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Srinagar

“scraping mountains and refreshing greenery will leave you absolutely enchanted. Head here to experience the warm hospitality of the people and the great food. Dal Lake, Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden etc. are some of the major attractions of this heavenly place.”



Famous For : City

Srinagar — Jammu and Kashmir's summer capital — literally means "city of affluence bounty". It bears many scars as well as the unnerving (sometimes reassuring) presence of the army. Yet, as you walk the streets, paddle through the waters of the Dal Lake or down the Jhelum, the perspective changes as you sense a more complex continuum. The world famous flower and vegetable floating market is a sight to behold.

The bowl of the Valley is too large for the dismal tale of militancy and military occupation alone. It's brimming with faith, with history and with stunning natural beauty. There are other attractions in the town which are equally captivating like Mughal Gardens, Shankaracharya Temple and Srinagar Museum among others. If you want to indulge yourself in the shopping, just drop in at the local markets to buy

Kashmiri handicrafts and Pashmina shawls.

The intricate and exquisite handiwork on textiles is the speciality of the city's craftsmen. Rich pashminas will make you feel like a princess and their kaftan style suits will add warmth to your wardrobe.

Don't be disappointed if you are looking for adventure sports options as the place offers some interesting choices like skiing, camping, kayaking, paragliding and many more.

There are plenty of apple orchards in Srinagar which speak plenty of the city's natural bounty. Take a stroll here and buy apples to be enjoyed back home. Walking in the valley, you cannot help but marvel at the juxtaposition of beauty and weapons, of God's blessed beauty and army, of the constant fear for life and death.

VISIT

<http://www.ixigo.com/weather-in-srinagar-lp-1140480>

Jan

Freezing weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 2.5°C **Min:** -1.899999976158142°C **Rain:** 48.0mm

Feb

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 3.700000047683716°C **Min:** 0.699999988079071°C **Rain:** 68.0mm

Mar

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 8.800000019073486°C **Min:** 4.099999904632568°C **Rain:** 121.0mm

Apr

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 14.199999809265137°C **Min:** 7.800000019073486°C **Rain:** 85.0mm

May

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 17.700000076293945°C **Min:** 11.100000038146972°C **Rain:** 68.0mm

Jun

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 22.299999237060547°C **Min:** 15.199999809265137°C **Rain:** 39.0mm

When To



Jul

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.

Max: 24.10000038
1469727°C **Min:** 18.5°C **Rain:** 62.0mm

Aug

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 23.60000038
1469727°C **Min:** 17.60000038
1469727°C **Rain:** 76.0mm

Sep

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 19.79999923
7060547°C **Min:** 12.89999961
8530273°C **Rain:** 31.0mm

Oct

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 14.10000038
1469727°C **Min:** 6.09999904
632568°C **Rain:** 33.0mm

Nov

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 8.0°C **Min:** 1.0°C **Rain:** 38.0mm

Dec

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 3.400000095
3674316°C **Min:** -1.299999952
3162842°C **Rain:** 54.0mm

What To
SEE



5 Sights

<http://www.ixigo.com/places-to-visit-see-in-srinagar-lp-114048>

1 Dal Lake

Dal Lake, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir 190025, India

Dal Lake in Srinagar has a picture-perfect spot that travellers to Srinagar cannot miss. Surrounded by majestic mountains on one side, the lake is a center of attraction for the travelers arriving to this place called, paradise on earth.

Most tourism-oriented activities on the lake happen near the Dal Gate. You can take a shikara ride on colourful high-backed seats, buy flowers from floating shops, get yourself clicked in kitschy Kashmiri dresses, visit Nehru Park Island and Char Chinar Island, see the floating vegetable market at dawn, visit Hazratbal, and traverse the smaller and quieter Nagin Lake and the old Pandit quarter of Rainawari.

The houseboats anchored on the Dal are often huge and spacious. Over the years, houseboats grew in number with many flaunting new designs, comforts and outlook. If you can accommodate yourself in

one of these you will feel yourself closer to the heritage and culture of Kashmir.

2 Shalimar Bagh

Rainawari, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir 190025, India

Commissioned by Jahangir for Noor Jehan in 1619, Shalimar Bagh is a four-terraced fiesta of chinars and watercourses with an exquisite hill as its immediate backdrop. A very prominent feature of the garden is the arched recesses behind the fountains. These recesses used to be lit with lamps, giving the fountains a majestic, dreamy look.

The garden is located at a distance of 15 km from the Tourist Reception Centre and covers an area of around 12.40 hectares

(30.6 acres). An October visit among the flaming autumnal chinars is perhaps even more desirable than the floral riot in spring. All year round though, the most lovely thing in Shalimar is a baradari, a summer house, which is today a fading gracious structure, with black marble pillars (from Pampore) and gorgeous painted ceilings.

