TOUR ITINERARY

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Amarnath Yatra Package With Vaishno Devi 10D/9N

Nagarjuna Travels • Destination: **Jammu**

DURATION	DESTINATION	STARTING COST
10D / 9N	**Jammu**	**₹42,000 INR**

Tour Overview: In the tradition of Shaktism, Mata Vaishno Devi is the living manifestation of the divine mother — the supreme Shakti who fulfils every sincere wish of her devotees. In the tradition of Shaivism, Baba Amarnath is Lord Shiva himself — the eternal consciousness who revealed the secret of immortality inside a Himalayan cave that has not chan...

DAY-WISE ITINERARY

DAY 1 — Arrival at Jammu → Transfer to Katra — Hotel Check-In

Arrive at Jammu Tawi Railway Station or Jammu Airport (Satwari). Our representative meets you with a welcome placard and assists with luggage. Private AC vehicle for the 56 km / 2-hour drive to Katra — the base town for Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage, nestled at the foot of the Trikuta Mountains. Check-in to Katra hotel. Evening: yatra preparation briefing — RFID registration for Vaishno Devi, health advisory, packing guide for the darshan trek. Optional evening visit to Katra Market. Dinner at hotel (pure veg, satvik). Overnight Katra hotel. Altitude: 760 m.

DAY 2 — Katra → Vaishno Devi Shrine — Darshan — Return to Katra

Early morning, transfer to Banganga (RFID check point, 2 km from Katra) — the official start of the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage. Take helicopter from Katra Helipad to Sanjichhat (included in package) — 7 to 8-minute flight, bypassing the steepest section of the 14 km route. From Sanjichhat, trek approximately 2.5 km to the Holy Shrine (Bhawan) of Mata Vaishno Devi (1,560 m). Darshan at the three sacred pindis — Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, and Mahasaraswati — in the ancient cave shrine. Optional: Bhaironji Temple darshan (1.5 km from the Bhawan — the pilgrimage is traditionally considered incomplete without Bhaironji's blessings). Optional: Ardhkuwari Cave visit en route (the sacred meditation cave where Mata rested for 9 months — on the way up). Return trek to Sanjichhat / Banganga. Return helicopter to Katra (or walk back, approx. 12 km). Rest and dinner at Katra hotel. Overnight Katra. Altitude at shrine: 1,560 m.

DAY 3 — Katra → Srinagar — Scenic Road Journey via Banihal Tunnel (approx. 280 km / 7–8 hrs)

Early morning departure from Katra by private AC vehicle. Drive to Srinagar via the Jammu–Srinagar National Highway (NH-44): through Udhampur, Ramban gorge (carved by the Chenab River — one of India's most dramatic gorge roads), the 11 km Banihal Tunnel (one of India's longest road tunnels), Qazigund, and through the green Kashmir Valley to Srinagar. En route: optional stop at Patnitop (scenic pine forest viewpoint at 2,024 m) or Ramban for refreshment. Arrive Srinagar by late afternoon/evening. Check-in to Srinagar hotel. SASB Yatra permit and RFID card verification with guide. Dinner and overnight Srinagar. Altitude: 1,585 m.

DAY 4 Srinagar Sightseeing — Dal Lake · Mughal Gardens · Shankaracharya Temple · Pari Mahal

Full-day Srinagar sightseeing: morning shikara ride on Dal Lake — glide past floating gardens, lotus blooms, and Mughal-era houseboats on one of Asia's most iconic lakes. Visit Mughal Gardens: Shalimar Bagh (Emperor Jahangir's garden of love, 17th century) and Nishat Bagh (the garden of bliss, 12 terraces of flowers descending to Dal Lake). Seek blessings at Shankaracharya Temple — the ancient hilltop Shiva temple with panoramic Kashmir Valley views. Visit Pari Mahal — the terraced Palace of Fairies above Dal Lake. Afternoon: Lal Chowk market — Kashmiri pashmina, saffron, walnut wood crafts, dry fruits. Evening: leisure or second shikara ride at sunset. Overnight Srinagar hotel. Altitude: 1,585 m.

DAY 5 Srinagar → Sonamarg — Acclimatisation + Thajiwas Glacier + Overnight Stay

Morning departure from Srinagar by private AC vehicle to Sonamarg (80 km / approx. 2.5 hrs via Sindh Valley and Kangan). Arrive Sonamarg (2,730 m) — the Meadow of Gold. Check-in to hotel. This is your critical acclimatisation day before the 3,888-metre Amarnath Cave tomorrow. Afternoon activities: walk the golden alpine meadows, optional horseback ride to Thajiwas Glacier base (extra cost), Sindh River bank walk. Drink 4+ litres of water. Eat light. Rest well. Guide conducts darshan day briefing: helipad timings, packing for the helicopter, Panchtarni acclimatisation protocol, cave rules. Dinner and overnight Sonamarg hotel. Altitude: 2,730 m.

