



Duration: 6 Nights and 7 Days

Tour name: Kashmir's Border Towns and Villages

Tour Code: KBTL03

One line intro: Journey through Kashmir's rugged borderlands, from the isolated beauty of Gurez to the remote villages of Tulail and Sheikhpora, uncovering ancient legends in the Lolab Valley.

Cost: ₹xxxxx + 5% GST

(Min. 2 Pax travelling together)

Highlights

- Traverse the pristine landscapes of Gurez Valley, with sweeping views of the rugged Kishanganga River.
- Explore the untouched villages of Tulail and Sheikhpora, experiencing traditional life on the borderlands.
- Enjoy peaceful moments by the crystal-clear waters of the Mawar River in Reshwari.
- Discover the unspoiled beauty of Bangus Valley, a hidden gem of lush meadows and tranquil streams.
- Unearth ancient legends in the mystical Kalaroos Caves of Lolab Valley, surrounded by pristine natural beauty.

Description

Explore the untamed beauty of Kashmir's borderlands with a journey crafted to reveal the hidden gems of Gurez, Tulail, and Lolab. Traverse dramatic mountain passes, stay in cozy forest huts, and wander through villages where time-honoured traditions endure. This exclusive experience invites you to connect with the pristine landscapes and storied past of Kashmir's remote valleys, offering a unique blend of adventure and cultural immersion.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Srinagar – Embracing the Timeless Charm of the City of Sri

Upon your arrival at Srinagar Airport, a Kashmirinluxury™ representative will greet you with a warm welcome and ensure a seamless transfer to your luxurious accommodations. Known as the “City of Sri,” Srinagar is steeped in spiritual wealth and cultural grandeur, a place where beauty and prosperity have flourished for centuries. The name itself—derived from the Sanskrit words Sri (meaning prosperity) and Nagar (meaning city)—reflects this rich heritage.

After lunch, embark on a curated exploration of Srinagar's most iconic Mughal Gardens. Begin with the ethereal Pari Mahal, the “Palace of Fairies,” where terraced gardens offer sweeping views of Dal Lake from the foothills of the Zabarwan Mountains. Your journey continues to the tranquil Cheshma Shahi, the “Royal Spring,” famed for its rejuvenating spring waters that have drawn visitors for centuries. As the sun begins to set, savour a quiet moment amidst the garden's blooms and tranquil ambiance. Return to your opulent houseboat for an exquisite dinner, perfectly setting the stage for the unique and scenic adventures awaiting you in the days to come.

Day 2: Srinagar to Gurez via Razdan Pass – Gateway to Kashmir's Hidden Valley

After a sumptuous breakfast, set out on a scenic drive towards Gurez Valley, a region seldom traversed yet brimming with breathtaking beauty. Your journey through the Razdan Pass is a spectacle in itself, with sweeping vistas of rugged mountains, alpine meadows, and the pristine waters of the Kishanganga River meandering through the valley below. Upon arrival in Gurez, check into your private forest hut, a luxurious yet rustic sanctuary nestled within the heart of nature. After settling in, take a gentle evening walk through the village, where time seems to stand still. The sounds of the river, the fragrance of wildflowers, and the warm smiles of the locals welcome you into this untouched paradise. As night falls, gather around a cozy bonfire and relish a gourmet dinner under a canopy of stars, with the fresh mountain air invigorating your senses.

Day 3: Gurez and Tulail Valleys – Exploring Hidden Villages and Habba Khatoon Peak

Wake up to a crisp morning in Gurez, where the mountains form a majestic backdrop to your breakfast. Begin your day with an exploration of the picturesque villages of Tulail and Sheikhpura, each offering unique insights into the way of life near the Line of Control. Discover the legendary Habba Khatoon Peak, named after the beloved Kashmiri poetess whose poignant verses are woven into the valley's cultural fabric. Wander through these charming villages, capturing the serene beauty of the landscape and the warmth of the local communities. Return to your forest hut in the evening, where a chef-prepared meal awaits, combining local flavours with a touch of luxury. End the day with a relaxing evening as you reflect on the timeless beauty and rich heritage of the borderlands.

