



Jammu & Kashmir + Ladakh Travel Plan



Best Time to Visit

- **April–June:** Pleasant weather, gardens in bloom
- **July–September:** Best for Ladakh & trekking
- **December–February:** Snowfall & skiing (Gulmarg)

1 Srinagar – *The Heart of Kashmir*

Ideal Stay: 2–3 days

Why Visit:

Srinagar is famous for its scenic lakes, Mughal gardens, and cultural charm.

Top Attractions:

- **Dal Lake & Nigeen Lake** – Shikara rides & houseboats
- **Mughal Gardens** – Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chashme Shahi
- **Hazratbal Shrine**
- **Shankaracharya Temple** – panoramic city views
- **Old City & Floating Market**

Experiences:

- ✓ Stay in a houseboat
 - ✓ Local Kashmiri cuisine (Rogan Josh, Yakhni, Kahwa)
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2 Gulmarg – Meadow of Flowers

Ideal Stay: 1–2 days



Why Visit:

A top hill station and India's premier ski destination.

Top Attractions:

- **Gulmarg Gondola** (one of the world's highest cable cars)
- **Apharwat Peak**
- **Golf Course (highest in the world)**
- **Snow sports** – skiing, snowboarding (winter)

Best For:

Adventure lovers & honeymooners

3 Pahalgam – Valley of Shepherds

Ideal Stay: 2 days





Why Visit:

Lush valleys, rivers, and peaceful landscapes.

Top Attractions:

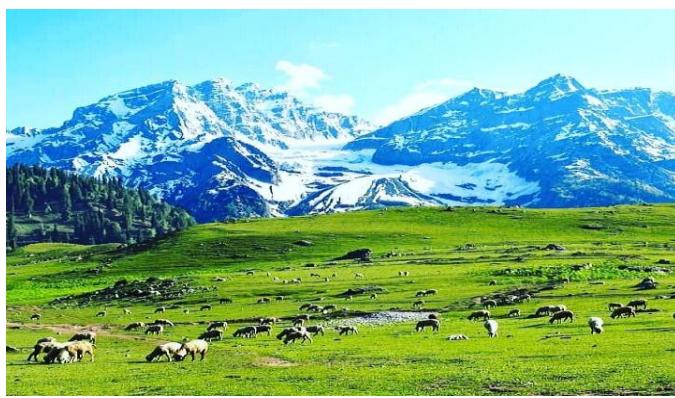
- **Betaab Valley**
- **Aru Valley**
- **Chandanwari** (Amarnath Yatra base)
- **Lidder River**

Activities:

- ✓ Horse riding
- ✓ Nature walks & photography

Sonamarg – Meadow of Gold

Ideal Stay: 1 day



Why Visit:

Gateway to Ladakh and famous for glaciers.

Top Attractions:

- Thajiwas Glacier
- Zoji La Pass
- Baltal Valley

Best For:

Short scenic trips & snow views even in summer

5 Leh – Land of High Passes (Ladakh)

Ideal Stay: 3–4 days



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Why Visit:

A unique blend of Himalayan beauty, monasteries, and adventure.

Top Attractions:

- Leh Palace
- Shanti Stupa
- Pangong Lake

- Nubra Valley (via Khardung La Pass)
- Magnetic Hill
- Hemis & Thiksey Monasteries

Activities:

- ✓ Stargazing
 - ✓ River rafting (Indus & Zanskar)
 - ✓ Bike trips
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Additional Places to Add

6 Yusmarg

- Quiet meadows, pine forests
- Less crowded, ideal for relaxation

7 Doodhpatheri

- Green valleys & milky streams
- Great for picnics and short hikes

8 Kupwara

- Untouched beauty near LOC
- Dense forests & alpine scenery

Kargil

- War Memorial
- Stopover between Srinagar & Leh

10 Patnitop (Jammu Region)

- Perfect for family trips
 - Paragliding & nature trails
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Sample 10-Day Itinerary

Day 1–3: Srinagar

Day 4: Gulmarg

Day 5–6: Pahalgam

Day 7: Sonamarg → Kargil

Day 8–10: Leh, Nubra Valley, Pangong Lake

Must-Try Food

- Rogan Josh
- Dum Aloo
- Gushtaba

- Momos & Thukpa (Ladakh)

- Kahwa tea