**Srinagar**

**Srinagar International Airport (SXR)**

Located at a height of 5445 ft above sea level; Srinagar International Airport is located in one of the most breathtakingly beautiful cities of the country. Srinagar is a charming capital city situated in Jammu and Kashmir. Located 14 km from the city's central region, Srinagar airport was constructed over 60 years ago and is also called Sheikh ul Alam Airport. The airport underwent a major makeover that included massive extension of the runway, construction of a new terminal, aero bridges and introduction of airport operational facilities and was inaugurated in 2009. The airport received international status in 2005.

**Flight Information**

Srinagar is connected to Jammu, Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chandigarh and Amritsar with regular domestic flight services offered by Air India, Jet Airways, IndiGo, SpiceJet and GoAir. Srinagar operates few international flights to Dubai and Jeddah and Air India provides international flight operations at the airport.

**Terminals**

Srinagar International Airport has two terminals that cater to domestic flight services and chartered flight operations to international destinations respectively. The domestic terminal is built to accommodate 500 passengers during peak hours. The chartered terminal is used as a Hajj terminal during the Hajj season for passengers who have to take flights to Jeddah for the pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

**Traveling in and around**

Srinagar railway station is located at a distance of 14 km from the airport and private taxis can be hired to reach the airport quickly and conveniently. The taxi counter is available just outside the arrival lounge and fares are dependent upon the vehicle hired. State buses operate at very nominate rates to ferry travelers and tourists from the airport to the Tourist Reception Center in Srinagar and vice versa.

**Services and Facilities**

Passengers at Srinagar airport can make use of luggage trolleys and medical facilities at no extra cost. Free inter-terminal shuttle services are available at the airport. Wheel chair services are available for the elderly and the physically challenged. Ambulances and doctors are also available at the airport. Strict security checks and a greater number of security personnel are stationed throughout the airport since the city and its neighboring regions fall under the sensitive region category of the country.

**Things to Do**

Srinagar airport has a snack counter, tourist information desk, a gift shop that stocks leather items and handicrafts characterize the beautiful city. There are also various eating joints within the premises that offer delicious food. The airport also has retail shops selling stationery, jewelry and traditional clothing. Hence, the airport offers plenty of things to do for passengers who wait to board their flights.

**Hotels**

Srinagar is a lovely and charming city that offers many options for accommodation. The Residency Hotel, Hotel Mirage and Green Acre are some of the best in the luxury accommodation category. Hotel Star of Kashmir, Hotel Sadaf and The Shelter Group of Houseboats are available for tourists who prefer budget-friendly places to stay.

**Helpful Tips**

The city of Srinagar falls under one of the sensitive regions of India that has witnessed security concerns in the past. Tourists who make travel plans to Srinagar may have to closely follow the security concerns in the city that can contribute to closing down of the airport or flight cancellations sometimes without advance notice.

**Nearby Attractions**

Srinagar, also called the Land of Lakes and Gardens attracts tourists from far corners of the world who are truly smitten by the beauty and natural grandeur of the city and want to take home a beautiful memory of India. The Dal Lake is one of the most popular destinations in India for tourists from the western world. A large number of tourists come to Srinagar to visit the lake. Other places of interest are Shankaracharya Hill, Indira Gandhi Tulip Garden, Betab Valley and Nagin Lake that are some of the picturesque locations in the city.