

# KASHMIR WITH KARGIL & LADAKH – 17 DAYS

**Depart Date: 19/05/2024, 09/09/2024**

**Return Date: 03/06/2024, 25/09/2024**

## Itinerary:

### **Day 1: London to Delhi:**

Take a flight from London Heathrow airport to Delhi.

### **DAY 2: Arrival Delhi, Akshardham Temple:**

Arrival at Delhi airport. Pickup and private transfer to hotel. Check-in at hotel. Afternoon proceed to visit Akshardham Temple. Dinner at hotel. Overnight stay.

**(Standard check-in time: 14.00pm)**

### **DAY 3: Delhi Sightseeing:**

After breakfast, proceed for Panoramic guided tour of Delhi's famous place like Red Fort, India Gate, Lotus Temple, Qutub Minar, Raj Ghat, Rashtrapati Bhavan. Dinner at hotel. Overnight stay.

### **DAY 4: Delhi – Srinagar (By Flight), Srinagar Sightseeing:**

After breakfast, check-out from hotel. Private transfer to Delhi airport for flight to Srinagar. Arrival at Srinagar. Depart for Half day Srinagar sightseeing-visit Mughal Garden, Nishat Bagh (the Garden of Spring) as well as Shalimar Bagh. Later transfer to hotel. Check-in at hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.



### **DAY 5: Srinagar – Gulmarg – Srinagar:**

After breakfast, proceed to Gulmarg. It means “Meadow of flowers.” In winter, Gulmarg is a magnificent experience, fully covered in a white blanket of Snow which turns it into a skiers paradise. Free time for leisure activities. Optional Gondola Ride at Gulmarg. Later afternoon, proceed back to Srinagar. Dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 6: Srinagar – Sonmarg – Srinagar:**

After breakfast, proceed to Sonmarg - Known as the 'Meadow of Gold', Sonmarg is set amidst a valley of flowers and lakes. The word "Son" literally means "Gold" in Hindi, and this golden beauty covered with white snow is most attractive in the spring. The exotic flora of the region is nurtured by the Sindh river.

In Sonmarg, one can take a pony ride (at own cost) to Thajwas Glacier where snow remains round the year.

Later afternoon, proceed back to Srinagar. Dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 7: Srinagar – Wular Lake – Srinagar:**

After breakfast have an excursion of Wular Lake – Wular Lake, covering an area of about 125 sq km, is rated amongst the largest fresh water lakes in Asia. The natural beauty of this lake, being located amidst snow clad hills, is undoubtedly beyond description. According to Hindu mythology, the lake is believed to be the remnants of the Satisar Lake, which used to flow in the region in pre-historic times. This fresh water lake is a natural flood reservoir for Jhelum River, which drains off the excess water.

Wular Lake is a major habitat for the exotic avian life of the region. While visiting the Wular

Lake, one can watch the rich fish of the region. This lake alone provides about 60 per cent of the fish yield of the Kashmir region.

Enjoy Boat ride at Wular Lake.

Later proceed back to Srinagar. Dinner and overnight stay.



**DAY 8: Srinagar – Pahalgam:**

After breakfast, check-out from hotel and proceed to Pahalgam – popular as the valley of shepherds, is also the base camp for the pilgrims to the holy Amarnath cave. The place attracts tourists to explore its scenic beauty and the picturesque Liddar valley located in the high Himalayas.

Optional Visit- Aru Valley, Betab Valley & Chandanwari by local Taxi.

Check-in at hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 9: Pahalgam - Srinagar**

After breakfast, check-out from hotel and proceed to Srinagar.

En-route visit Avantipura Temple Ruins.

Enjoy Shikara Ride at Dal Lake.

Later proceed to Houseboat.

Dinner and Overnight in Houseboat.

**Day 10: SONMARG – KARGIL (Approx. 06 hours journey)**

After breakfast, proceed towards Kargil. Enroute Zojila Pass, Drass Village (2nd Coldest Inhabited Place in the world), Kargil war famous peaks and Kargil war Memorial. Reach Kargil by evening. Check in hotel. Overnight stay at Kargil.

Please Note: To cross Zojila Pass, Military declares Check Post time, accordingly you have to leave from Sonmarg.

**Day 11: KARGIL – LEH (Approx. 9 hours journey)**

After breakfast, proceed towards Leh enroute Mulbek (1st Century Giant Living Buddha Sculpture on Rock Mountain), later visit Lamayuru Monastery & enjoy magnificent view of “Moon land – An undulating series of mountains that resemble the surface of the moon.”, Magnetic Hill, Confluence of Indus and Zaskar rivers and Patharsaheb Gurudwara. Evening arrive Leh and Check in hotel. Overnight stay at Leh.

