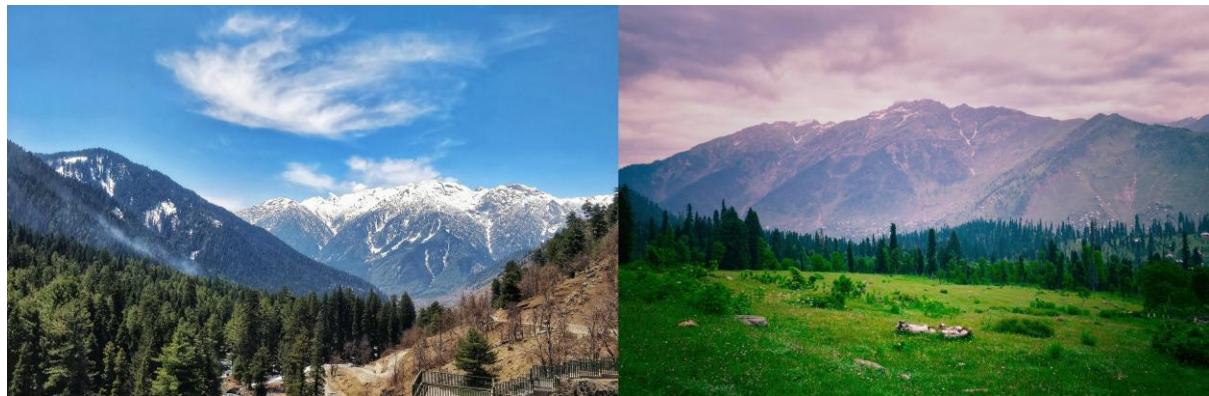


## Colourful Kashmir Tour – 12 Nights / 13 Days

A soulful journey through Heaven on Earth with sacred shrines, snow-clad valleys, and serene landscapes



### Day 01: Kolkata to Jammu – Overnight Train Journey

Your memorable Kashmir journey begins as you board the train from **Howrah / Sealdah** railway station. Settle into your seats and enjoy an overnight train journey towards Jammu, the gateway to Kashmir.

### Day 02: Onboard Train Journey

Spend the day comfortably travelling by train. Relax, enjoy conversations with fellow travellers, and look forward to the breathtaking destinations awaiting you.

### Day 03: Arrival at Jammu – Transfer to Srinagar

Upon arrival at **Jammu Railway Station**, you will be received by our representative. From here, proceed by road towards **Srinagar**, passing through scenic mountain routes, tunnels, and lush valleys. On arrival, check in to your hotel and relax after the long journey. Overnight stay in Srinagar.

### Day 04: Srinagar Local Sightseeing

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After breakfast, begin your Srinagar city tour. Visit the sacred **Shankaracharya Temple**, perched atop a hill offering panoramic views of the city. Later, explore the world-famous **Mughal Gardens**—**Shalimar Bagh** and **Nishat Bagh**, known for their beautifully terraced lawns and flowing fountains.

In the evening, you will be dropped at **Dal Lake** for an optional **Shikara ride** (at own cost), offering a peaceful experience on the shimmering waters. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Srinagar.

## **Day 05: Full-Day Excursion to Gulmarg**

Early morning, depart for **Gulmarg**, famously known as the “*Meadow of Flowers*”. This enchanting destination was discovered in the 16th century and is celebrated for its rolling green slopes, alpine flowers, and snow-covered beauty in winter.

Please note that vehicles are allowed only up to the parking area. Local sightseeing must be done by **walking or horse/pony rides** (at own expense).

You may enjoy the world-renowned **Gondola Cable Car Ride** (optional, own cost) from **Gulmarg to Kangdoor (Phase 1)** and **Kangdoor to Apharwat (Phase 2)**, subject to availability and weather conditions. Gulmarg also boasts one of the highest golf courses and premier ski slopes in the world.

