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KASHMIR · VAISHNO DEVI AND KASHMIR · WINTER 2026–27

Vaishno Devi and Kashmir

8 Days / 7 Nights 2N Katra · 1N Pahalgam · 2N Srinagar · 1N Gulmarg · 1N Srinagar houseboat

PACKAGE CODE	DURATION	SEASON	STARTING FROM
TR-W26-KS-05	**8 Days / 7 Nights**	**Winter 2026 – 27**	**₹ 27,600 pp**

Tour highlights

- Darshan at Vaishno Devi
- Pahalgam and the saffron fields
- Sonamarg and a night in Gulmarg
- A Dal Lake houseboat and a shikara ride

Day-wise itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Jammu, drive to Katra

Drive: *About 50 km · 1.5 hours*

Our representative meets you at Jammu or Katra railway station and drives you to Katra, the base town for the Vaishno Devi yatra in the Trikuta hills. Check in; the evening is free.

Meals: *Dinner* **Overnight:** *Katra*



DAY 02

Darshan at Vaishno Devi

Drive: *About 12 km each way on foot from Katra*

An early start for the walk up to the Vaishno Devi shrine for darshan. Ponies, palkis, battery cars and the helicopter to Sanjichhat are available at extra cost. Back to Katra to rest. Night in Katra.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Katra*



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DAY 03

Katra to Pahalgam

Drive: *About 260 km · 7 to 8 hours*

A long, scenic drive north through the mountains and the Banihal tunnel into the Kashmir valley, stopping for photographs on the way, to Pahalgam on the Lidder river. Check in for the night.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Pahalgam*



DAY 04

Pahalgam to Srinagar

Drive: *About 95 km · 2.5 to 3 hours*

Drive back towards Srinagar, stopping at the saffron fields and market of Pampore, a cricket-bat workshop and the Awantipora ruins. Check in at your hotel in Srinagar.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Srinagar*



DAY 05

Day trip to Sonamarg

Drive: *About 80 km each way · 2.5 to 3 hours*

Drive up the Sindh valley to Sonamarg, the 'meadow of gold', through villages, paddy fields and pine forest beside the river. From Sonamarg, a local taxi or pony (paid there) takes you about 4 km to the Thajiwas glacier. Back to Srinagar for the night.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Srinagar*



DAY 06

Srinagar to Gulmarg

Drive: *About 50 km · 1.5 to 2 hours*

Drive to Gulmarg, the 'meadow of flowers'. Ride the Gulmarg Gondola (tickets extra; book early in season) up to Kongdori and, weather permitting, to Apharwat at about 4,000 m for the Himalayan peaks. In winter Gulmarg is India's best-known ski slope; the rest of the year its meadows and the 18-hole golf course, one of the highest in the world, are green. Night in Gulmarg.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Gulmarg*



DAY 07

Gulmarg to Srinagar: Mughal gardens and a shikara ride

Drive: *About 50 km · 1.5 hours*

Drive down to Srinagar and check in to your houseboat on Dal Lake. In the afternoon, visit the Shankaracharya temple and the terraced Mughal gardens: Chashme Shahi, laid out around a spring in 1632; Pari Mahal, the seven-terraced 'palace of fairies' above Dal Lake; Nishat Bagh, the 'garden of pleasure'; and Shalimar Bagh, built by Emperor Jahangir for Nur Jahan. In the evening, an hour-long shikara ride on Dal Lake (included) past the floating vegetable gardens, the lotus beds and the little canal-side markets, with the Zabarwan hills behind. Night on your houseboat.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Srinagar houseboat*



DAY 08

Srinagar to Jammu, and home

Drive: *About 250 km · 7 to 8 hours*

After breakfast, drive back through the mountains to Jammu railway station or airport for your journey home. Allow a full day for the drive.

