

Kashmir, *Unpacked.*

Houseboats on Dal Lake, meadows in Gulmarg and Pahalgam, and a glacier day in Sonmarg. One crew, zero planning on your part.

BAGGAGE TAG

FROM

The daily grind

TO

Srinagar

DATES

24 Oct 2026

FROM

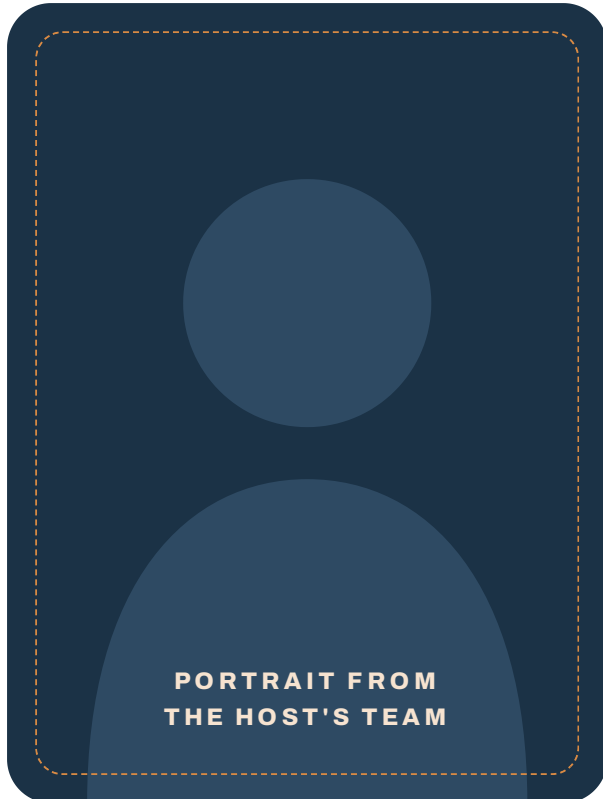
₹24,674

per person · twin/triple sharing

HOSTED BY
Mayur
Mahanta
LIMITED SEATS

YOUR HOST

Travel with *Mayur Mahanta.*



[Approved bio from Mayur Mahanta's team: who they are, what they're known for and why they love the valleys.]

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[One line from Mayur about this trip.]

— Mayur Mahanta

@MAYURMAHANTA · [FOLLOWERS]
FOLLOWERS

WHAT YOU'LL DO TOGETHER

01

Welcome night

Meet Mayur and the crew as the trip begins.

02

Stories after dark

An evening of stories with Mayur.

03

[SIGNATURE SESSION]

[Something Mayur leads: a talk, a jam, a shoot or a Q&A.]

04

Group portraits

A group photo with Mayur at [LOCATION].

Seats with Mayur are limited.

[XX] TRAVELLERS PER BATCH

THE PLAN

Every good trip needs an *escape plan*.

Six days in Kashmir, from the water to the mountains. Sleep on a houseboat on Dal Lake, ride the Gulmarg Gondola, stop at the Avantipur ruins on the way to Pahalgam for the Aru and Betaab valleys, then spend a day by the glaciers of Sonmarg. We sort the stays, the shikara, permits and every drive. You just pack and show up.

01

A night on a houseboat

Wake up on Dal Lake in a carved wooden houseboat.

02

Shikara ride

An hour on Dal Lake with the Pir Panjal range behind.

03

Gulmarg Gondola

A cable car ride over Gulmarg (phase 1 included).

04

Aru and Betaab valleys

Meadows, streams and pine forest around Pahalgam.

05

Sonmarg

A day among the glaciers of the Sindh valley.

06

A Trip Captain, start to end

One person who has the whole group sorted, 24×7.

BUILT FOR

Solo travellers after a crew, friends who hate planning, and couples who'd rather not hold the itinerary.

THE ROUTE

Gardens, meadows, glaciers.

