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Amarnath Yatra with Vaishno Devi from Delhi 11D/10N

Nagarjuna Travels • Destination: **Dehli**

DURATION	DESTINATION	STARTING COST
11D / 10N	**Dehli**	**₹50,000 INR**

Tour Overview: Delhi is not just a city — it is the crossroads of India's pilgrimage geography. Every year, millions of devotees begin the most sacred journeys of their lives from Delhi's railway stations and airports, travelling north and northwest into the Himalayas where the divine awaits. Among these journeys, one stands apart: the combined Amarnath...

DAY-WISE ITINERARY

DAY 1 — Depart Delhi — Overnight Journey to Jammu / Katra

Assemble at New Delhi Railway Station / designated meeting point by 8:00 PM (departure time confirmed on booking). Board the overnight train or AC vehicle toward Jammu/Katra. Recommended trains: Jammu Mail (12031), Uttar Sampark Kranti Express (12445), or Vaishno Devi Express — all offer direct connectivity from New Delhi to Jammu Tawi. Alternatively, travel by private AC Tempo Traveller or Innova (overnight, approx. 12–14 hours by road). Our tour manager distributes journey snacks, reviews the 11-day route, and conducts document check (Aadhaar cards, passport photos for RFID registration, CHC forms). Overnight

DAY 2 — Arrive Katra — Hotel Check-In — Rest & Yatra Preparation

Arrive at Jammu Tawi by morning. Transfer by vehicle from Jammu to Katra (56 km / 2 hrs). Check in to Katra hotel. Freshen up, rest, and have breakfast. Afternoon: optional visit to Katra town and Banganga (the official start of the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route, 2 km from Katra). Vaishno Devi RFID Yatra slip registration with our team. Evening briefing: guide covers the darshan route, helicopter procedure, early morning departure time, and optional Bhaironji Temple darshan post-shrine. Pure vegetarian dinner at hotel (no onion, no garlic). Overnight Katra hotel. Altitude: 760 m.

DAY 3 — Katra → Vaishno Devi Shrine Darshan → Bhaironji Temple → Return Katra

Early morning transfer to Katra Helipad. Board helicopter to Sanjichhat (7–8 min flight, included in package) — bypassing the steepest section of the 14 km Banganga route. From Sanjichhat: trek approximately 2.5 km to the Holy Bhawan of Mata Vaishno Devi (1,560 m). Darshan at the three sacred pindis — Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, and Mahasaraswati — inside the ancient cave shrine. Optional: Bhaironji Temple (1.5 km from Bhawan — darshan of the guardian deity, traditionally completing the pilgrimage). Optional: Ardhkuwari Cave en route (the sacred meditation cave where Mata rested for 9 months). Return helicopter or trek to Katra. Evening rest at hotel. Dinner and overnight Katra hotel. Altitude at shrine: 1,560 m.

DAY 4 **Katra → Srinagar — Via Banihal Tunnel — Kashmir Valley (approx. 280 km / 7–8 hrs)**

Early morning departure from Katra by private AC vehicle. Drive via Jammu → Udhampur → Ramban gorge (carved by the Chenab River, one of India's most dramatic gorge roads) → Banihal Tunnel (11 km, one of India's longest road tunnels) → Qazigund → Kashmir Valley → Srinagar. En route photo stops at scenic viewpoints. Option: Patnitop stop for refreshment (2,024 m, pine forest viewpoint). Arrive Srinagar by late afternoon. Check-in to hotel. SASB Yatra permit and Amarnath RFID card briefing with our guide — documents check, CHC verification. Dal Lake evening walk at leisure. Dinner and overnight Srinagar. Altitude: 1,585 m.

DAY 5 **Srinagar — 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 17th-century garden of love) and Nishat Bagh (12-terraced garden of bliss, the largest in Kashmir). Shankaracharya Temple — ancient hilltop Shiva temple with panoramic Kashmir Valley views. Pari Mahal — the terraced Palace of Fairies above Dal Lake. Afternoon: Lal Chowk market (Kashmiri pashmina, saffron, walnut wood crafts, dry fruits). RFID card collection from SASB centre in Srinagar if not already arranged. Dinner and overnight Srinagar. Altitude: 1,585 m.

