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# GREAT LAKE TREK

7 Nights & 8 Days

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# ITINERARY

## Day 1 - Drive from Srinagar to Sonamarg

The first day of the Kashmir Lakes Trek, spend time in the dreamlike place of Srinagar known for its refreshing gardens, lakes and houseboats. If you wish, you can take an iconic shikara experience at Dal Lake or amble through Mughal Gardens that unravels many beauties along the way. Leave by the evening and be driven to Sonamarg by night. Spend overnight at a campsite in Sonamarg.

## Day 2 - Sonamarg to Nichnai via Shekdur (9 to 10 km)

Today will be first day of this enthralling Kashmir great lakes trek! After having breakfast at the guesthouse, start with a 3-4km trek from the Sonamarg and reach a roadside eatery, from where you can bag up all the required commodities for the day. Here onwards, the trek will be a gradual one and alongside the Sindh River, it will take you through maple and pine forests. Completing the hike through the forests, you will be rewarded with the stunning views of the Sonamarg Valley and pictorial streams.

Here onwards, the trek will descend down and will take you to the snow-covered Shekdur Range. Relax around the vicinity for a while before you start trekking towards the Nichnai, which is located at around 11,500ft above the sea level. Upon arrival in Nichnai, check-in into the campsite; dinner and overnight stay in the camp.

### **Day 3 - Nichnai to Vishansar Lake (13 km)**

Starting early in the morning; around 08:00AM, start the trek towards the Nichnai Pass and enjoy the stunning views of the lush valleys and the untouched beauty of the region. Hereafter, cross the river and continue hiking through the banks of the river and arrive at the Nichnai Pass or the Vishansar Berry. Arriving at the pass, which is located 13,500m above the sea level, witness and enjoy the meticulous beauty of the pass and the snow-covered peaks all around it.

Hereafter, the trek will undergo a steep descend and will lead you to a pictorial meadow of colourful flowers; while on this trek, you can also catch glimpses of a cascade that finally joins a river.

### **Day 4 - Acclimatization day in Vishansar**

This day of the Lakes in Kashmir Trek would be a light one as you acclimatise yourself to the weather and rest at Vishansar.

### **Day 5 - Trek from Vishansar to Gadsar (via Kishansar and Gadsar Pass) (11km)**

This chilly morning, witness the Kishansar Peak casting its reflection on the azure lake waters. Start the trek for the day towards the lakeside and reach the Kishansar Peak, which is situated around 500ft above the campsite. Here onwards, ascend to the other side of the water reservoir. The trek till here comprises of both easy and tough terrains. Later part of the day, trek towards the Kishansar Lake and finally make it to the Gadsar Pass that is perched at a height of 13,800ft and is the highest point of this trek. From the pass, pass through a flowery meadow and some of the pictorial lakes; Yamsar is one of these lakes. From here, continue with the descend and after crossing Iris, reach the Gadsar Lake.

A picturesque lake, it is adorned with the stunning beauty of exotic flowers and snow on both the sides. Arriving at the lakeside, report to the nearest Army Camp and complete the formalities of getting permission to pass Gadsar; ID proofs are a must for this.

### **Day 6 - Gadsar to Satsar (12 km)**

Your day will begin with a walk from the army camp towards the stream. Brace yourself for varied terrains from super steep, flat and even land. Take a short break at Maengandob that is fringed by mountains. Reach the first of Satsar lakes, which is a group of seven different lakes and follow the same procedure of yesterday with the army officials and set camps near the surreal first lake of Satsar.

