

## Kargil - the very heart of Kashmir 6 Night/7 Days

### Day 1: Srinagar (by flight at 10:00 am)

Upon arrival Arrive Srinagar airport meet by our representative and transfer to Hotel/ Deluxe Houseboat in Dal Lake for check in. Srinagar the summer capital of Kashmir situated at 5200 ft above sea level in the Himalayan mountain; on arrival at Srinagar airport meet and transfer to Hotel. Later visit the famous Mughal gardens of Nishat (Garden of pleasure) over looking the crystal clear Emerald Green waters of the Dal lake later visit Shalimar garden (Garden of Love) built by Emperor Jehangir for his Queen Nur Jehan. Also pay a visit to Kashmir hand knotted silk carpet weaving centre for good bargains and do not miss to look for real Pashmina Shawls. En-route pay a visit to Paper Machie (lacquer work) centre. Evening cruise on Dal Lake in Shikaras (local gondola) visiting Floating gardens, lotus gardens. Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel



### Day 2: Srinagar- Gulmarg- Srinagar

After breakfast an excursion to Gulmarg (Meadow of flowers) 58 kms 1.5 hours situated at height of 8800 ft above sea level. Gulmarg is one of the famous hill resorts and it is popular for its golf course (summer) the highest green gold course in the World and during winter Gulmarg provides beautiful slopes for ski lovers, Gulmarg has highest 18 hole golf course in the world and has developed into a famous Ski resort. It is the only Ski resort in the World which is nearest to the airport. There are excellent facilities for Skiing during winters, You may enjoy a cable car gondola ride high above the meadows and snow covered slopes of Aaperwat and Khilanmarg mountains from 8800 ft to 10 200 ft of Kongdori which provide a play ground for skiing , and skating. You may want to enjoy Pony ride on the Gulmarg meadows at (Own expenses). Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel



Morning after early breakfast departs for Kargil 203 kms. wonderful trip up to Sonmarg (Meadow of Gold) at a distance of 85 kms from Srinagar, situated at a height of 8900 feet above sea level. The drive drive up to Sonamarg which goes along the Sindh River. It is also known as the Sindh Valley Tour. The drive is very spectacular with beautiful sceneries along the way. En-route stops at Kangan town, an interesting small mountain town where mountain people from the surrounding valleys come down for trading. Once you reach Sonamarg you will feel like you are in the Swiss Alps. The meadows of Sonamarg have a spectacular beauty from the strewn with the loveliest of Alpine flowers, lots of fir and pine and silver birch trees. After lunch continue drive to Kargil 120 kms via Zojila Pass (3529 m), a scenic drive all the way up to the Pass, after the crossing Zojila pass the landscape completely changes. Drive through Dras Town the second coldest habitant place in the world, the town shot into prominence in the summer of 1999 following Pakistani army incursions into Jammu and Kashmir. The Kargil War saw the town being shelled by the Pakistani army and the war ended with the Indian Army recapturing the areas surrounding the town and the Kargil district. Enjoy sometime exploring Kargil town and here you will see the people are different and these are of Dard Stock which are found in Baltistan region of western Himalayas. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel

After breakfast leave Kargil for Zanskar valley via Rangdum. Padum the headquarters of Zanskar is 240 km from Kargil. Rangdum the lower portion of the valley offers panoramic view of Nun 7035 M and Kun 7135 M the two peaks of the range. Rangdum is very green pleatu, Rangdum for Padum 130 kms drive, visit Rangdum Monastery which is built during 18<sup>th</sup> century on a hill lock. Padum is about 3506 mts high from sea level, after visit monastery proceed to Padum via Panzil- la pass 4401 mts stop on the top have wonderful pictures of Drung Glacier and few small Lakes. Upon arrival check in at Hotel. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel



## Day 5: Zanskar

After breakfast proceeds to visit Zangla the old Buddhist monastery nunnery and strongdey monastery and Bardan with its breathtaking scenic views, Padum is also base for many treks, late hours visit Padum bazaar where they can interact with local people and see how they are spending their life during winter. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel

After early breakfast leave Zanskar for Kargil. 240 kms, on arrival check in at Hotel in Kargil. Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel

Morning after breakfast Kargil and drive to Srinagar airport to connect flight to onward destination [End Servic