Meals: *Breakfast*



Hotels by level

Hotel level	Where you stay
3-star *Simple, comfortable hotels and a deluxe houseboat*	**Katra, 2 nights:** Jaii Maa Inn / Dolphin, or similar **Pahalgam, 1 night:** Srichan Resorts / Royale Comfort / Green Heights, or similar **Srinagar, 2 nights:** Pride Inn / Grand M.S. / K2 Inn / Badshah Inn, or similar **Gulmarg, 1 night:** Khaleel Palace / Zahgeer / Gulmarg Resorts, or similar **Srinagar houseboat, 1 night:** Deluxe houseboat on Dal Lake, or similar
3-star Plus *Better hotels and a super deluxe houseboat*	**Katra, 2 nights:** Hotel 33 / Balii Resorts, or similar **Pahalgam, 1 night:** White Castle / Grand Salween / Fifth Season, or similar **Srinagar, 2 nights:** Rose Petals / Royal Batoo / Stay Villa / The Victory / Jhelum Comfort, or similar **Gulmarg, 1 night:** Pine Spring / Rosewood, or similar **Srinagar houseboat, 1 night:** Super deluxe houseboat on Dal Lake, or similar
4-star *Grand Kaisar or similar in Srinagar; Naaz or Wangnoo Sheraton houseboats*	**Katra, 2 nights:** Grand Sharan / Devi Grand, or similar **Pahalgam, 1 night:** Pahalgam Days / Riviera, or similar **Srinagar, 2 nights:** Grand Kaisar / Ennco Resorts / Downtown / Arco Resorts, or similar **Gulmarg, 1 night:** Pine Spring / Rosewood, or similar **Srinagar houseboat, 1 night:** Naaz group houseboats / Wangnoo Sheraton houseboat, or similar
4-star Premium *Snowland, Meerz or Namrose in Srinagar; New Jacqueline houseboat*	**Katra, 2 nights:** Holiday Inn / Lemon Tree, or similar **Pahalgam, 1 night:** Hermitage / Hill Side Resorts, or similar **Srinagar, 2 nights:** Snowland / Meerz / Namrose, or similar **Gulmarg, 1 night:** Royal Castle / Vintage, or similar **Srinagar houseboat, 1 night:** New Jacqueline houseboat, or similar

Hotels and houseboats are as listed or similar, subject to availability. Breakfast and dinner are included (MAP).

Inclusions & exclusions

Included

- ✓ Hotel and houseboat stay on twin sharing at your chosen hotel level, as listed or similar
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner every day (MAP), from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the last day
- ✓ Pick-up and drop at Jammu or Katra railway station on arrival, and Jammu railway station or airport at the end
- ✓ Private vehicle with driver for all transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary: a sedan, Innova, Innova Crysta or Tempo Traveller depending on group size
- ✓ An hour-long shikara ride on Dal Lake
- ✓ Children under 5 stay free, sharing their parents' bed

Not included

- ✗ GST 5%
- ✗ Flights or trains to and from Jammu
- ✗ Gulmarg Gondola tickets
- ✗ Local union cabs in Pahalgam (Betaab, Aru, Chandanwari) and ponies or taxis at Sonamarg
- ✗ Monument and garden entry fees, and guide fees
- ✗ Ponies, palkis, battery cars and helicopter tickets at Vaishno Devi
- ✗ Lunches, drinks, tips and personal expenses
- ✗ Room heaters where the hotel charges for them
- ✗ Christmas and New Year's Eve gala dinners, where the hotel makes them compulsory
- ✗ Travel insurance, and costs from road closures, snow or bad weather
- ✗ Anything not listed under inclusions

Package cost

Price per person on twin sharing, by group size. Land only:

Hotel level	2 adults	4 adults	6 adults	8 adults	10 adults	Extra bed	Child no bed
3-star *Simple, comfortable hotels and a deluxe houseboat*	₹ 27,600	₹ 23,800	₹ 21,200	₹ 20,800	₹ 19,700	₹ 10,200	₹ 7,600
3-star Plus *Better hotels and a super deluxe houseboat*	₹ 30,300	₹ 26,600	₹ 23,800	₹ 23,600	₹ 22,500	₹ 11,700	₹ 9,000
4-star *Grand Kaisar or similar in Srinagar; Naaz or Wangnoo Sheraton houseboats*	₹ 34,800	₹ 31,000	₹ 28,400	₹ 28,000	₹ 26,900	₹ 13,800	₹ 10,500
4-star Premium *Snowland, Meerz or Namrose in Srinagar; New Jacqueline houseboat*	₹ 47,100	₹ 43,400	₹ 40,600	₹ 40,400	₹ 39,300	₹ 22,800	₹ 15,500