— ROAD DAY TRIPS



TRIP AT A GLANCE

BOARDING PASS · GROUP DEPARTURE

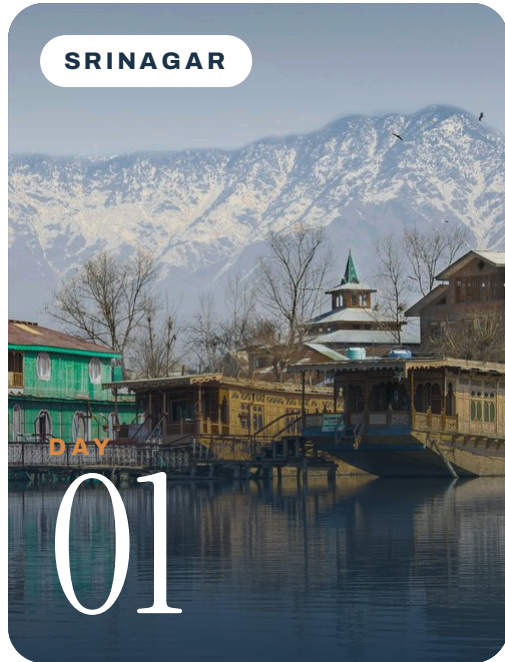
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DAY	THE PLAN	OVERNIGHT
01	Srinagar · Mughal Gardens · Shikara ride	HOUSEBOAT
02	Drive to Gulmarg · Gondola ride	GULMARG
03	Avantipur ruins · On to Pahalgam	PAHALGAM
04	Aru, Betaab & Chandanwari · Srinagar	SRINAGAR
05	Sonmarg day trip	SRINAGAR
06	Fly home from Srinagar	—

PART ONE · SRINAGAR & GULMARG

On the water, then up.

A houseboat night on Dal Lake, then the gondola at Gulmarg.



Welcome to Srinagar

- Land in Srinagar before 12 PM and check in to your houseboat; sightseeing starts at 1 PM.
- Visit the Mughal Gardens: Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh and Chashme Shahi.
- An hour-long shikara ride on Dal Lake, then dinner on the houseboat.

STAY · HOUSEBOAT

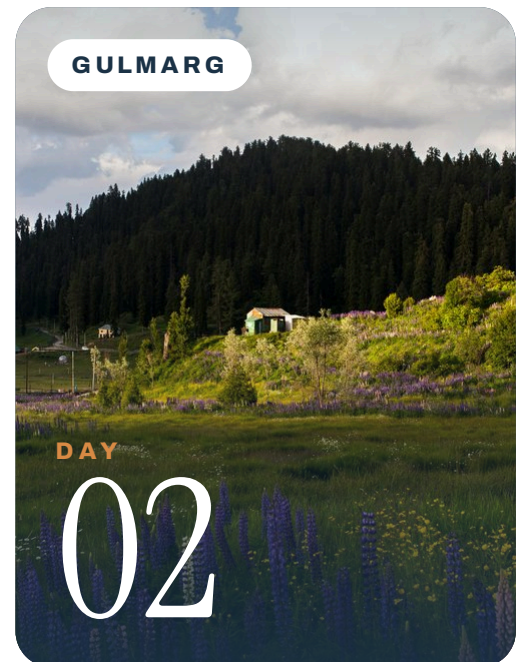
INCLUDES · SHIKARA RIDE

Up to Gulmarg

- Breakfast, then a two-hour drive up to Gulmarg.
- Ride the Gulmarg Gondola for big views of the valley (tickets subject to availability).
- Free time for a pony ride to Khilanmarg or café hopping, then dinner at the hotel.

STAY · GULMARG

INCLUDES · GONDOLA (PHASE 1)



PART TWO · PAHALGAM

Valley of shepherds.

Ancient ruins on the road, then Aru and Betaab valleys.

PAHALGAM

DAY

03

On to Pahalgam

- Breakfast, then a scenic four-hour drive towards Pahalgam.
- Stop at the Avantipur ruins, the remains of ancient temples in Pulwama.
- Reach Pahalgam, settle in and have dinner at the hotel.

STAY · PAHALGAM

DON'T MISS · AVANTIPUR RUINS

Aru and Betaab

- Explore Aru Valley's meadows and Betaab Valley's clear streams.
- Go on to Chandanwari, weather permitting (pony rides at your own cost).
- Drive back to Srinagar for dinner and the night.

STAY · SRINAGAR

INCLUDES · LOCAL CABS

ARU VALLEY

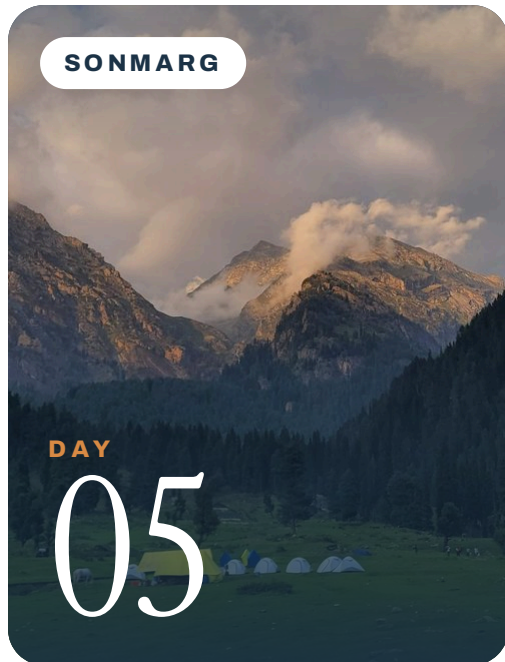
DAY

04

PART THREE · SONMARG

Glaciers, then home.