**DAY 12: Leh Sightseeing:**

After breakfast, we proceed for Indus Valley Monastery Starting with Hemis Gompa, the largest monastic foundation of Drukpa Kagyu Order of Tibetan Buddhism, Thiksey Monastery an impressive complex rising tier upon tier on a hill above the village, Shey Palace, The ancient capital of Ladakh, 3 Idiots Rancho School & Sindhu Ghat. After visiting above places, we drive back to Leh. Dinner and overnight stay.



**DAY 13: Leh – Pangong Lake – Leh:**

After early breakfast, proceed for Pangong Lake through Changla pass 5486 Mtrs. The long easy ascent takes you to Changla pass through its winding roads passing through Sakti Village. Stop at the Changla Pass for a quick photograph session and drive down to the village of Tangtse, where you can relax for a cup of tea. Leaving Tangtse for Pangong you pass through few small villages of Changthang and finally you can have a sudden view of the Pangong Lake situated at 14,000 feet (4,267 m). This famous blue brackish Lake of Pangong is 5/6 Kms wide and over 133 Kms long with half of its running the other side of the "INDO CHINA BORDER". One rarely feels so close to nature and environment and the scenery is unforgettable. After the success of 3 Idiots, this beautiful natural location has attracted more tourists from all over the world. After spending some time at Pangong We drive back to Leh in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 14: Leh – Nubra Valley via Khardung La:**

After breakfast, proceed to Nubra Valley. The road journey from Leh to Nubra Valley passes over Khardung La (The Highest Motorable Road In The World) at 5,602 Mtrs / 18,390 Ft, around 39 km from Leh. From the pass, one can see all the way south over the Indus valley to seemingly endless peaks and ridges of the Zaskar range, and north to the giants of the Saser

massif. Nubra Valley is popularly known as Ldumra or the valley of flowers. It is situated in the north of Ladakh between the Karakoram and Ladakh ranges of the Himalayas. The average altitude of the valley is 10,000 Ft. above sea level.

Upon arrival in Nubra we check in at our Camp / Hotel in Hunder area. Dinner and Overnight stay.

**DAY 15: Nubra Valley – Leh:**

After breakfast, In the morning drive to Diskit (Headquarters of Nubra) and visit Diskit Monastery. Later, drive back to Leh, reaching in the late afternoon.

Rest of the day, free to explore the markets.

Dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 16: Leh – Delhi (by Flight):**

After breakfast, check-out from hotel. Pickup and private transfer to Leh airport for flight to Delhi. Arrival at Delhi airport. Pickup and private transfer to hotel. Rest day on your own for shopping / leisure activities. Dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 17: Delhi – London:**

After breakfast, Check-out from hotel. Pickup and private transfer to Delhi airport for flight back to London Heathrow.

<b>PRICE INCLUDES:</b>	<b>PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ International economy class air ticket (London Heathrow to Delhi return)</li> <li>✓ Internal economy class air ticket (Delhi to Srinagar / Leh to Delhi)</li> <li>✓ Accommodation in 4* hotel / Camp in standard room on twin / double / triple sharing basis</li> <li>✓ Daily breakfast &amp; Dinner at hotel</li> <li>✓ Delhi Guided sightseeing</li> <li>✓ 1 hour Shikara Ride at dal Lake</li> <li>✓ Boating at Wular Lake</li> <li>✓ Services of English-speaking guide in Kashmir and Ladakh</li> <li>✓ All intercity and sightseeing transfer by private vehicle basis (Small vehicle in Ladakh part)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Travel Insurance</li> <li>✗ Visa Fee</li> <li>✗ Any expenses of personal nature</li> <li>✗ Lunches / Any meals not mentioned</li> <li>✗ Porterage</li> <li>✗ Any items not mentioned</li> <li>✗ Any entrance tickets not mentioned</li> <li>✗ Single Room Supplement: £735 per adult</li> <li>✗ Services of Tour Manager</li> </ul>

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(based on minimum 2 paying adults)**

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(based on minimum 4 paying adults)**

**Adult: from £3350 per adult on twin / double sharing basis  
(based on minimum 6 paying adults)**

**Adult: from £3235 per adult on twin / double sharing basis  
(based on minimum 8 paying adults)**

**Adult: from £3185 per adult on twin / double sharing basis  
(based on minimum 10 paying adults)**