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When is the best time to visit Srinagar?

Srinagar manages to wear its beautiful attire in different shades all around the year with every season holding its own colors of love.

April to September:

Srinagar finds fragments of Sun with temperatures from 10°C to 30°C Celsius in summers. The most popular weather not just for the humans but for the tulips too as they smile hope when they find home in Asia's largest tulip garden in the springs. Srinagar smiles in warmth of summers with best of its beauty encircled in the likes of Nishat Garden, Shalimar Garden, Shankracharya Temple and Dal Lake.

October to March:

When temperature hovers around 0°C to 15°C, snow starts falling over the woods and you are bound to witness the picture perfect vistas of the snow-covered slopes, children playing cricket over frozen waters of the Dal Lake and the golden shades of Srinagar. Visit this land of natural world, of snow, smells and sweet sounds, of colors and light at any time of the year. Srinagar is a wonder that opens up to show its shades in layers of colorful mysteries from season to season reinventing its own language of sinuous beauty.

How to reach Srinagar?

The summer capital of Kashmir, Srinagar, situated at a height of 1730 meters above sea-level, the amazing holiday destination will win your heart over. This beautiful land could be reached via air, road or train from any part of the country as it welcomes you with open arms.

By Air:

Some of the major airlines like Indian Airlines and Jet Airways operate out of Srinagar Airport, connecting it to cities like Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi.



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By Train:

Jammu is the nearest railway station, at a distance of 290 kilometers. Jammu Tawai railway station is well connected to the Indian railways network. It connects Srinagar to others cities like Delhi, Mumbai and Chandigarh

By Buses:

Srinagar is connected by a network of well-maintained roads. It can easily be accessed from Chandigarh, Gulmarg, Jammu, Sonamarg, Delhi and Pahalgam via road.

What are the different things/activities to do in Srinagar?

The breeze in your hair when you will open up the window of your room to the sun in Srinagar will take you to explore so much in so little. Srinagar is a house of experiences when you start walking down the road.

Visit the most celebrated Dal Lake and take a shikara ride.

Take a boathouse and enjoy the calmness that this city carries in its warmth.

Travel across the Mughal gardens – Shalimar, Nishat known for their architectural exquisiteness as for the history that surrounds them.

Explore Chashm-e-Shahi Bagh, known for its fresh water springs.

Watch the Mughal Gardens covered with fallen red golden leaves – a walk with your beloved is a memory that will last forever.

Walk the only domed mosque - Hazratbal Mosque- situated near the Dal Lake – a place of serenity.

Feel the Wular Lake – Asia's largest lake and then reach the Nagin Lake for a boat ride.

Visit the Apple orchards with the children to let them enjoy plucking apples from trees.



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Build a snowman in winters.

Pay homage at Jama Masjid – which looks like a movie set for an imagined Central Asian castle.

Enjoy the Crescent Lake View Restaurant – a backpacker-oriented house of with a good taste of coffee.

Floating Vegetable Market - In the maze of channels at the edge of Dal Lake, the dawn vegetable market is a must to experience.

Which are the famous attractions to see in Srinagar?

A traveler's paradise, a snow-covered country in a city, where reality is magical that so effectively cuts out through the bones of past carved in the snow built in the shadow of heaven's delight, offering you enough to explore and feast your eyes with wonder.

Dal Lake

Khanqah Shah-i-Hamadan

Badshah Tomb

Jama Masjid

Nishat Bagh

First Row Houseboats

Shankaracharya Mandir

Hari Parbat Fort

Rozabal

Floating Gardens & Lake Villages

Pari Mahal



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Sri Sharika Temple

Sri Pratap Singh Museum

Badamvaer

Cheshmashahi Garden

Tulip Garden

Pir Dastgir Sahib

Naqshband Sahib

Botanical Garden

Hazratbal Mosque

Chinar Bagh

Shalimar Bagh

Which are the best resorts to stay in Srinagar?

A place is worth a stay if you find a home in its ambience and it finds a space in the travel diary of your young holidays:

THE LALIT GRAND PALACE SRINAGAR – The upscale hotel on landscaped grounds

THE GRAND PLAZA

Fortune Resort Heaven

Vivanta by Taj

Hotel Ahdoos

Hotel Mumtaz



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Mandalay Houseboats - Stay in the beautiful and huge wooden house boats floating in the marvelous Dal Lake, an experience of Venice in Srinagar.

What are the best public transport modes to commute around Srinagar?

Srinagar provides you ample options to travel around the city.

BUSES:

There are buses available which are cheap but not so convenient.

AUTO-RICKSHAWS:

The auto-rickshaws will charge you heavily but you can always try to use google map and bargain.

TAXI:

You have the costly snow cabs to travel around or you can also try to get some private taxi via some contacts and settle the rate on your own.

SHIKARAS:

Synonymous with romance, shikaras are the best way to experience the beauty of the valley engraved in the mystical walls of old Srinagar.

Which are the best places for shopping in Srinagar?

Woven in intensely felt details, an expression of masterpiece, an old book of sixties and seventies, antiques from the history, an attire for the movies and a desire for the weddings – all that would make you buy more than you can fit in your suitcase. Walk along the Polo View to find the rarest of the rare designs and beautiful unparalleled work of arts made from the hands of experience and expertise.