A day in the Sindh valley, then the flight home.



A day in Sonmarg

- A three-hour drive along the Sindh river to Sonmarg.
- Free time to explore, or a pony ride to Thajiwas Glacier (at your own cost).
- Back to Srinagar for dinner.

STAY · SRINAGAR

DON'T MISS · THAJIWAS GLACIER

See you on the next escape

- Breakfast and check out.
- Head to Srinagar airport for your flight home.
- Fly home with a tin of kahwa in your bag.

CHECK OUT · SRINAGAR

TODAY · FLY HOME



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

What's in the bag.

Everything on the left is packed into your trip price. The right side, you carry.

PACKED FOR YOU

- ✓ Airport pickup at 11 AM on Day 1
- ✓ Private vehicle for the whole itinerary
- ✓ 5 nights: houseboat 1, Gulmarg 1, Pahalgam 1, Srinagar hotel 2
- ✓ 10 meals: dinner Day 1, breakfast & dinner Days 2–5, breakfast Day 6
- ✓ One-hour shikara ride
- ✓ Gulmarg Gondola phase 1 tickets (subject to availability)
- ✓ Local transfers to Aru, Betaab and Chandanwari
- ✓ Trip Captain throughout, plus a medical kit
- ✓ Permits, driver charges, tolls, fuel and parking

YOU CARRY THESE

- ✗ 5% GST
- ✗ Flights to and from Srinagar
- ✗ Food and drinks not listed
- ✗ Pony rides and other activities
- ✗ Personal expenses and shopping
- ✗ Costs from weather, road closures or other events beyond our control

WHERE YOU'LL SLEEP

1N

HOUSEBOAT

1N

GULMARG

1N

PAHALGAM

2N

SRINAGAR

Hotels: [HOTEL CATEGORY], twin/triple sharing. The final hotel list is shared before departure.

PACKED BY ESCAPE PLAN

Pack like you *mean it.*

From the people who make the bags: how to pack for cool mountain days and a night on a houseboat.



CABIN · 20-INCH

Flies with you

The right size for the flight to Srinagar and a night on a houseboat.



CHECK-IN · 24-INCH

Room for layers

Warm layers for Gulmarg and Sonmarg, with space for pashmina and saffron.



BUILT-IN TSA LOCK

Locked in

Peace of mind on long drives and hotel changes.

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DON'T-FORGET LIST

- A warm jacket, gloves and a beanie
- Comfortable shoes with grip
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- A government photo ID
- A postpaid SIM (prepaid SIMs from other states don't work here)
- Cash for ponies and small shops

TASTE THE ROUTE

Kahwa: saffron green tea with almonds

Rogan josh: slow-cooked Kashmiri lamb curry

Dum aloo: Kashmiri-style potatoes in spiced gravy

Wazwan: the grand multi-course Kashmiri feast

Vegetarian? Ask for Kashmiri dum aloo, rajma and haak saag.

Your seat's *waiting.*

Group departures, led by a Trip Captain from arrival to the airport drop.



PICK YOUR BATCH

BATCH 01

24-29 Oct

Departs Sat

SEATS WITH
MAYUR ARE
LIMITED

HOW BOOKING WORKS

01

Pay ₹[BOOKING AMOUNT]
per person to lock your seat
on the batch you want.

02

Clear the balance [XX] days
before departure.

03

Get your hotel list, packing
guide and Trip Captain's
contact before you fly.

HOW TO PAY

Bank transfer: [ACCOUNT NAME] · A/C
[NUMBER] · IFSC [CODE]

UPI: [UPI ID]

Cancellations & refunds: [POLICY LINK]

BEFORE YOU FLY

- Land in Srinagar before 12 PM on Day 1; sightseeing starts at 1 PM.
- Gondola tickets depend on availability; if none are left, we refund them.
- Weather can close Sonmarg or Chandanwari; we swap in the best alternative.