

# Adventure of Kashmir

## With Ladakh

09 Nights / 10 Days

2N Srinagar HB – 1N Kargil (via Sonmarg) – 2N Leh – 1N Nubra – 1N Leh – 1N Pangong –  
1N Leh

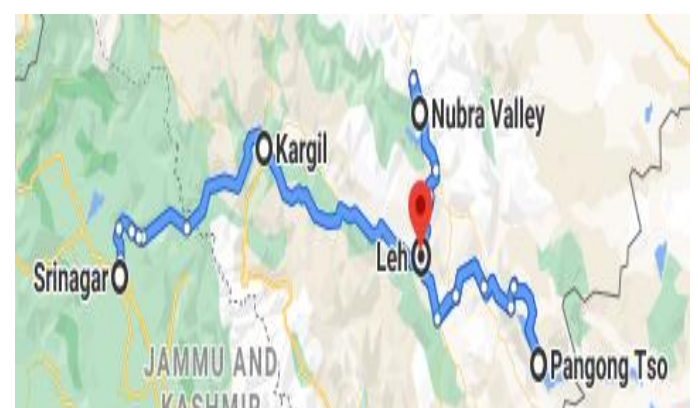


## *Adventure of* **KASHMIR WITH LADAKH**

### PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Mughal Gardens & Shikara Ride in Srinagar
- Excursion to Gulmarg, with Gondola-ride
- Covering Sonmarg, Kargil, Drass, centuries-old monasteries, Indus-Zaskar 'sanagam' and Gurudwara Pathar sahib
- In Leh, visit Shanti Stupa and Leh Palace
- Visit & Stay at world's highest salt water lake – Pangong Lake
- Drive through world's highest motorable passes – Khardung-la, Zoji-la, Fotu-la & Chang-la
- Stay in Nubra valley and visit to Sand Dunes
- Airport transfers and local sightseeing tours by private vehicle
- Start from Srinagar and End in Leh

### ROUTE MAP



## ITINERARY

### Day 01 – Arrival in Srinagar

Meet our representative upon arrival in Srinagar and proceed to your houseboat at Dal Lake. This place is famous for its lakes and the charming houseboats, Srinagar is also known for traditional Kashmiri handicrafts. The lake comprises a series of water bodies, including the Nagin Lake. One can take in the panoramic view of the mountains surrounding Srinagar from this lake. Kashmiri boats called Shikara, are used to explore the intricate maze of waterways on this lake. In evening, visit the popular Mughal gardens – Shalimar and Nishat, followed by a memorable Shikara-ride on Dal Lake. Overnight stay in houseboat.

### Day 02 – Gulmarg Excursion (One way 50 kms / approx 2 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Gulmarg, 'Meadow of Flowers' situated at an altitude of 2730 meters, full day at leisure to take walks on the lush green meadows of flowers with a backdrop of the snow-capped mountains. Enjoy local sightseeing of Gulmarg and Gandola-ride (cable car). By evening return to Srinagar for dinner and overnight stay in houseboat.

### Day 03 – Srinagar – Sonmarg – Kargil (200 kms / approx 6 hrs)

After breakfast, drive towards Sonmarg - the Meadow of Gold. The drive to Sonmarg is another spectacular facet of countryside in Sindhu Valley. The Sindhu Valley is the largest tributary of the valley of Kashmir. Drive to Kargil involve road passes through the panoramic villages, reach Sonmarg (2740 Mtrs). Drive through Zojila pass 3527 Mtrs (Gateway of Ladakh) and continue driving towards Drass (The second coldest inhabited place in the world). Another two and half hours drive will take you to Kargil (2710 Mtrs) which has got its importance after opening the Ladakh for tourists in 1974. Overnight stay at the hotel in Kargil.

### Day 04 – Kargil – Leh (210 kms / 6 hrs)

Depart from Kargil after early breakfast, en-route visiting the monastery of Lamayuru passing through Namkila & Fatula Passes, The highest pass on the Srinagar-Leh road. On way enjoy sightseeing of 1000 year old Alchi monastery, the only Gumpa in Ladakh region on flat ground. Thereafter proceed to the Likir Monastery to visit the splendid three storeys Dharma Wheel Gumpa. Here you'll be awestruck with the sight of the massive Buddha statues. Indus & Zaskar River 'Sangam' is next highlight, drive along the Indus river and stop-over at Pathar Sahib Gurdwara. Upon reaching Leh, check-in at the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 05 – Visit Shanti Stupa and Leh Palace

It is advisable to relax and acclimatize to such a high-altitude region. Post lunch visit Shanti Stupa - Built in 1991 by Japanese monks to promote world peace, this large, hilltop stupa has brightly colored reliefs on its midlevel and is topped by a spired white hemisphere. The greatest attraction is the stunning view of Leh. Ideally, make the breathless 15-minute climb when golden afternoon light still illuminates the city but the steps up from Changspa are already bathed in cooling shadow. Later, visit Leh Palace – A nine-storey dun-colored palace of 17<sup>th</sup> century. Today the very sturdy walls are mostly unadorned, but it's gently thrilling to weave your way through the maze of dark corridors, hidden stairways and makeshift ladders to reach the rooftop for great views across the city. You can seek out the small palace prayer room and a one-room exhibition showing photos of state monuments. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 06 – Drive over (Khardungla Pass) – Nubra Valley and Hundur Sand Dunes (160 kms / approx. 5 hrs)