DAY 6 Sonamarg → Neelgrath Helipad → Helicopter → Panchtarni → Holy Cave → Baltal → Srinagar

Wake-up: 4:00 AM. Light breakfast: 4:30 AM. Depart Sonamarg → Neelgrath Helipad at Baltal (15 km / 30 mins). RFID check and boarding at helipad. Helicopter at 6:00 AM (weather permitting) — 8 to 10-minute flight to Panchtarni (3,657 m) with aerial views of Himalayan glaciers and the Sindh Valley from above. Acclimatise 10–15 minutes at Panchtarni. Trek 6 km to Holy Amarnath Cave (3,888 m) — approx. 1.5 to 2 hours on foot. Pony or palki available (extra cost). Optional dip in Amar Ganga stream. Darshan of Baba Barfani — the naturally forming ice Shivalinga. Morning aarti 6:00–6:30 AM for first-batch pilgrims. After darshan, return 6 km to Panchtarni. Board return helicopter → Neelgrath. Vehicle transfer Baltal → Srinagar (95 km / ~2.5 hrs). Optional Kheer Bhawani Temple stop en route (14 km from Srinagar — Shakti Peeth, Shiva cave to Shakti shrine — a spiritually perfect close to both darshans). Check-in Srinagar hotel. Dinner and overnight. Altitude at cave: 3,888 m.

DAY 7 Srinagar — Post-Darshan Rest + Kheer Bhawani Temple + Local Sightseeing / Buffer Day

Post-darshan rest morning. This is also your built-in buffer day — if Day 6 was delayed due to weather or helicopter suspension, Day 7 becomes the darshan day and the itinerary shifts forward by one. If darshan was completed on Day 6: morning visit to Kheer Bhawani Temple (if not done en route yesterday), Sarada Temple (Sharada Peeth — ancient Hindu temple near Srinagar), Hazratbal Shrine (sacred mosque on Dal Lake). Afternoon: visit Awantipura Ruins (11 km from Srinagar — 1,100-year-old Vishnu temple built by King Awantiman, partially excavated), or return to Lal Chowk for shopping. Optional: evening houseboat experience on Dal Lake. Overnight Srinagar hotel. Altitude: 1,585 m.

DAY 8 Srinagar → Gulmarg Day Excursion — Meadow of Flowers → Return Srinagar

Full-day excursion to Gulmarg (56 km / approx. 1.5 hrs from Srinagar). Gulmarg — the Meadow of Flowers — sits at 2,650 metres and is one of the most famous hill stations in India: a vast alpine meadow surrounded by snow-capped peaks, home to the Gulmarg Gondola — one of the highest cable car systems in the world (Phase 1 to Kongdori at 3,090 m; Phase 2 to Apharwat at 3,980 m, extra cost). Pony ride across the Gulmarg meadow (extra cost). Visit the Maharani Temple and St. Mary's Church (colonial-era landmarks). View of Nanga Parbat (8,126 m) and the Himalayan range on clear days. Return to Srinagar by evening. Dinner and overnight Srinagar hotel.

DAY 9 **Srinagar → Awantipura Ruins → Patnitop → Jammu — Overnight Jammu**

Morning check-out from Srinagar. Begin the return road journey to Jammu (approx. 270–300 km / 7–8 hrs). En route: Awantipura Ruins — the 1,100-year-old Vishnu temple complex at Awantipura (30 km from Srinagar), partially excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India, a hauntingly beautiful historic stop. Continue through Anantnag, Banihal Tunnel, Ramban gorge, Udhampur, and up to Patnitop (2,024 m) — beautiful pine forest hill station with views of the Chenab Valley. Visit Nag Mandir at Patnitop. Continue descent to Jammu. Check-in to Jammu hotel. Dinner and overnight Jammu hotel. Altitude: 327 m.

DAY 10 **Jammu — Departure. Both Yatras Complete. Jai Mata Di. Bam Bam Bhole.**

Morning at leisure. Optional early visit to Raghunath Temple in Jammu city — one of North India's largest temple complexes dedicated to Lord Ram, a final spiritual touch to a 10-day pilgrimage. Breakfast at hotel. Check-out. Transfer to Jammu Tawi Railway Station or Jammu Airport (Satwari) as per your onward journey. Our representative coordinates luggage assistance and departure. The blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi and Baba Amarnath travel home with you — and the memory of the Himalayan air, the cave, the lake, and the meadows stays for life. Jai Mata Di. Bam Bam Bhole. Jay Bhole Bhandari.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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- ✓ Pickup/Drop – Jammu (Day 1–10)
- ✓ Transfers – Private AC vehicle (all routes)
- ✓ Helicopter – Vaishno Devi & Amarnath
- ✓ Stay – Katra, Srinagar, Sonamarg, Jammu
- ✓ Meals – Daily satvik breakfast & dinner
- ✓ Permits – SASB + Vaishno Devi registration
- ✓ RFID & CHC – Fully arranged
- ✓ Sightseeing – Srinagar, Sonamarg, Gulmarg, Patnitop
- ✓ Support – 24/7 assistance
- ✓ Taxes – All tolls & charges included

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- ✗ Travel – Flights/train to & from Jammu
- ✗ Pony/Palki – Vaishno Devi & Amarnath (extra)
- ✗ Bhaironji Heli – Extra cost
- ✗ Gondola – Gulmarg rides not included
- ✗ Activities – Pony/horse rides extra
- ✗ GST – 5% extra
- ✗ Houseboat – Upgrade not included
- ✗ Insurance – Travel & medical not covered
- ✗ Entry Fees – Monuments/temples extra
- ✗ Tips – Staff & driver not included
- ✗ Lunch – Not included (langars available)
- ✗ Personal Expenses – Shopping, water, etc.
- ✗ Helicopter Issues – Weather delays extra
- ✗ Others – Not in inclusions

IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTES & GUIDELINES

- **Valid ID Proof:** All travelers must carry an original government-issued photo ID (Aadhaar Card, Passport, or Voter ID) during travel and hotel check-in.
- **Itinerary & Schedule:** Tour schedules and sightseeing orders may vary depending on local weather conditions, traffic, or operational requirements.
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