marg,” after Goddess Parvati, Gulmarg is a nature lover’s paradise surrounded by lush greenery and stunning landscapes.

For a truly unforgettable experience, opt for a gondola ride to Apharwat Peak, where you’ll be greeted with breathtaking panoramic views that stretch across the valley. The location is a dream come true for photographers and nature enthusiasts alike. For golf lovers, Gulmarg also offers the world’s highest golf course, providing an extraordinary adventure amidst the backdrop of the

mighty Himalayas. At the end of the day, enjoy a cozy overnight stay in one of Gulmarg's finest accommodations, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the mountains.

### **Day 5: Return to Srinagar – Serenity and Shikara Ride**

After a peaceful morning in Gulmarg, enjoy a relaxed breakfast before returning to Srinagar. Upon arrival, indulge in the city's local markets, exploring vibrant bazaars filled with handicrafts, traditional textiles, and souvenirs that capture the essence of Kashmir.

In the evening, take a serene Shikara ride on Dal Lake, where the tranquil waters reflect the grandeur of the surrounding mountains and the ethereal beauty of Srinagar. As the day comes to an end, return to your luxurious hotel for a farewell dinner, reminiscing about the unforgettable experiences you've had during your journey.

### **Day 6: Departure – A Fond Farewell**

On your final day, if time permits, begin with an early morning visit to the Shankaracharya Temple, situated atop the Shankaracharya Hill. The temple offers panoramic views of Srinagar city and Dal Lake, providing a moment of peace and reflection. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this ancient temple holds significant spiritual and historical value.

After your temple visit, enjoy a leisurely breakfast before the Kashmirinluxury™ team assists you with your smooth transfer to Srinagar Airport for your flight home. If time allows, there's an optional stop for last-minute souvenir shopping. Depart Srinagar with cherished memories of an extraordinary journey through the enchanting landscapes of Kashmir.

## **Accommodations**

- **4 Nights** at Deluxe Rooms on Half Board (Breakfast and Dinner) meal plan at Lalit Grand Palace or WelcomHeritage Gurkha Houseboats or similar in Srinagar, India.
- **1 Night** at Deluxe Room's on Half Board (Breakfast and Dinner) meal plan at Hotel Highlands Park Gulmarg or similar in Gulmarg, India

## **Inclusions**

- Accommodation with meals in deluxe double/twin-occupancy rooms
- Meals as specified in the itinerary and accommodations section
- One-hour Shikara ride on Dal Lake
- All relevant sightseeing, parking, tolls, and driver allowances as per itinerary.
- End-to-end luxurious transfers and sightseeing by private, chauffeur-driven Toyota Innova, as per itinerary.

## **Exclusions**

- Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- Professional guide services
- Professional camera fees
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Comprehensive travel insurance



- Any airfare or train fare
- Entrance fees to monuments and museums
- Gondola tickets, pony rides, sliding or skiing in Gulmarg
- Personal expenses not explicitly mentioned in the itinerary
- Local taxi service costs in Pahalgam and Sonamarg due to local union norms
- Local taxi service in Gulmarg due to local union norms
- Optional experiences and services available at an additional charge
- All personal expenditures, including tips, laundry etc.