

The Crown of Kashmir

📅 8 Nights / 9 Days

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Overview

The Crown of Kashmir tour offers an 8-night, 9-day spiritual and scenic journey through the beautiful Kashmir Valley, blending divine pilgrimage, breathtaking landscapes, and serene lakes. Starting with the holy pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi in Katra, this tour also explores the mesmerizing beauty of Pahalgam, Gulmarg, and Srinagar. Enjoy the tranquil beauty of the valley with visits to Shankaracharya Temple, Mughal Gardens, and the famous Sonamarg. A perfect balance of spirituality and nature, this tour ensures a memorable experience of one of India's most revered and beautiful regions.

Highlights

- 🏔️ Pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi
- 🏔️ Scenic journey through Pahalgam, Gulmarg, and Srinagar
- 🏔️ Gondola ride in Gulmarg
- 🏔️ Shikara ride on Dal Lake
- 🏔️ Visit to Mughal Gardens (Shalimar, Nishat, Chashmashahi)
- 🏔️ Visit to Thajiwas Glacier in Sonamarg
- 🏔️ Stunning views of the snowy mountains and lush meadows

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Jammu - Katra

On arrival at Jammu, you will be greeted by our representative at the airport or railway station. After a warm welcome, you will be transferred by surface to Katra, the starting point for the holy Vaishno Devi pilgrimage. Katra, a small town nestled in the Trikuta mountains, is the base for devotees who come to visit the Vaishno Devi temple, one of the most revered religious sites in India. Upon arrival, check-in to your hotel and relax. You have the rest of the day at leisure to acclimatize to the surroundings. You can explore the town or rest in preparation for the journey ahead. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 2 - Katra - Vaishno Devi - Katra

Start your day early with a hearty breakfast, as today you embark on your pilgrimage to the Vaishno Devi temple. After breakfast, you will begin your trek to the temple, located at a height of 5,200 feet in the Trikuta Hills. The trek is both spiritually uplifting and physically invigorating, taking you through scenic paths surrounded by lush greenery and breathtaking mountain views. The journey to the temple will take several hours, and you will spend the day at the temple for darshan, prayer, and puja. After a deeply spiritual experience, you will return to Katra in the evening. The evening is free for you to rest and reflect on your pilgrimage. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 3 - Katra - Pahalgam

After breakfast, check out from the hotel in Katra and begin your scenic journey to Pahalgam, famously known as the “Valley of Shepherds.” Situated at an altitude of 2,130 meters, Pahalgam is one of Kashmir's most beautiful hill stations, located at the confluence of the Lidder and Sheshnag rivers. Upon arrival in Pahalgam, check-in to your hotel and relax. The town is known for its scenic beauty, with lush meadows, crystal-clear rivers, and towering pine trees. You may spend the evening at leisure, enjoying a peaceful walk around the town or simply soaking in the tranquility of your surroundings. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 4 - At Pahalgam

Today, after breakfast, you have the day at leisure to explore the natural beauty of Pahalgam. The town offers numerous opportunities for outdoor activities. You can opt for a trip to Chandanwari, which is known for its stunning views and is also the starting point for the Amarnath Yatra. Alternatively, you can visit Aru, a small village located about 12 kilometers from Pahalgam, known for its picturesque views of snow-capped peaks and lush meadows. Spend the day at leisure, indulging in photography, nature walks, or simply relaxing. Return to your hotel in the evening for an overnight stay.

Day 5 - Pahalgam - Gulmarg

After breakfast, check out from your hotel in Pahalgam and drive towards Gulmarg, a beautiful hill station and ski resort located at an altitude of 2,730 meters. En route, enjoy the scenic beauty of Kashmir, passing through the lush green fields, ancient temples, and the world-famous saffron fields. You will also visit the ancient ruins of Awantipora, built by King Avantivarman. Upon reaching Gulmarg, check-in to your hotel. The afternoon is free for you to explore the meadows and the surroundings. Gulmarg, known as the “Meadow of Flowers,” offers excellent walking trails and stunning views of the surrounding mountains. You can also enjoy an optional Gondola ride, which offers panoramic views of the valley. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 6 - Gulmarg - Srinagar

After breakfast, you will drive towards Srinagar, the enchanting lake city of Kashmir. Situated at an altitude of 1,730 meters, Srinagar is famous for its pristine lakes, Mughal Gardens, and rich culture. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to a traditional houseboat, where you can enjoy the serene beauty of Dal Lake. In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing Shikara ride on the picturesque Dal Lake, gliding through its calm waters while taking in the views of the snow-capped mountains and beautiful gardens. Overnight stay at the houseboat.

Day 7 - Srinagar

After breakfast, you will visit the Mughal Gardens, including Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, and Chashme Shahi. These gardens are known for their stunning landscaping, terraced lawns, and elaborate water fountains. While returning from the gardens, you will visit a

Kashmir handicraft center and a carpet weaving factory, where you can observe the intricacies of traditional Kashmiri craftsmanship. The afternoon is free for personal activities, allowing you to explore the city or shop for local handicrafts. Overnight stay at the houseboat.

Day 8 - Srinagar - Sonamarg - Srinagar

After breakfast, drive to Sonamarg, located in the Sindh Valley, offering spectacular views of snow-covered mountains. Situated at an altitude of 2,730 meters, Sonamarg, meaning “Meadow of Gold,” is known for its beautiful meadows, crystal-clear rivers, and tranquil surroundings. You can optionally visit the Thajiwas Glacier, which is a major attraction during the summer months. In the evening, drive back to Srinagar for an overnight stay on the houseboat.

Day 9 - Srinagar - Jammu

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Jammu by road or to the railway station for your onward journey. The tour concludes, leaving you with unforgettable memories of your spiritual pilgrimage and scenic Kashmir holiday.

Accommodation Used