- POLO VIEW



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G M Shah: Famous for designing Nargis Fakhri's outfits in the movie Rockstar, it specializes in hand embroidery on wool, cotton, silk and even prints and net.

Kashmir Fancy Art: This store offers traditional Kashmiri apparel for the entire family: salwar kurtas and pherans for women, Pathani suits for men—and even tilla-work kurtis in children's size.

Saklain's Coterie: store sells gorgeous-smelling essential oils made from local produce such as lavender and walnut, and handmade soaps such as Almond Honey and Royal Saffron.

The Bund: They are reviving the Kashmir shawl and sozni traditions by creating collections in cashmere, silk and cotton, in contemporary designs and color palettes.

M Sadiq & Sons

Sunbeam

Suffering Moses

Sadiq's Handicrafts: Persian carpets and rare pashmina shawls.

Asia Crafts

M Shah

- Residency Road

Gulshan Bookstore: Fall in love with the wonderful collection of political, botanical, coffee-table and travel books about Kashmir that I found here, and could have browsed for hours.

Ahdoos Bakery: This delightful place sells the famous Kashmiri breads—baqarkhani and sheermal—and a variety of puffs.

- Old City

Aziz Ahmad Kozgar: famous for distilled rose water is stored in decanters and is incredibly refreshing on a warm afternoon.



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Zaina Kadal Street: Copper utensils form an integral part of every Kashmiri bride's trousseau, and every kitchen will have a set.

- Others

Farmers' Market

Kashmir Essence

Global Sports

Kashmir Government Arts Emporium

Woodfort

Andraab

Which are the best biking routes in Srinagar?

Travel through the mighty Himalayas across the most extreme landscapes witnessing the most starkly beautiful terrains in India – Srinagar Leh Motor biking trip. Help the weather to treat you nicely, so chose the months of mid-May to June or July with chilly evenings and clear sunny days, and the high passes are usually clear of snow.

The ideal spots for mountain cycling are Srinagar to Gulmarg, Gulmarg to Pahalgam which takes about 2 hours to explore the terrain, Pahalgam to Srinagar and back to Srinagar. The ideal time to explore the rugged terrains are from June to November.

which is the best season to stay in houseboats in Srinagar and what is the cost?

Srinagar Houseboat is accessible to tourists for most time of the year. However, the best time to spend a fulfilling holiday in Srinagar Houseboat is during the winter time. At this time of the year, the weather is pleasant and ideal for sightseeing and enjoying the various activities Srinagar Houseboat has to offer.



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During the winter time, you can enjoy the outdoor activities without getting dehydrated or feeling the pangs of heat.

What are the activities in Gulmarg? How far is it from Srinagar?

Surrounded by forested hills and meadows, snow-capped peaks, deep ravines and valleys, the picturesque town Gulmarg is located about 40 km from Srinagar and regular buses and tourist vehicles are available from Srinagar to Gulmarg to take you through the meadows of flowers covered with snow.

What are the activities in Pahalgam? How far is it from Srinagar?

Pahalgam – A shepherd's village with beautiful scenic river banks and a perennial Lidder river. A travel of 88 km via road from Srinagar, this place will make you stay a little longer and will gift you some of the most memorable moments of your trip.

Visit the Auri Valley to get astounded in its scenery

Hop on the horses to Kashmir Valley

Camp in the Betaab Valley

Feel the Tulian Lake

Enjoy the Dabyan Valley

What are the activities in Sonamarg?

Covered with a sheet of flowers during spring, the land well called as "Meadow of Gold"

Sonamarg is the last stop of Kashmir that leads to the driveway from Srinagar to Leh.

A delight to trekker with plenty of trekking trails traced on the map, this place gives you a sight of mountain ranges, pristine lakes, and plateaus.

Gangabal Trek



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Krishnasar Lake

Kashmir Great Lakes Trek

Thajiwas Glacier

Zoji-La Pass

Vashansar Lake

White River Rafting

Nilagrad River

Baltal Valley

What is the best time to experience snow fall in Srinagar?

The best time to make snowman in Srinagar is winters. You can get to watch the snow-capped mountains in December and January when Srinagar wears a white shawl of calmness.

Where can I buy the authentic pashmina shawl in Srinagar?

Pashmina - popularly known as Cashmere in the west and Pashmina in the east exemplifies luxury and has been worn by the men and women of the elite across the globe. Though buying Pashmina has always been a dilemma for the buyers but here are the few options that could make it an easy buy for you:

Buy Pashmina Shawls with the Pashmina Mark - a non-removable mark placed by a government testing lab in Srinagar certifying that the piece is 100% Pashmina and is hand-spun and hand-woven (visit the Craft Development Institute's website), or

from a reputed manufacturer and/or retailer of the Kashmir shawl. A few of the remarkable and trustworthy suppliers are:

o Kashmir Loom, An Anglo-Indian manufacturing establishment.



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o *Jos&fine, A French-Indian manufacturing establishment.*

o *Shaw Brothers, Local Indian establishment, old-timer retailers.*



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