Day 4: From Gurez to Reshwari – The Tranquility of the Mawar River

After a leisurely breakfast, embark on your journey back through the Razdan Pass to the serene village of Reshwari. Here, the Mawar River flows peacefully, offering a picturesque setting that invites relaxation and reflection. Spend your afternoon by the riverside, enjoying a luxurious picnic prepared by your personal chef, surrounded by the sounds of the river and the beauty of untouched nature. Settle into your upscale accommodations by evening, where comfort and rustic charm blend seamlessly. Dine on a carefully curated menu that celebrates the flavours of the region, while the tranquility of the river soothes you into the evening.

Day 5: Bangus Valley – A Luxurious Retreat in Nature's Hidden Gem

Following breakfast, journey towards the secluded Bangus Valley, a hidden paradise that boasts verdant meadows, crystal-clear streams, and breathtaking mountain vistas. With an exclusive guide, explore the valley's diverse flora and fauna, where every corner reveals a new facet of nature's artistry. Pause for a picnic lunch amidst this untouched landscape, where the beauty of the valley is matched only by the delicacies prepared for you. Return to your Reshwari accommodation by evening, where a healthy meal awaits. Enjoy an evening under the stars, with tales of the valley's lore enriching the experience.

Day 6: Lolab Valley and Return to Srinagar – Uncovering Ancient Secrets

Start your day with a hearty breakfast before heading to Lolab Valley, where history and nature intertwine seamlessly. Visit the ancient Kalaroos Caves and the Satbaran Monument, each steeped in legends that speak of ancient travellers and mystic cultures. The caves, believed to have hidden tunnels, ignite the imagination and add a sense of adventure to your journey. In the afternoon, make your way back to Srinagar, where Dal Lake will be your haven for the night. Relish a dinner served on the houseboat's deck, with the calm waters of Dal providing a serene backdrop to an unforgettable evening.

Day 7: Morning Shikara Ride on Dal Lake and Departure

As dawn breaks, embark on an early morning Shikara ride to the floating vegetable market on Dal Lake. This unique experience reveals a side of Kashmir that few get to see, where vibrant boats laden with fresh produce create a colourful tableau against the lake's tranquil waters. Return to your houseboat for a leisurely breakfast, savouring the last moments in this enchanting region. An optional visit to Shankaracharya Temple is possible if time permits. Following breakfast, your Kashmirinluxury™ representative will assist with your transfer to Srinagar Airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable departure. As you leave, take with you the cherished memories of Kashmir's borderlands—an adventure rich in natural beauty, cultural depth, and the elegance of Kashmirinluxury™.

Accommodation

2 Nights in Srinagar: Luxury Inn Badyari Palace Houseboats or similar with Half Board (Breakfast and Dinner), offering a serene overnight stay surrounded by Dal lake's calm waters and natural beauty.

2 Nights in Gurez: Kaka Palace Guest House or Forest huts or similar with Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner), providing an authentic and rustic stay amidst the valley's untouched landscapes.

2 Nights in Reshwari: Reshwari Government guesthouse with Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner), featuring cozy accommodations near the peaceful Mawar River and easy access to Bangus Valley.

Inclusions

- Accommodation in guesthouses, forest huts, and a houseboat as specified.
- Meals as per itinerary: Half Board in Srinagar, Full Board in Gurez and Reshwari.
- Private transportation in Toyota Innova throughout the tour with a dedicated driver.
- Guided excursions and local guide services for village visits and nature walks.
- Entry permits and fees for all scheduled attractions, including Gurez, Bangus, and Lolab Valleys.
- Shikara ride on Dal Lake with a visit to the floating vegetable market.

Exclusions

- Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- Airfare or train fare to and from Srinagar.
- Professional camera fees at sightseeing locations.
- Personal expenses, including tips, laundry, and additional meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages beyond provided meals.
- Optional excursions and services, such as pony rides, available at an additional charge.
- Travel insurance and other incidental expenses not explicitly mentioned in the itinerary.