

6D4N Kashmir & SAFFRON Flowers

DAY 1: Delhi arrival

6.05pm Malindo Air departure. 9.05pm arrival at Delhi airport. Overnight at hotel in Delhi.

DAY 2: Delhi – flight - Srinagar – Pampore Saffron Fields - Pahalgam (B/L/D)



After early breakfast, you will be transferred to Delhi airport to catch your **flight to Srinagar**. Transfer to visit the **Pampore Village Saffron fields** - apart from Spain, Pampore is the only place in the world where Saffron is grown. Saffron is the most expensive spice in the world and is one of the oldest crops that is cultivated in Kashmir, for more than two thousand years now. Saffron is known all over the world for its delectable taste and aroma. It is used to favor many delicious cuisines of the state. Even the much acclaimed 'Kahva' tea is incomplete without the use of Saffron for its olfactory property. It is also employed in the production of dyes, medicine and perfumes.

Continue to **Pahalgam** - which is a signature town of Kashmir, situated at the confluence of the streams flowing from the Lidder river and Sheshnag lake. Pahalgam was once a humble shepherd's village with breathtaking views. Now, Pahalgam is the famous hill resort in Kashmir valley and cool even during the summer when the maximum temperature does not exceed 25 degree Celsius. Arrival in Pahalgam and check in hotel to overnight.

DAY 3: Pahalgam – Srinagar (B/L/D)



After breakfast, will have a **walk to Baisaren**, which is approx 2 km from here, this will cover couple of small villages, set in pine and fir forest will be pleasing. Also explore the surrounding beauty and enjoy a leisure walks through the pine forest along the **River Lidder** and appreciate the surrounding beauty.

Later after lunch drive back to **Srinagar**, upon arrival visit the **old Srinagar** to experience the level of urban structure the old city which is much like other “old parts of town” – a maze of narrow and winding streets flanked by two to three story high buildings. Like many other such cities, the existing buildings here seems to be mostly of late-19th to early-20th century vintage.



From the point of view of architectural style though, Srinagar’s old city is quite unique. There is an obvious European influence, but unlike say Old Delhi, where the predominant architectural style of that period is a mix of late-Mughal inspired forms and colonial influences, including western classicism and neo-gothic touches. The western influences in Srinagar seem to be taken from more northerly European latitudes (as befits the climate of Srinagar), and are less classical in nature. This, combined with local building materials and techniques, makes the landscape in this part of Srinagar quite fascinating to take in.

Evening, check into your **traditional houseboat** for a night stay. Enjoy the beautiful sunset.



DAY 4: Srinagar

(B/L/D)

This morning, visit 2 **Mughal Gardens: Nishat Bagh** (The Garden of Pleasure), with 12 terraces, designed and built in 1633 by Asif Khan, elder brother of Nur Jehan (the 12th consort but most beloved of Emperor Jahangir Khan); and **Shalimar Bagh** (Abode of love), built by Emperor Jahangir for Nur Jehan. After lunch enjoy **Shikara ride on the famous Dal Lake** which is one of the most soothing, relaxing aspects of a holiday in Kashmir. We will also cover the surrounding villages to know more about Kashmiri peoples. Evening will enjoy the stunning sunset from our houseboats.

DAY 5: Srinagar - flight – Delhi departure

(B/L)

Morning at leisure after breakfast. Later after lunch, you will be transferred to Srinagar airport to catch your afternoon flight to Delhi airport. Then board 10.20pm departure flight home.

DAY 6: KL arrival

Arrival in KL 6am.

RATES: per person, based on twin sharing basis, according to group sizes and hotel options as below. Valid only for Saffron flower season Oct 25 to Nov 10.

3 STAR HOTEL OPTION:

11 or more paxs: RM 1820 8 - 10 paxs: RM 1870 6 - 7 paxs: RM 1960

4 to 5 paxs: RM 1990 Single Supplement: RM 450

Delhi: Africa Avenue + Pahalgam: Eden Resort + Srinagar: Deluxe Houseboat

4 STAR HOTEL OPTION:

11 or more paxs: RM 2095 8 - 10 paxs: RM 2150 6 - 7 paxs: RM 2220

4 to 5 paxs: RM 2250 Single Supplement: RM 570

Delhi: Holiday Inn + Pahalgam: Kolohoi Greens + Srinagar: Deluxe Houseboat

Rates and itinerary subject to changes to FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, weather, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Return Delhi – Srinagar flight tickets (RM700 /pax, price subject to change by airline)
- b) Airport transfers and tour excursion on private basis using vehicle below:
 - 4 to 5 paxs: Toyota Innova car
 - 6 to 8 paxs: 9 Seater Tempo Traveller
 - 9 to 12 paxs: 12 Seater Tempo Traveller
 - 13 or more paxs: 18 Seater Mini Coach
- c) Hotel accommodation according to hotel option chosen (see options above)
- d) Meals as per indicated in itinerary above
- e) English speaking tour guide
- f) Entrance fees for attractions & activities as per itinerary above
- g) Shikara boat cruise on Dal Lake
- h) 2 bottles of drinking water daily

EXCLUDING:

- a) KL to Delhi return air tickets, airport taxes and airline surcharges.
- b) India visa: Apply online at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>
- c) Travel insurance: can be arranged separately, RM52 per person
- d) Tipping: recommended as below:
 - Driver & Helper team: USD 2 to 3 /traveler/day
 - Tour Guide: USD 4 to 6 /traveler/day
 - Shikara boatman: USD 2 /traveler
 - Hotel Bell Boys: USD 1 /traveler
- e) Camera/Video fees at attractions where required
- f) Expenses of personal nature like other optional activities not in itinerary, ala-carte drinks during meals, misc. tipping (hotel staff, luggage porters, boatmen, waiters at restaurants, etc.), laundry charges, etc.