Check-out from the hotel after breakfast and drive over Khardungla - the World's highest motorable road at 18832 feet above sea level. At Khardungla pass the snow-capped peaks and the mountain views are amazing. The road then passes through a bridge laid on Glacier which finds its way in Guinness Book of world records, drive through the Valley which is extremely beautiful for photography. Nubra Valley is the Oasis of Ladakh as you see some colorful trees in this region. Later reach your camp site and visit the Sand Dunes. You are likely to get a sight of double-humped bactrian camels, enjoy time at the Sand Dunes of Nubra valley spread across Hundur Village. Dinner and overnight at the camp.

### Day 07 – Drive back to Leh through Lakes and Diskit Monastery

After breakfast, proceed to Diskit monastery, which is 515 years old situated on a hill top giving panoramic view of the valley. Later walk around the town of Diskit which has a small village market and giant Buddha Statue. Proceed for the tour of Samsthaling, Panamik, Yara Ptso Lake along with the splendid view of the Karakoram Himalayan Range. Samsthaling is situated on the mountainside just above sumur. This was the route taken by the trade caravans, and Panamik, the last village on this circuit, was at that time a busy centre, the last major settlement before the caravans. Proceed back to Leh cross Khardungla Pass once again and reach Leh. Dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel in Leh.

**Day 08 – Leh – Drive to Pangong Lake (225 kms / approx. 6 hrs)**

After breakfast, leave for Pangong Lake (14,500 ft), through Changla Pass 17,350 ft., it is the third highest motor-able road in the world. Pangong Lake is the highest salt water Lake in the World, shared by two countries India & China. Enjoy the beauty of the lake on the banks of Pangong Lake while appreciating the changing colors and fascinating high-altitude of the Lake. Witness the total silence which creates an incomparable meditative atmosphere, also enjoy the spectacular view of color-changing lake during different hours of the day. Dinner and overnight stay in camps at Pangong Lake.

**Day 09 – Pangong – Leh via Hemis (240 kms / approx. 6.5 hours)**

After breakfast, drive back to Leh via Hemis, evening free for Market. Dinner and overnight stay in Leh.

**Day 10 – Departure from Leh**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Leh airport for return flight.

End of Services

**HOTELS OFFERED OR SIMILAR**

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C	Meal Plan
Srinagar HB	2	May Queen Luxury Houseboat	Wangnoo Sheraton Houseboat	New Morning Star Houseboat	Breakfast & Dinner
Kargil	1	The Kargil	Zojila Residency	Hotel The Barula	Breakfast & Dinner
Leh	4	Zen Ladakh	Paradise Ladakh / Tsokar Retreat	Royal Ladakh / The Natures Land	Breakfast & Dinner
Nubra	1	Stone Hedge	The Dunes / The Organic Retreat Camp	Neycho Resort / Shangrila Resorts	Breakfast & Dinner
Pangong	1	Nature's Nest Camp or Similar	Nature's Nest Camp or Similar	Himalayan Wooden Cottage / Ibex Cottage	Breakfast & Dinner

PACKAGE COST IN CAD	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	1600	CAD 1300	CAD 1100

**PACKAGE INCLUSIONS**

- 05 night's accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- 02 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above houseboat or equivalent
- 02 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above Camps or equivalent
- 1 Session of Shikara Ride at Dal Lake
- Meal plan as mentioned above
- Gandola Ride upto Phase 1
- Transfers and Sightseeing as per itinerary in Ladakh & Kargil by non a/c private tourist vehicle using Toyota Innova / Mahindra Xylo
- Transfers and Sightseeing as per itinerary in Srinagar will be by medium vehicle for 1-3 travelers and Innova will be provided for 4-5 travelers
- Inner liner permit

**PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS**

- Air tickets and airport taxes.
- Entrance fee at Monuments
- Guide service
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments.

- Oxygen cylinder during visit to Nubra valley and Pangong Lake
- Drivers allowances, toll, interstate taxes, Govt. Service Tax.

#### NOTES

- Check Inn & Check out time as per Hotel Policy
- Package cost will not be valid during public holidays, festivals, exhibitions and long-weekends
- A surcharge will be levied and will be advised at the time of booking
- All tourist places are open and state body reserves right to close any places if found necessary.
- Issued Boarding Passes for Gandola ride in Gulmarg are valid for the period of 03 Hours only, Visitors boarding between Gulmarg to Kungdoori (Phase 1) from 1400 Hrs. to 1600 Hrs. can stay at G2 Station till 1700 HRS Only and Visitors boarding between Kungdoori (Phase 1) to Apparwath (Phase 2) from 1400 Hrs. to 1500 Hrs. can stay at Apparwath (Phase 2) - G4 Station till 1600 HRS Only.
- Due to extremely high altitude, people with asthma/heart problem should avoid undertaking this tour.
- All travelers should consult general physician before planning for this tour.
- Stay hydrated all day by regular intake of water/fluids.
- Maintain good diet and avoid consumption of alcohol, sleeping pills or depressant drugs.

**This package is valid from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 till 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

