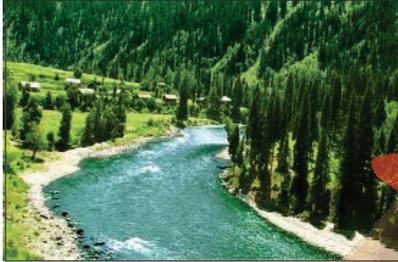


## KASHMIR - "PARADISE ON EARTH"

**DURATION : 6 Nights & 7 Days**



**NEELUM VALLEY, KASHMIR**

Nature has lavishly endowed Kashmir with certain distinctive favours which hardly find a parallel in any alpine land of the world. Correctly, the rest of the state is Kashmir but in practice this title is reserved for the beautiful valley of Kashmir, a large Himalayan valley in the north of the state. A spell on a houseboat on Dal Lake has always been one of India's real treats & Kashmir also offers some delightful trekking opportunities & unsurpassed scenery. Set in the womb of Himalayas & gifted with beautiful & inspiring natural scenery, it emerged as a highly advanced seat of learning from very early times, taking its place along with the famous Universities of Taxila & Nalanda. Ramparts of high mountains & seclusion of the land helped her to preserve the life & conditions of early times which is rather difficult to resuscitate in regard to other such mountainous regions. The cultural heritage of Kashmir is, therefore, very rich & derives its inspiration & strength both from her natural environs & the rich literature & literary traditions alike.

'Vaishnavi' means the one who is related to lord "Vishnu". Goddess Vaishnavi is the manifestation of the collective spiritual strengths of Mata Maha Kali, Mata Maha Lakshmi & Mata Maha Saraswati. It is described in Durga Saptashati that the goddess was born as a young girl of extraordinary beauty & strength, out of the collectively pooled 'Tejas' of various 'Devtas' and three lords Brahma, Vishnu & Shankar. The immediate purpose of the creation of the goddess was the annihilation of Asura (Devil) Mahishasura. However another purpose of her creation was that she might usher on earth an era of pious & ascetic life so that peace could prevail upon the world & she through her penance could rise to higher levels of spirituality & ultimately merge with Vishnu.

### DAY 01 ARRIVAL Jammu

Arrive at Jammu railway station/ airport. Proceed to Katra. Darshan of the Mata Vaishnodeviji (on your own). Night halt in Katra.

### DAY 02 Katra to Srinagar

Proceed to Srinagar by road (293 kms). Transfer to Srinagar houseboat. Day free.

### DAY 03 SRINAGAR

Full day sightseeing in Srinagar. Proceed to visit famous Mughal Gardens "NISHAT BAGH" & "SHALIMAR BAGH" & "Shankaracharya Temple" atop the hill called Takht-e-Suleiman by cars. Evening enjoy a shikara ride in serene Dal lake waters. Night halt in Srinagar.

### DAY 04 SRINAGAR / Gulmarg / SRINAGAR

Proceed to Gulmarg. Morning after breakfast depart by surface to visit Gulmarg. Full day enjoy Gulmarg on your own. One can enjoy horse riding / Cablecar ride (to be paid directly by guest) in Gulmarg. Evening return back to Srinagar houseboat for dinner & overnight stay.

### DAY 05 SRINAGAR TO PAHALGAM

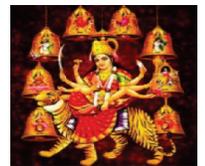
Morning after breakfast depart by surface to Pahalgam which is at a distance of 96 kms one way. Enroute visit Avantipur ruins, Cricket bat factory and view Pampore Saffron fields. Arrive at Pahalgam and enjoy photography in the evening.

### DAY 06 PAHALGAM

Full day for relaxation & sightseeing in Pahalgam. Proceed to Chandanwari for a magnificent view of Lidder valley. Afternoon free for shopping or the Lidder riverside trek. Night halt in Pahalgam

### DAY 07 PAHALGAM to JAMMU

Transfer to Jammu airport / railway station. Travel back home. (We can also transfer you to Srinagar airport without any extra cost)



**Vaishnodevi, Katra**



**Nishat Garden, Srinagar**



**Lidder Valley, Pahalgam**

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Katra - 1 Night</b>       | <b>Srinagar-3 Nights</b> | <b>Pahalgam - 2 Nights</b>        |
| Htl Devi Grnd Katra or Simlr | Delux Houseboat          | Htl Mount View / Htl Brown Palace |

### Tour Cost Includes

1. Travel by Non AC Delx Tata Sumo exclusively for couple.
2. All taxes.

### Tour Cost Excludes

1. Meals during the entire duration of the trip.
2. Entrance fees at any point.
3. Horse / Doli rentals at Katra to travel up to Mata Vaishnodeviji shrine
4. Cable car ride from Gulmarg up to Khilanmarg (Rs.500/= both ways per person approximately)
5. Extra charges as levied by hotels for early check in (before 12 noon) or Late check out (after 12 noon)

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