

Kashmir — Paradise on Earth

Houseboats on Dal Lake, shikara rides, gardens of Mughal emperors, snow-touched valleys.

Duration	7 Days · 6 Nights
Country	India
Locations	Srinagar, Gulmarg, Pahalgam
From (USD)	\$819 per person
Difficulty	Easy
Max group	12

Overview

7 days through the valley that emperors called 'paradise on earth'. Sleep on a wooden houseboat on Dal Lake in Srinagar, take a shikara through floating gardens, visit Gulmarg (Asia's highest gondola), and explore Pahalgam's pine forests.

Highlights

- Houseboat night on Dal Lake
- Shikara ride at sunrise
- Gulmarg Gondola — Asia's highest
- Pahalgam — Switzerland of India
- Mughal Gardens — Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 — Arrive Srinagar

Airport pickup. Shikara transfer to houseboat on Dal Lake. Evening floating gardens cruise.

Stay: Heritage houseboat (Sukoon / Butt's Clermont) | **Meals:** Welcome dinner on houseboat |

Transfer: Airport + shikara | **Distance:** Airport → Lake · 12 km

Day 2 — Srinagar — Mughal gardens

Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chashm-e-Shahi. Evening tea on houseboat.

Stay: Heritage houseboat | **Meals:** Breakfast, dinner | **Transfer:** AC sedan + shikara | **Distance:** City

Day 3 — Srinagar → Gulmarg

Drive to Gulmarg. Gondola Stage 1 (Kongdoori). Snow even in summer at top.

Stay: Khyber Himalayan Resort | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC sedan | **Distance:** Srinagar → Gulmarg · 55 km · 2 hrs

Day 4 — Gulmarg → Pahalgam

Drive through saffron fields. Pahalgam Valley.

Stay: Hotel Heevan Pahalgam | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC sedan | **Distance:** Gulmarg → Pahalgam · 145 km · 4 hrs

Day 5 — Pahalgam — Aru & Betaab Valley

Pony excursion to Aru and Betaab valleys.

Stay: Hotel Heevan | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC sedan + pony | **Distance:** Local

Day 6 — Pahalgam → Srinagar (Houseboat)

Drive back. Last night on Dal Lake.

Stay: Heritage houseboat | **Meals:** Breakfast, dinner on boat | **Transfer:** AC sedan + shikara | **Distance:** Pahalgam → Srinagar · 95 km · 2.5 hrs

Day 7 — Srinagar · Departure

Morning shikara, transfer to airport.

Stay: — | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** Shikara + AC sedan | **Distance:** —

Inclusions

- ✓ Houseboat + premium hotels
- ✓ All transfers
- ✓ Gondola ticket Stage 1
- ✓ Boat & pony rides as mentioned
- ✓ Daily breakfast + 3 dinners
- ✓ Mughal garden entries

Exclusions

- X Flights to Srinagar
- X Tips
- X Pony optional rides