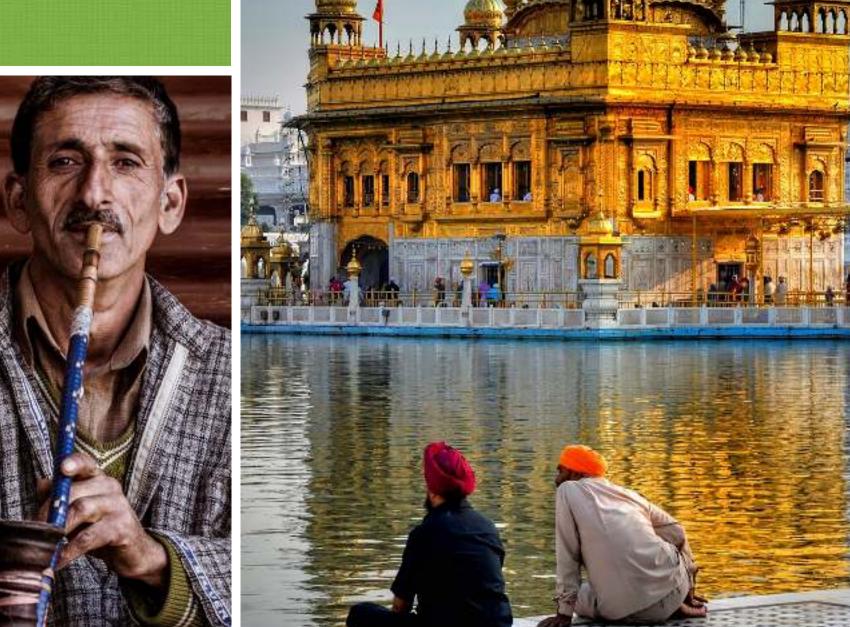
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# **GOLDEN TEMPLE & KASHMIR**

Delhi - Amritsar - Dharamshala - Jammu - Srinagar - Gulmarg - Pahalgam - Agra - Delhi

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## <u>About</u>

This tour debuts your trip in a spectacular manner as it takes you straight to Amritsar where you would visit and witness the holiest site for Sikhs i.e. the beautiful Golden Temple.

Further, we travel through plains and hills with spectacular views ultimately leading us to the region of Kashmir, a land famously quoted as "If there is heaven on earth – it is here, it is here, it is here!". It won't take you long to affirm to that statement once you visit Kashmir.

#### Day 01 :: Delhi

On arrival at Delhi international airport, welcome and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

#### Day 02 :: Delhi / Amritsar

Early morning transfer to railway station to board Shatabdi express train to Amritsar, dep: 0720, arr: 1300. On arrival transfer to hotel. Later sight-seeing of Amritsar including the Golden Temple. Evening revisit Golden temple for to witness prayers and "Palki Sahib" ceremony. Overnight in hotel.

#### Day 03 :: Amritsar / Dharamshala

Morning after breakfast drive to Dharamshala (210 Kms / 6 hrs approx). On arrive check-in hotel. Later sight-seeing of Dharamshala including His Holiness The Dalai Lama's Monastery. Overnight in hotel.

#### Day 04 :: Dharamshala - Jammu

After breakfast leave for visit to Bhagsunath temple and SOS Tibetan refugee camp and school. Later drive to Jammu (204 kms 5 hrs approx). On arrival in Jammu check-in hotel for overnight stay.

#### Day 05 :: Jammu / Srinagar

Early morning visit the famous Raghunath Temples. Later transfer to airport for flight to Srinagar. On arrival transfer to Dal Lake from where you will be transferred by "Shikara" (Gandola type boats) to Super Deluxe Houseboat. Afternoon free to relax on the lake. Dinner and overnight on houseboat.

#### Day 06 :: Srinagar

Morning leave for half day tour of Mughal Gardens, Nishat -"the Garden of pleasure, Shalimar - "the Abode love and Charma Shahi - "the Royal Spring". Return to houseboat for lunch. Afternoon visit the Shankracharya temple and Carpet weaving factory. Evening 1 - 2 hour Shikara ride on the Dal Lake. Dinner and overnight on houseboat.

#### Day 07 :: Srinagar / Gulmarg (2730 M)

After early breakfast drive to Gulmarg (52 kms / 1 ½ hrs approx) also known as the meadow of flowers. The road from Srinagar rises gently towards the lower stopes of the Pirpanjal range passing through rice and maize fields. Gulmarg is paradise for Golfers and for winter sports. On an clear day one can have clear view of Nanga Parbat (5th highest mountain in the world) also of Wular Lake, the largest Fresh Water Lake of Asia. Lunch at hotel. Rest of day free for independent activities. Dinner and Overnight in hotel.

#### Day 08 :: Gulmarg / Srinagar

After breakfast leave for Srinagar. Lunch at Houseboat. Rest of the day free. Dinner and overnight at houseboat.

#### Day 09 :: Srinagar / Pahalgam (2130 M)

After breakfast leave for Pahalgam (95 Kms / 2.5 hrs approx) also known as the "Valley of shepherds" en-route visit Avantipura Ruins (build in years 855 AD dedicated to Lord Vishnu), Marland Temple (build by Lalitaditya in 699 AD) dedicated to "Surya", the Sun God. On arrival check-in hotel for Lunch. Pm: Free to explore this beautiful valley. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

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#### Day 10 :: Pahalgam / Srinagar / Delhi

After breakfast drive back to Srinagar airport in time for flight to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi Transfer to hotel. Evening free at leisure. Overnight in hotel.

#### Day 11 :: Delhi / Agra

After breakfast drive to Agra. On arrival check-in hotel Later visit the world famous Taj Mahal, Agra fort & Tomb of Itmad - ud- daula. Overnight stay at hotel.

#### Day 12 :: Agra / Fatehpur Sikri / Delhi

After breakfast drive back to Delhi enoute visit Fatehpur Sikri built by emperor Akbar in 1569 and later abandoned due to scarcity of water. On arrival in Delhi short sight-seeing tour of Delhi and last minute shopping. Evening transfer to international airport for flight to onward destination.

## **TOUR ENDS**

