



## Essence of Kashmir and Ladakh

### Places Covered :

1N Srinagar - 1N Gulmarg - 1N Pahalgam - 1N Srinagar - 1N Kargil - 4N Leh

### Description

**Essence of Kashmir and Ladakh** offers an exquisite tour to explore two enthralling beauty of India. Kashmir and Ladakh are two popular tourist destinations in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The Essence of Kashmir & Ladakh tour package of 08 nights and 09 days which will take you to some most well-known destinations such as Srinagar, Gulmarg, Sonmarg, Pahalgam, Kargil and Leh. On the one hand you will get a chance to spend some fabulous days in the lap of nature in Kashmir and on the other the stark beauty of Ladakh will treat all your senses.

Leh-Ladakh generally referred to as the 'Land of Buddhism'; numerous monasteries, stupas and chortens peppered. Through the region offer an unique religious experience to all the spirituality-seekers. The little town also a number of tourist attractions for history lovers; scores of ancient forts and palace scatter throughout and provide for a magnificent sneak-peek into region's rich past.

This **Essence of Kashmir and Ladakh** allows you to experience the enticing and alluring cities of Kashmir and Ladakh.

**Note:** This is just a suggested itinerary indicative of what could be possible. We tailor holidays for your specific needs. Kindly [contact us](#) if you want modifications in this itinerary so that we could tailor a holiday to suit your requirement for an unforgettable tour.

### Itinerary

#### Day 01: Arrival at Srinagar

On your arrival at Srinagar airport, get transferred to a houseboat stationed at Dal Lake or Nagin

Lake. Enjoy delicious lunch on the Houseboat. Later, leave for ride in Shikara boat on the Lake. Afterwards, leave for visiting the Mughal Garden, which is going to include Shalimar Bagh also known as abode of love and Nishant Bagh known as abode of pleasure built by Asif Khan, the brother in law of the Mughal Emperor Jahangir. Later you can also visit the carpet-weaving factory on the way. Return to the houseboat. Overnight stay at the houseboat.

### Day 02 :Srinagar - Gulmarg

In the morning after breakfast, check out and proceed to Gulmarg. The road from Srinagar to Gulmarg via Tangmarg is an extremely mesmerizing one. Gulmarg is one of the most beautiful hill stations in the world, and is also known as 'Meadows of Flowers'. It is the home to the world's highest golf course, and is also famous for winter sports like skiing and also golf. But the most attractive activity to include in the sightseeing is the Gondola Cable Car Ride to Khilanmarg. As you reach Gulmarg, check-in at the pre-booked hotel and relax for a while. Later, enjoy leisure walks or opt for a ride in the world's second-highest Gondola ride in Gulmarg up to Khilanmarg. Then you can also enjoy a coffee at the India's first ever Igloo café. This is country's first cafe built of snow and Asia's biggest Igloo Cafe located at the ski resort in Gulmarg. Thereafter, return to the hotel and stay overnight.

### Day 03 : Gulmarg - Pahalgam

Post a refreshing breakfast in the morning, drive to the beautiful valley of Pahalgam also known as Valley of Shepherds situated on the banks of the river Lidder. While proceeding towards Pahalgam, enroute visit the Avantipur Ruins and pass through the eye-catching Saffron fields. By the afternoon, you will reach Pahalgam. Upon reaching there, take some leisure and then explore the scenic beauty of the Lidder river valley. Overnight stay at the hotel in Pahalgam .

### Day 04: Pahalgam - Srinagar

This morning, enjoy relaxing walks along Lidder River to experience its mild lapping. In the afternoon, proceed on a drive to Srinagar. Upon arrival at Srinagar check in at hotel to relax and unwind. The evening is free at leisure or if you want you can also visit the local markets of the city. Overnight at the hotel in Srinagar.

### Day 05: Srinagar – Sonmarg - Kargil

In the morning, after breakfast, check out of your hotel and prepare to leave for Kargil. Enroute halt at Sonmarg 'Valley of Meadows' for lunch. The location of the place is at an altitude of 2, 740 m and offers an amazing view against the Mountain ranges and refine sky. Later continue driving and by the evening, you will reach Kargil town; upon arrival check into the hotel for overnight stay.

### Day 06: Kargil - Leh

Post breakfast embark on a drive to Leh which is 230 kilometers from Kargil town. Enroute visit the ancient rock cut statue of Maitreya Buddha at Mulbekh village. Later take a halt near Lamayuru Monastery for photo of lunar like landscapes. On the way, enjoy lunch and stop for photo at the sangam of Indus river and Zanskar river. By the evening, arrive Leh and check into the hotel. Overnight stay in Leh

### Day 07: Leh – Pangong Lake – Leh

In the morning start for Pangong Lake for a full day sightseeing. Pangong is approx 135 kilometers away and it is one of the biggest natural saline lakes in the Himalayas. To make the day exciting, enjoy a picnic lunch in Pangong. By evening return to Leh for an overnight stay.

### Day 08: Leh – Indus Valley - Leh

In the morning after breakfast proceed for a full day sightseeing tour of Indus Valley Monasteries. Today you will be visiting Stok Monastery, Thiksay Monastery, Stanga and Changchubling Hemis Monasteries. Later return to Leh. Overnight stay in Leh.

### Day 09: Leh – Khardungla Pass – Leh

Post breakfast visit the Khardungla Pass which is 18360 ft above the sea level and is one of the highest motorable road in the world. At the pass you will find several souvenir shops; so if you want you can do some shopping also. Return to Leh by afternoon and enjoy lunch at the hotel. Post lunch, visit Shanti Stupa and after that you day is free at leisure. Overnight stay in Leh

### Day 10: Leh Airport Drop

Post breakfast, get transferred to the Kushok Bakula airport to board the flight for your onwards destination.

## Inclusions

- Assistance on Arrival & Departure.
- Accommodation in well appointed hotels.
- All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle.
- Meals as per plan in the hotels.
- Toll, parking, driver Bhatta, fuel, taxes etc.
- All applicable hotel taxes.

## Exclusions

- Domestic/ International airfare.
- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips. Liquor & joy rides.
- Guide Charges & Entrance Fees other than the places mentioned.
- No flight is on hold yet, increase or decrease in flight rates is to be borne by the client.
- Any other item not specified in “Cost Includes”



- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot).
- Travel Insurance.

## Terms & Conditions

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- Bookings are subject to availability with the hotel, train fare and airfare.
- Vehicle as per the itinerary Not on Disposal.
- Bluberry Holidays will provide alternate or similar category of hotel in case the hotel mentioned in program is not available.
- All cancellations & amendments will be done as per hotel policy.
- The package cannot be combined with any other offer.
- The guest must carry photo identification like Passport/Driving License/Voter ID Card IN ORIGINAL at the point of check in at the hotel.