### **Day 7 - Satsar to Gangabal Twin lakes (9 km)**

A true test of calibre, this is the day when you will have you push your physical and mental limits! Trudge through rocks and boulders ridden terrain,

pass the last of the Satsar lakes, and start hiking downwards for half an hour till you arrive at the forest line. Here onwards, start ascending upward and reach an altitude of 13,400ft;

during this climb, you can witness several ridges at different heights and the quaint Gujjar huts as well. From the summit, you can also behold the fascinating views of the twin lakes: Gangabal and Nundkol, that are connected to each other by a picturesque stream and are known for trout-fishing. Post this; trek through a sharp and rocky trail and make it to a gurgling stream, passing which, you will reach a lush meadow that advent towards the Nundkol Lake, which is also a popular weekend getaway among the locals. Trekking for around 20 minutes from the Nundkol Lake, you will finally arrive at the Gangabal Lake and by crossing the bridge across the lake; you will arrive at the campsite; dinner and overnight stay in the camp.

### **Day 8 - Trek from Gangabal to Naranag (12 km, 7 hours)**

On your final day of the Kashmir Lake Trek, start from the Gangabal camp, ramble on grassy land dotted with yellow flowers and pine forest.

Descend and reach Naranag, the last leg of your trek. Reach Naranag Village in Ganderbal District. If you wish, you can visit Naranag Temple. Be driven back to Srinagar and unwind in guest house for the night.

# COSTING

Per Person.	Considering 06 Pax - Rs. 29,990/-
Per Person.	Considering 12 Pax - Rs. 23,990/-
Per Person.	Considering 22 Pax - Rs. 21,990/-

The Above Price Is In Indian Rupees.\*



# ACCOMMODATION

One Night Stay At Luxury Camps On Arrival In Sonamarg.

Fully Water Proof Camps (Tents) Double Sharing & Quad Sharing While On Trek.

Deluxe Houseboats On Double Sharing Basis In Srinagar.

# MEAL

Nutritious Veg/Non Veg Meals during Trek.

# ACTIVITY

- Trekking.
- Camping.
- Camp Fire.
- White Water River Rafting.
- Shikara Ride on Dal/Nigeen Lake.

# OTHER INCLUSIONS

- Trek equipment such as tent, kitchen tent, toilet tent.
- Permits required for the trek.
- First aid medical kits and oxygen cylinder.
- Charge of qualified trek leader, guide and support staff.

# THINGS TO CARRY

- Sleeping bag & mattress.
- An identification card along with a photocopy.
- Trekking shoes.
- Full sleeve sweater/fleece jacket.
- Woollen monkey cap.
- Thermal inners
- Light weight rain coat/poncho.
- Sun glasses, Sun cap and/or head-scarf.
- Trekking pole.
- Cold cream and sun screen lotion.
- LED Torch with extra set of cells.
- Personal toilet kit (minimal) and toilet paper.
- Small repair kit consisting of safety pins, needle, thread and string.
- Personal medicine.

# ADVISORY

- Do not bring non-bio gradable materials.
- Pay heed to the instructions given by the trek leader and guide.
- Consumption of alcohol and other intoxicating substances are strictly prohibited.
- Do check with your doctor if you are medically fit for the trek.
- Though transportation from Srinagar-Sonamarg and Naranag to Srinagar is not included in the package, it can be arranged at an additional cost on prior notice.
- In case you do not want the Srinagar-Sonamarg pick-up, inform us at least 15 days prior to the starting date as there are fix transportation timings in Srinagar.

# CANCELLATION POLICY

- If cancellations are made 30 days before the start date of the trip, 25% of total tour cost will be charged as cancellation fees.
- If cancellations are made 15-30 days before the start date of the trip, 50% of total tour cost will be charged as cancellation fees.
- If cancellations are made within 0-15 days before the start date of the trip, 100% of total tour cost will be charged as cancellation fees.
- In case of unforeseen weather conditions or government restrictions, certain activities may be cancelled and in such cases the operator will try his best to provide an alternate feasible activity. However no refund will be provided for the same.

# CONFIRMATION POLICY

- The customer receives a confirmation voucher via email within 24 hours of successful booking.
- In case the preferred slots are unavailable, an alternate schedule of the customer's preference will be arranged and a new confirmation voucher will be sent via email.
- Alternatively, the customer may choose to cancel their booking and a full refund will be processed.