

Kashmir, *Unpacked.*

Christmas or New Year in snowy Kashmir: a houseboat night, the Gulmarg Gondola and a party by the fire. One crew, zero planning on your part.

BAGGAGE TAG

FROM
The daily grind

TO
Srinagar

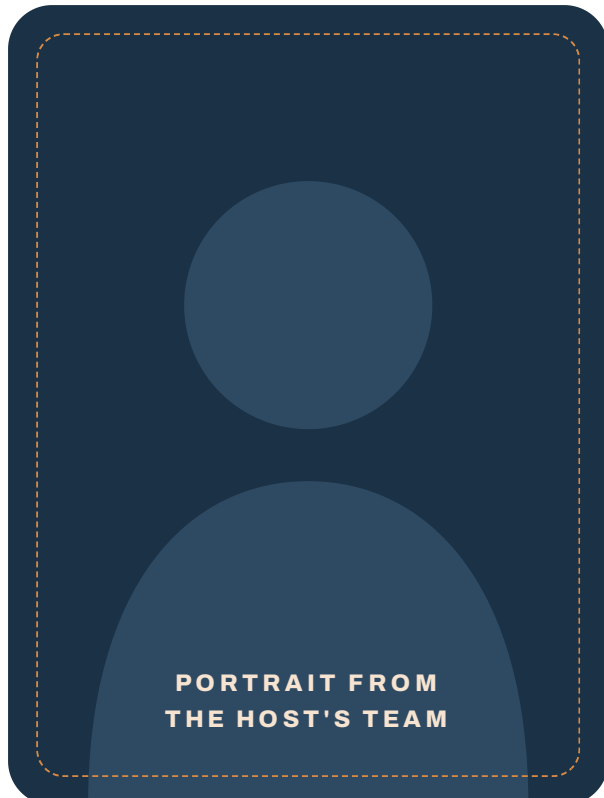
DATES
23 & 28 Dec

FROM **₹20,474**
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

Party by the fire

Christmas or New Year night with Mayur and the crew.

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*.

Swap the usual Christmas and New Year plans for snow in Kashmir. Sleep on a houseboat on Dal Lake, ride the Gulmarg Gondola, stop at Drung Waterfall 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

A party by the fire

Christmas or New Year with snacks, music, cake and a bonfire.

06

A Trip Captain, start to end

One person who has the whole group sorted, 24x7.

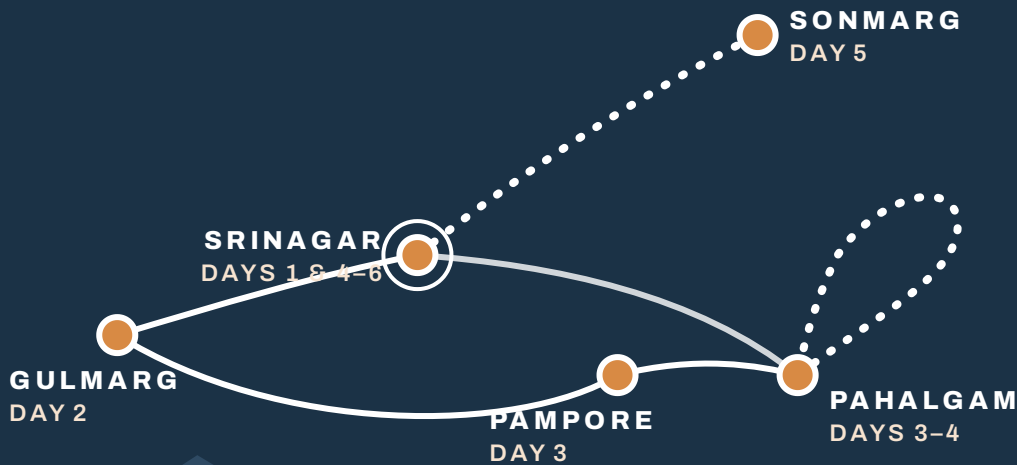
BUILT FOR

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

SXR → SXR

DAY	THE PLAN	OVERNIGHT
01	Srinagar · Mughal Gardens · Shikara ride	HOUSEBOAT
02	Drive to Gulmarg · Gondola ride	GULMARG
03	Drung Waterfall · On to Pahalgam	PAHALGAM
04	Aru, Betaab & Chandanwari · Srinagar	SRINAGAR
05	Sonmarg day trip · Celebration night	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

