# **India's Iconic Destinations**

## Kashmir - Paradise on Earth (6D/5N)

## Day 1: Arrival in Srinagar - Houseboat Stay & Dal Lake Shikara Ride

- Arrive at Srinagar airport where our representative greets you with flowers and warm Kashmiri hospitality.
- Transfer to your **luxury houseboat** on Dal Lake a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
- Spend the afternoon relaxing, enjoying the views of the Zabarwan Mountains reflected in the still waters.
- In the evening, enjoy a **romantic Shikara ride** through floating gardens, lotus plantations, and local floating markets.
- Overnight stay on the houseboat, surrounded by the serenity of Dal Lake.

## Day 2: Srinagar - Mughal Gardens & City Exploration

A Destination Management Compo

- Wake up to the aroma of **Kashmiri Kahwa** (traditional saffron tea) and a hearty breakfast.
- Begin your day with visits to the famous **Mughal Gardens**:
  - o *Shalimar Bagh* the "Abode of Love" built by Emperor Jahangir.
  - o *Nishat Bagh* the "Garden of Joy" overlooking Dal Lake.
  - o Chashme Shahi the royal spring garden.
- Later, visit the **Shankaracharya Temple** atop a hill for panoramic views of the valley.
- Evening free to stroll by **Boulevard Road**, lined with shops selling Kashmiri handicrafts, pashmina, and carpets.
- Overnight stay in Srinagar hotel.

## Day 3: Excursion to Gulmarg - Gondola Ride & Snow Paradise

- After breakfast, drive (2 hrs) to the breathtaking **Gulmarg**, known as the "Meadow of Flowers."
- Enjoy the **world-famous Gondola ride** (Phase 1 included) that takes you up to **Kongdori**, offering sweeping views of snow-capped mountains.
- Adventure lovers can try skiing, snow biking, or sledging (optional).
- Return to Srinagar in the evening and relax.
- Overnight stay in Srinagar.

## Day 4: Srinagar → Pahalgam - Valley of Shepherds

- Drive to **Pahalgam** (3 hrs), passing saffron fields, apple orchards, and the ruins of Awantipura Temple.
- Explore:
  - o *Aru Valley* pristine meadows & mountain streams.
  - o Betaab Valley named after the Bollywood film "Betaab."
  - o *Lidder River* famous for trout fishing and rafting.
- Evening leisure in Pahalgam's quaint markets.
- Overnight stay in Pahalgam.

## Day 5: Pahalgam → Sonmarg Excursion → Srinagar

- Early breakfast and drive to **Sonmarg**, the "Meadow of Gold."
- Visit the majestic **Thajiwas Glacier** (by pony or local vehicle).
- Marvel at the snow-clad mountains and alpine forests.
- Return to Srinagar in the evening.
- Overnight stay in Srinagar.

## Day 6: Departure

QUKDMC

A Destination Management Compo

• After breakfast, transfer to Srinagar Airport with sweet memories of Kashmir – a paradise truly on earth.

#### **Inclusions**

YOUR ALL IN ONE NEW TRAVEL SOLUTION PLATFORM

- 1N deluxe houseboat + 4N hotel accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Shikara ride on Dal Lake
- Gondola ride Phase 1 at Gulmarg
- Entry tickets to gardens, temples, valleys
- Private AC vehicle transfers
- Airport pickup & drop

#### **Exclusions**

- Adventure sports (skiing, snow biking, rafting)
- Pony rides at Pahalgam/Sonmarg
- Gondola Phase 2 tickets
- Meals other than breakfast
- Personal expenses, tips, shopping