3 Nishat Bagh



Nishat Bagh, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir 190006, India

Nishat Bagh is carved out of a hillside. It comprises 12 terraced levels rich with magnificent old chinars and rows of flowers. It has a beautiful Mughal central water channel with several fountains. Seen from the top, the garden cascades down and reaches out to the Dal Lake. The topmost terrace is the zenana garden.

Nishat Garden was commissioned by Nur Jehan's brother Asif Khan in 1633. According to legend, Shah Jahan, Jahangir's son, was so taken by the garden that he expressed his appreciation thrice to Asif Khan in the hope of getting it as a gift but to no avail. This led to a minor falling out between the two; for a while Shah Jahan actually turned off the water supply for Nishat, which came through his Shalimar!



Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir 190001, India

Meaning Royal Spring, Cheshmashahi is one of the three Mughal Gardens in Srinagar. It was Shah Jahan's governor Ali Mardan Khan who built the small but perfect Chashma Shahi Gardens on the slopes of the Zaberwan Hill in 1632.

The garden consists of a pavilion and three terraces. It is famous for the natural spring that flows from it. Its location, being at an elevated plane above the city, provides a panoramic view of the city. The state's governor house is located nearby. The famous Pari Mahal, Tulip garden and the City Botanical Garden is also located near Cheshmashahi. The garden is at a distance of 9 kms from the Tourist Reception Centre.

5 Dastgir Sahib



Old Srinagar, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, India

One of the most famous and truly beautiful shrines of Srinagar, Dastgir Sahib, in Khanyar, was burnt down in 2012. The shrine features extraordinary communal harmony and syncretism that has been its part for centuries. Since Srinagar's wooden buildings are used to meeting this fate, the shrine will no doubt rise beautifully from its ashes once again.

1 Hat Trick Restaurant



Hat Trick Complex, Near Abdullah Bridge, Rajbagh, 190008, India



+91-194-2451422

The biggest restaurant chain in Srinagar, Hat Trick Restaurants offer the best of cuisines. From delicious wazwan to delightful Chinese to mouth-watering Italian, this restaurant has almost every item you might wish for. The restaurant has its chains across the city with the main restaurant in the heart of the city at Rajbagh.

Apart from the main course delicacies, the snacks served here are a treat too. Don't miss out on the yummy chicken drumsticks or the delectable paneer pakoras.

4 Chashm-e-shahi



2 Mughal Darbar



📍 Residency Road, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir 180001, India
☎ +91-194-2476998 | +91-194-2483731

Offering an exclusive menu of Kashmir non-veg and Mughlai cuisine, Mughal darbar is quite a hit amongst foodies. It is best known for its delicious Kashmiri Wazwan. It is a many-coursed carnivorous delight - crisp tabak maaz, pounded mutton rista and gushtaba, and yakhni. It's interesting to watch waiters serving your the dishes on your table, as it is done with a royal touch.

3 Shamyana Restaurant



📍 Shamiana Restaurant, Boulevard Road, Near Heemal Hotel, Srinagar, 190001, India
☎ +91-194-2453360

A must visit place while on a trip to Srinagar, Shamyana Restaurant is arguably the best restaurant serving the world renowned Kashmiri Wazwan. Located right next the the picturesque Dal Lake on the stunning Boulevard Road, Shamiana is a foodie's delight.

Apart for the regular items of the wazwan, the pudina chicken served here is a must have. Pretty decent Chinese cuisine is also served at Shamiana.

4 Stream



📍 Boulevard, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, India
☎ +91-194-2500244

Walk into Stream for a splendid meal in a beautiful ambiance. The place offers bot vegoldest sweets and snacks restaurant in and non-vegetarian food of both Indian and Srinagar. The ever famous chola-bhatura, Kashmiri cuisine. The food here is quite rasmlai and dosas are a must have. reasonable and you can come here for your meals while you are in Srinagar.

The amazing service and the lovely environment combined with great food will have you coming here over and over.

5 Shakti Sweets



📍 Shakti Sweets, Residency Road, Srinagar-190001, Jammu and

Kashmir, India

☎ +91-194-2474607

Located on the busy shopping street of Residency Road, Shakti Sweets is one of the oldest sweets and snacks restaurant in Srinagar. The ever famous chola-bhatura, rasmlai and dosas are a must have.

If you have a sweet tooth, a visit to Shakti Sweets will satiate your cravings and if you are not the mouth watering sweets here will make you into one.

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