- Meet your Trip Captain in Srinagar in the early afternoon and check in to your houseboat.
- 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

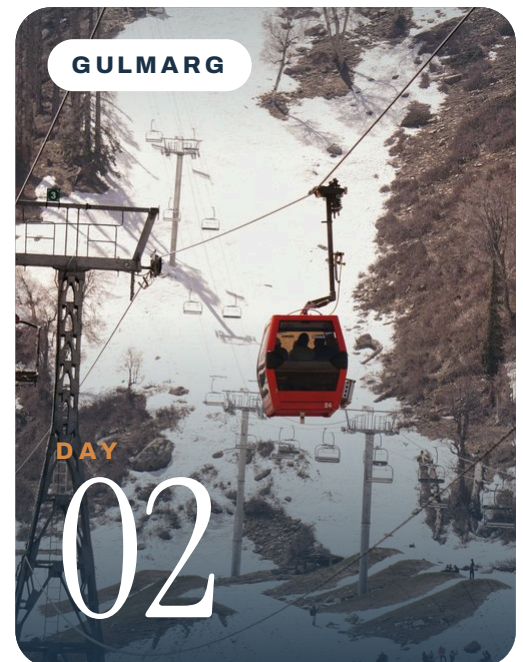
INCLUDES · SHIKARA RIDE

Up to Gulmarg

- Breakfast, then a two-hour drive up to Gulmarg.
- Ride the Gulmarg Gondola for snowy views; skiing, sledging and snowmobiles are at your own cost.
- Check in, warm up and have dinner at the hotel.

STAY · GULMARG

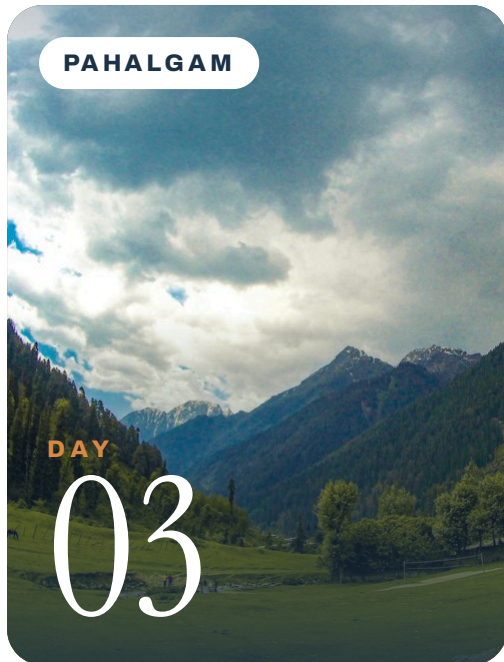
INCLUDES · GONDOLA (PHASE 1)



PART TWO · PAHALGAM

Valley of shepherds.

A frozen waterfall on the road, then Aru and Betaab valleys.



Drung, then Pahalgam

- Breakfast, then check out and head for Pahalgam.
- Stop at Drung Waterfall, which often freezes in winter.
- Drive on through Pampore and Awantipora to Pahalgam for dinner and the night.

