

# ITINERARY

## *Day 01: Arrive in Srinagar:*

*On your arrival at the Srinagar International Airport, you will be welcomed by our representative who will assist and escort you to your waiting vehicle. From the airport it is a 35 minutes drive through the heart of New Srinagar city. The drive takes you past the Abdullah bridge which connects the banks of the Jhelum river, snaking its way towards the North-Western frontier of Kashmir. We arrive at the hotel and check in. Later we will go on a 90 minutes shikara ride in the lake. This boat ride glides you past some wonderful vegetable gardens and aquatic life. Dinner and Overnight in hotel.*

## *Day 02: In Srinagar: Local sightseeing – Half a day:*

*Today we will do some half a day of local sightseeing that includes a visit to the famous Mughal gardens of Nishat and Shalimar. Built in between a period of 14 years the two gardens are a heritage left behind by the erstwhile Mughals, whose taste for laying exquisite gardens was fascinating. With a backdrop of the sprawling Zabarwan mountains, the gardens boast of green turfs, blooming flowers and cascading water fountains. We will explore the gardens and later drive back to the hotel for a dinner and Overnight stay.*

## *Day 03: Srinagar to Gulmarg: (Full Day trip):*

*After breakfast in the morning, we will begin our country side day trip towards Gulmarg. The drive past colorful villages and rice fields, gives you an insight of the rich cultural past of Kashmir. We arrive at a small picturesque market town of Tangmarg and drive ahead on a scenic drive of 14 kilometers to Gulmarg. We arrive in Gulmarg early in the afternoon and begin a short tour around the meadow familiarising ourselves with the beauty. In Gulmarg we will board the Gondola cable car system, and ascend towards the Afarwatt Mountain range. The 08 minutes of ropeway will take you past colorful shepherd hutments to the lower ridge of the Afarwatt peak. From here you can click lots of photos of the nearby mountain ranges that stand tall like sentinels guarding the rich natural beauty of Kashmir valley. We descend back to Gulmarg base after an hour or so and later do some horse-riding to the strawberry valley. In the evening we will drive back to Srinagar where we can take a walk along the banks of the Dal Lake or simply rest in the cosy rooms of our hotel. Dinner and Overnight in hotel.*

*Day 04: Srinagar to Pahalgam (Full day trip):*

*Our trip today will be to a picturesque valley around 97 kilometers South of Kashmir. Known as Pahalgam (which means The Shepherd's Village), the valley is renowned the world over for its exotic forests, pretty water streams and imposing snow peaks. In Pahalgam you can visit Betaab Valley and Chandanwari as well as take a horse riding trip to Baisaran meadows. After sightseeing around the mountain valley for most of the day, we will drive back to Srinagar and transfer to the hotel for our overnight stay.*

*Day 05: In Srinagar: (Shankaracharya Temple):*

*Today after breakfast we will visit one of the most sacred temple's of Kashmir known as Shankaracharya. Located on a picturesque hill to the South East of Srinagar, the temple is named after Lord Shankaracharya – A great philosopher who visited the valley about ten centuries ago. The temple is built on a high octagonal plinth approached by a flight of steps. The summit of the hill is crowned with a picturesque edifice. This hill was called JethaLarak and afterwards it was named Gopadari Hill. Some are of opinion that the temple at the top was originally built by King Sandiman (2629-2564 B.c.). There were 300 golden and silver images in it. We will explore the temple and also view some amazing locations of the Dal Lake and the city below. We will later drive back to the hotel and spend rest of the day at leisure for individual activities. Overnight in hotel.*

*Day 06: Departure transfer to Airport:*

*After a late morning breakfast, we will drive to the airport for your flight home. At the airport the driver will assist you with your luggage screening and drop you at outside the terminal gate.*

*Package Exclusions:*

- *Any airfare, train fare, overland journey which is not mentioned in the Itinerary.*
- *Any medical emergencies/rescue evacuation due to mishaps.*
- *Any items of personal nature like Laundry, bar bills, table bills, camera fee, tips or any other item*
- *Mineral water, soft or hard drinks, starters*
- *Entrance fee*
- *Horse Riding*
- *Gondola ride in Gulmarg*
- *Cost incidental to any change in the itinerary/ stay on account of flight cancellation due to bad weather, ill health, roadblocks and/or any factors beyond control.*