



Dal Lake & Pahalgam - Kolahoi trek - 8 days

Trekking from Pahalgam to Lidderwat and the Kolahoi Glacier

Tour JAN-KT01: Srinagar - Pahalgam – Aru – Lidderwat – Kolahoi Glacier – Lidderwat - Srinagar



The Lidder Valley is a great example of what the Kashmiri mountains have to offer. This light trek takes you through flowering alpine meadows and cedar forests to one of the easiest accessible glaciers in the Himalayas. The Kolahoi Glacier is also one of the larger glaciers in the Indian Himalayas, and on a clear day, the views are stunning.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival Srinagar.

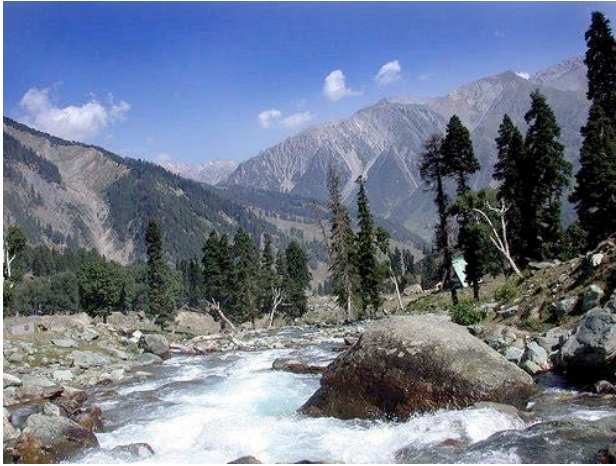
On arrival at Srinagar, you will be met by our representative at the airport and transferred to Houseboat Ambassador. In the afternoon, we make a *shikara* tour on Dal lake (A shikara is small Kashmiri wooden boat that is rowed by a *shikari* with a heart-shaped peddle). Overnight at Houseboat.

Day 02: Srinagar – Pahalgam; treks starts (4 hrs drive; 12 km/3 - 4 hrs walk)

The drive from Srinagar to Pahalgam takes about 4 hours. On the way you'll cross the Kashmiri country side with fruit orchards and rice and saffron fields. In springtime, the orchards and saffron fields are blossoming in shades of pink and white.

In Pahalgam, the packhorses will be waiting. While they are being packed, you'll have your lunch.

Through high meadows surrounded by forest, we trek up the gently rising trail to the pretty village of Aru, 11 km from Pahalgam. On arrival at Aru, we'll pitch our tents beside the Lidder River. Here you will eat a delicious dinner around the campfire before having your first night under the Kashmiri stars.



Day 03: Aru – Lidderwat (3049 m; 11 km/3-4 hrs walking)

After breakfast, we will trek through the lush Lidder Valley to Lidderwat. The beautiful Lidderwat base camp is situated by a stream that runs straight from the Kolahoi glacier into Tarsar Lake which is at an altitude of 3960 m.

Day 04: Lidderwat - Kolahoi - Lidderwat Base Camp (3049 m; 13-14 Km/5-6.5 hrs walking)

After breakfast, we leave for a day walk that takes you to the base of the Kolahoi Glacier at the head of the Lidder Valley. The glacier, climbing from 3400 m up to 4000 m descends from the twin peaks (5425 m) that tower majestically overhead. In order to get good views, we'll climb up to at least 3400 m (at the foot of the glacier), but climbing on another hour is even more rewarding.

Day 05: Lidderwat - Aru

Morning after breakfast, you will trek back to the lushness of the valley and reach Aru by the afternoon.

Day 06: Aru - Srinagar (96 kms/3 hrs drive)

We return back to Srinagar by car where you will be taken to the houseboat on the lake. Dinner and overnight stay at the houseboat.

Day 07: Mughal Gardens & Srinagar

Today, we'll spend a full day seeing the sights of Srinagar. We'll visit the famous Mughal Gardens and a number of other heritages places: Cheshmashahi Garden (built by Shah Jehan in 1632 AD.), Pari Mahal (built by Dara Shikoh), Nishat Garden (built by Asif Khan in 1633 AD.), Shalimar garden (built by Shah Jehangir in 1616 AD.) and Hazratbal Mosque. After seeing the old city of Srinagar, we'll return by mid afternoon to the houseboat for rest and a relaxed farewell-dinner. Overnight stay at the houseboat.

Day 08: Departure

Afternoon transfer to airport to connect flight for onward Destination Covered

Tour Price

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Price includes: Accommodation on twin share basis; MAP in Srinagar (breakfast, dinner and stay); *shikara* crossings, all transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary; all meals while trekking, accommodation in 2-person trekker's tents on the trek; local guide/assistance throughout the tour.

Not included: Air fare; tips; drinks; laundry; telephone calls; travel/ personal insurance; expenses of personal nature.