STAY · PAHALGAM

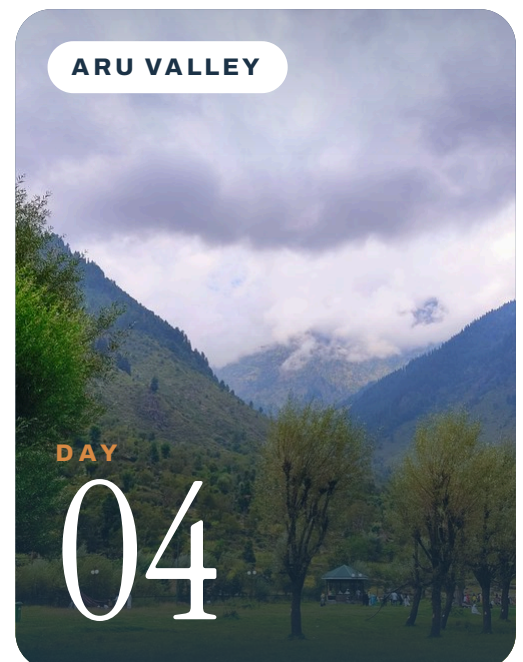
DON'T MISS · DRUNG WATERFALL

Aru and Betaab

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

STAY · SRINAGAR

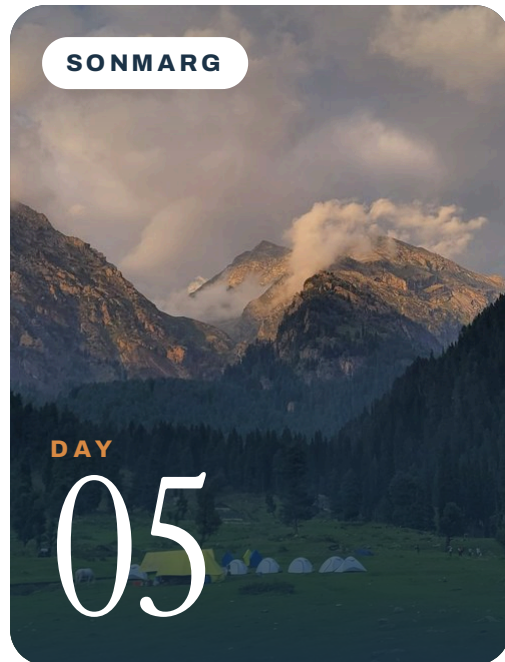
INCLUDES · LOCAL CABS



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 the Christmas or New Year party: snacks, music, cake and a bonfire (weather permitting).

STAY · SRINAGAR

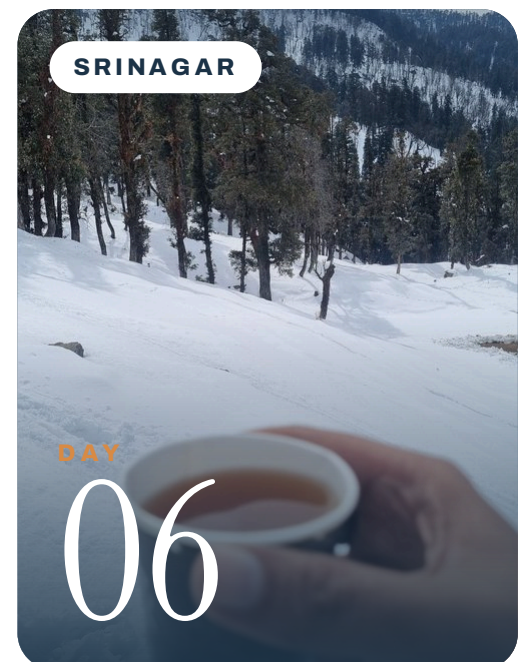
TONIGHT · CELEBRATION

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

- ✓ Christmas / New Year party with snacks, music, cake and a bonfire (weather permitting)
- ✓ Tempo Traveller for sightseeing
- ✓ 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 cabs for Aru, Betaab, Chandanwari and Drung Waterfall
- ✓ A chained cab in Gulmarg if heavy snow needs one
- ✓ 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
- ✗ Skiing, sledging, snowmobiles, ATVs and pony rides
- ✗ 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 snow, sub-zero nights and 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 heavy jacket, thermals, gloves and snow boots
- 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

23-28 Dec

Departs Wed

BATCH 02

28 Dec-2 Jan

Departs Mon

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

- Reach Srinagar by early afternoon on Day 1.
- Gondola tickets depend on availability; if none are left, we refund them.
- Weather can close Sonmarg or Chandanwari; we swap in the best alternative.