Vehicle: Private vehicle with driver: a sedan for 2 adults, and an Innova, Innova Crysta or Tempo Traveller for larger groups. Point to point as per the itinerary.

Rates in INR per person on twin sharing, reconfirmed for your dates at booking. GST 5% extra. The extra-bed price is for a third person sharing the room; the child price is for a child of 5 to 12 sharing without a bed.

Good to know

- Prices are per person, for travellers sharing a room, and depend on how many travel together. They are for winter 2026–27 and are reconfirmed for your dates when you enquire; Christmas and New Year week may cost more.
- The vehicle is a sedan for two, and an Innova, Innova Crysta or Tempo Traveller for larger groups.
- In Pahalgam, private cars can't go into Betaab, Aru and Chandanwari; local union cabs take you, paid there. At Sonamarg, a pony or local taxi goes to the Thajiwas glacier.
- The walk to Vaishno Devi is about 12 km each way and takes most of the day; register for the yatra slip (RFID card) at Katra before you start.
- Book the Gulmarg Gondola online as soon as your dates are fixed; tickets for the upper phase sell out in season, and it closes in high wind or heavy snow.
- In winter, snow can close the roads to Sonamarg, Doodhpathri and the upper valleys at short notice; the driver may change the order of the days to keep you safe.
- Houseboats are moored on Dal Lake; a shikara takes you between the shore and the boat.
- Check-in is at 12 noon and check-out at 11 am.
- Children's rates: a third person sharing a room with an extra bed pays the extra-bed rate; a child of 5 to 12 without a bed pays the child rate. Children under 5 stay free.
- On request: Pony, palki, battery car or helicopter at Vaishno Devi (booked and paid at Katra; the helicopter flies from Katra to Sanjichhat); Gulmarg Gondola tickets (phase 1 to Kongdori, or Phases 1 and 2 to Apharwat; booked online in advance for your date); Local union cabs in Pahalgam (for Betaab Valley, Aru Valley and Chandanwari, where private cars can't go; paid there); Pony or local taxi to the Thajiwas glacier, Sonamarg (about 4 km from Sonamarg; paid there); Snow gear on hire (boots, coats and gloves at Gulmarg or Sonamarg in winter).

Payment terms

When	Amount payable
At the time of booking	50% of the package cost, to confirm the booking
At least 30 days before travel	Balance 50% of the package cost

- Flights and trains are paid in full at the time of ticketing.
- Payments by bank transfer (NEFT / RTGS / IMPS), UPI or cheque in favour of TripRoutes. Card payments may carry a convenience fee.
- GST 5% is added to these prices.

Cancellation policy

Cancellation charges per person, counted from the date of departure:

Days before departure	Cancellation charge
45 days or more	10% of the package cost
44 – 30 days	25% of the package cost
29 – 15 days	50% of the package cost
14 – 7 days	75% of the package cost
Less than 7 days / no-show	100% of the package cost

Important terms

- Cancellations must be sent in writing by email or WhatsApp; the date we receive it is the cancellation date.
- Air and train tickets are refunded as per the airline / railway rules, plus our service charge.
- Insurance premiums and non-refundable hotel bookings (festival dates, special events) are not refundable.
- Refunds are processed within 15 working days of receiving supplier refunds.
- There is no refund for services not used during the holiday.
- Hotels may ask for a refundable security deposit at check-in, paid directly to the hotel.
- Prices are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- TripRoutes is not liable for changes caused by weather, strikes, roadblocks, flight delays or government orders; extra costs arising are payable by the guest.

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