Return to Srinagar by evening. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## **Day 06: Sonmarg Day Tour with Kheer Bhawani Temple**

After an early breakfast, proceed for a full-day excursion to **Sonmarg**, meaning “*Meadow of Gold*”. Enjoy the breathtaking views of snow-capped mountains, glaciers, and river streams. While returning, visit the holy **Kheer Bhawani Temple**, an important pilgrimage site for Kashmiri Pandits. Return to Srinagar by evening for dinner and overnight stay.

## **Day 07: Doodhpathri Excursion**

Start early for a full-day sightseeing tour of **Doodhpathri**, a pristine valley known for its lush green meadows and milky-white streams. En route, enjoy scenic countryside views and peaceful surroundings. After a relaxed day amidst nature, return to Srinagar for dinner and overnight stay.

## **Day 08: Srinagar to Pahalgam – Local Sightseeing**

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After breakfast, check out and proceed to **Pahalgam**, popularly known as the “*Valley of Shepherds*”. After lunch, you may opt to visit **Chandanwari, Aru Valley, and Betaab Valley** (optional, at own cost), famous for their cinematic landscapes and riverside views. Check in to your hotel in Pahalgam. Dinner and overnight stay.

### **Day 09: Pahalgam to Katra**

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and proceed towards **Katra**, the base camp for **Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra**. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel and relax. Dinner and overnight stay in Katra.

### **Day 10: Leisure Day / Mata Vaishno Devi Darshan**

Today is free for leisure or for devotees who wish to undertake **Mata Vaishno Devi Darshan** (optional and at own cost). You may rest, explore the local market, or complete the holy yatra at your convenience. Overnight stay in Katra.

### **Day 11: Katra / Jammu to Kolkata – Train Journey**

After breakfast, transfer to **Jammu / Katra Railway Station** to board your return train towards Kolkata.

### **Day 12: Overnight Train Journey**

Continue your journey back home with overnight travel by train.

### **Day 13: Arrival in Kolkata**

Arrive at **Howrah / Sealdah**, carrying beautiful memories of your colourful Kashmir tour.

## **Hotel Details (or Similar Category)**

- **Srinagar:** Hotel Green Residency / Star Residency
- **Pahalgam:** Hotel Duke / Hotel Posh

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- **Katra:** Hotel Dura Residency

## Package Inclusions

- Accommodation in **deluxe category hotels**
- Family-wise rooms on **double / triple sharing basis**
- **All meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Evening Snacks & Dinner (excluding train food)
- All transfers & sightseeing by **non-AC shared Tempo Traveller**
- Services of **Mercury Tour Operator's Tour Manager**

## Package Exclusions

- Train tickets & onboard train meals
- Entry fees and activity charges such as:
  - Gondola Ride (tickets must be booked online at least 2 months in advance)
  - Shikara ride in Dal Lake
  - Horse/Pony rides
  - Helicopter rides
- Local sightseeing in Pahalgam & Sonmarg
- Personal expenses of any nature
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities, roadblocks, route changes, political disturbances, or unforeseen situations

## Child Policy

- Up to 5 years (1 child per family, without food): **Free**
- 6 to 9 years: **50% of adult cost**
- 9 to 11 years: **80% of adult cost**
- 12 years & above: **Full adult charge**

## Booking Terms

- Minimum **30% advance** required to confirm seats
- **50% payment** to be completed within 15 days of confirmation
- **Full payment** must be made 15 days prior to departure

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## Cancellation Policy

- Minimum **30% retention** applicable on any cancellation
- 50% charge if cancelled **before 30 days** of departure
- 75% charge if cancelled **before 15 days** of departure
- **100% charge** if cancelled within **10 days** of departure (no refund)
- No refund in case of cancellation due to natural calamities, pandemics, political unrest, road or train disruptions
- Cancellation policy applies regardless of whether expenses have been incurred
- **No cancellations allowed during peak seasons or special occasions** such as Durga Puja, Christmas, New Year, Diwali, Holi, Independence Day, Republic Day, etc.

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