

# Vaishnodevi Darshan



# Kashmir With Vaishnodevi Darshan

#### Day 1: Arrive Jammu & Drive to Katra (2 hrs.)

Meet on arrival at Jammu airport/ railway station and drive to Katra for Vaishnodevi Darshan. Vaishno Devi, also known as Mata Rani, Trikuta and Vaishnavi, is a manifestation of the Hindu Mother Goddess Mahalakshmi. The words "maa" and "mata" are commonly used in India for "mother", and thus are often used in connection with Vaishno Devi. Once you arrive at your Hotel, you will be duly checked in to your hotel for an overnight stay. Overnight at Katra.

#### Day 02: Katra (Vaishnodevi Darshan)

Early morning start for Vaishnodevi climb (Total 13 kms walk to the temple that takes about 4-5 hours). Enroute stops at Adhkwari Temple and darshan at Baba Bhaironath Temple is recommended). During Summer and peak travel season it may be advisable to start the climb previous evening. Once queue tickets are purchased the wait period could be half an hour to 3 hours depending on the rush. During season Yatra Parchi (entry tickets required to beging the uphill walk), it is recommended to purchase in advance to avoid delays. Guests looking for Helidarshan (Helicopter ride, darshan and back), morning flights are recommeded for best weather and least uncertainity. Return by late evening.

#### Day 3: katra-patnitop-| Pahalgam

After breakfast check out hotel Drive to Pahalgam "Valley of Shepherds". On way visit patnitop then transfared to pahalgam
On arrival check into the Hotel in Pahalgam, enjoy the nature and admire the beauty of this quiet place and be in awe of the serene surroundings. One can also enjoy a pony ride to nearby places like Chandanwadi (on a direct hire basis) or if you are an avid nature lover you may take pleasure in a peaceful walk along the River Lidder. Pahalgam is famous for some trekking routes also & is the base camp for Amarnath Pilgrimage. Overnight stay in Hotel

## Day 4: Pahalgam|Local Sightseeing

After breakfast, at Pahalgam and Embark on an excursion to Chandanwadi (3288 meters), Betaab Valley and Aru Valley(on own cost) Surrounded by snow-covered mountain peaks and dense pine and deodar forests, this valley is the mouth of River Sheshnag. After your tour, enjoy the evening at leisure. Have dinner and enjoy a comfortable overnight stay at your hotel.

#### Day 5: Pahalgam - Srinagar

After breakfast .drive to Srinagar Check into the houseboat. enjoy a 1 hr shikara ride in Dal Lake at Nehru Park on boulevard road . enjoy the site scene of the famous Mughal Gardens Cheshma Shahi "Royal Spring" Shalimar "Garden of Love" Nishat Garden "Garden of Pleasure" Shankaracharya Temple. On return visit a local Handicrafts Showroom for hand-knotted specialty silken carpets, shawls, jewelry ornaments... Overnight stay in Houseboat

#### • Day 6: Srinagar - Gulmarg-Srinagar

After breakfast drive to Gulmarg "Meadow of Flowers" 2730 Mts. above sea level. The distance of 56 kms will be covered in about 2 hrs. Gulmarg has one of the best Ski slopes in the world and the highest golf course of the world with 18 holes. One can also have the view of Nanga Parbhat if weather permits. The view enroute from Tangmarg to Gulmarg is fascinating. One can also have a short trek up to Khilanmarg which can be covered in about 3 to 4 hrs or enjoy the scenic view of Kongdori on a Cable Car Known as Gondola (on direct pay basis). Drive back to Srinagar. Overnight stay in Hotel

#### • Day 7: Srinagar - Sonmarg - Srinagar

After breakfast leave with a full day excursion for Sonmarg "The meadow of gold. Situated at an altitude of 9000 Ft. Sonmarg at a distance of 84 Kms from Srinagar is also called "The meadow of gold". Sonmarg lies in Sindh Valley streamed with flowers and surrounded by mountains. The place is also the base for some interesting treks to the high altitude of Himalayan Lake. Ponies can be hired for the trip up to Thajiwas glacier, which is a major local attraction during the summer. Drive back from Sonmarg to Srinagar. Overnight stay in Hotel

#### • Day 08: - Srinagar

After breakfast, enjoy the site scene of the famous Mughal Gardens Cheshma Shahi "Royal Spring" Shalimar "Garden of Love" Nishat Garden "Garden of Pleasure" Shankaracharya Temple. On return visit a local Handicrafts Showroom for hand-knotted specialty silken carpets, shawls, jewelry ornaments. Overnight stay in hotel

## Day 09: Srinagar - Airport- Onward destination.

After breakfast, enjoy the morning in Srinagar and drive Srinagar to Airport for onward destination. Tour ends...

#### Cost includes:

- Accommodation facility (Double Sharing)
- 2. Transport facility.
- 3. Food facility. (MAPAI Plan)
- 4. Shikara Ride facility(01 Hour)
- 5. Welcome Drink on Arrival
- 6. Heater At All Places

#### **Tour Cost Excludes:**

- 1. Air fare / train fare
- 2. Any meals other than those specified in Tour Cost Includes'
- 3. Expenses of personal nature such as tips, telephone calls, laundry, liquor etc.
- 4. Any other item not specified in 'Tour cost includes.
- 5. Guide during sights.
- 6. Goods and Service Tax