DAY 6 **Srinagar → Sonamarg — Acclimatisation — Thajiwas Glacier — Overnight Stay**

Morning departure from Srinagar to Sonamarg (80 km / 2.5 hrs via Sindh Valley). Arrive Sonamarg (2,730 m) — the Meadow of Gold. Check-in to hotel. This is your critical acclimatisation day before the 3,888-metre cave tomorrow. Walk the golden meadows, optional horseback ride to Thajiwas Glacier base (extra cost), Sindh River walk, optional white-water rafting on the Sindh. Drink 4+ litres of water, eat light, rest by late afternoon. Guide conducts Amarnath darshan day briefing: 4:00 AM wake-up, helipad procedure, Panchtarni acclimatisation, packing list check (helicopter baggage max 5–7 kg), cave rules and etiquette. Dinner and overnight Sonamarg hotel. Altitude: 2,730 m.

DAY 7 **Sonamarg → Neelgrath Helipad → Helicopter → Panchtarni → Holy Cave → Baltal → Srinagar**

Wake-up: 4:00 AM. Light breakfast: 4:30 AM. Vehicle departs Sonamarg to Neelgrath Helipad at Baltal (15 km / 30 mins). Arrive helipad by 5:30 AM. RFID check, boarding pass. Helicopter at 6:00 AM (weather permitting) — 8 to 10-minute flight to Panchtarni (3,657 m). Acclimatise 10–15 minutes at Panchtarni. Trek 6 km to Holy Amarnath Cave (3,888 m) — 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 at 6:00–6:30 AM for first-batch pilgrims. Return trek 6 km to Panchtarni. Board return helicopter Panchtarni → Neelgrath. Vehicle transfer Baltal → Srinagar (95 km / ~2.5 hrs). En route optional Kheer Bhawani Temple stop (14 km from Srinagar — Shakti Peeth, time permitting). Check-in Srinagar hotel. Dinner and overnight. Altitude at cave: 3,888 m.

DAY 8 **Srinagar — Rest / Buffer Day + Gulmarg Excursion or Kheer Bhawani + Local Temples**

Post-darshan rest morning. This is also your built-in buffer day — if Day 7 was delayed by weather or SASB suspension, darshan shifts here and the remaining itinerary adjusts by one day. If darshan completed on Day 7: full-day Gulmarg excursion (56 km / 1.5 hrs from Srinagar). Gulmarg — Meadow of Flowers at 2,650 m — panoramic Himalayan views, Gondola Phase 1 to Kongdori (extra cost), optional pony ride across the meadow (extra cost). Return to Srinagar. Alternatively: Kheer Bhawani Temple (if not visited en route Day 7), Sarada Temple, Awantipura Ruins (30 km from Srinagar). Evening at Lal Chowk for final Kashmiri shopping. Overnight Srinagar hotel. Altitude: 1,585 m.

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

Morning check-out from Srinagar. Begin return road journey to Jammu (approx. 270–300 km / 7–8 hrs). En route: Awantipura Ruins (11 km from Srinagar — 1,100-year-old Vishnu temple built by King Awantiman, Archaeological Survey of India excavation site, hauntingly beautiful). Continue through Banihal Tunnel, Ramban gorge, Udhampur to Patnitop (2,024 m) — pine forest viewpoint, visit Nag Mandir. Continue descent to Jammu. Check-in to Jammu hotel. Optional evening visit to Raghunath Temple (one of North India's largest Ram temple complexes). Dinner and overnight Jammu hotel. Altitude: 327 m.

DAY 10 **Jammu → Delhi — Overnight Journey (Train or Vehicle)**

Morning at leisure in Jammu. Breakfast at hotel. Check-out. Transfer to Jammu Tawi Railway Station for the overnight return train to New Delhi (Jammu Mail / Uttar Sampark Kranti / other connecting trains), or board the return private AC vehicle for the road journey to Delhi (approx. 12–14 hours). Our tour manager assists with station departure and boarding. Snacks and refreshments provided for the return journey. The 11 days of Himalayan travel, divine darshans, and Kashmir's beauty draw to a close — but the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi and Baba Amarnath travel with you forever. Overnight en route to Delhi.

DAY 11 **Arrival Back in Delhi — Yatra Complete. Jai Mata Di. Bam Bam Bhole.**

Arrive at New Delhi Railway Station or your designated Delhi drop point in the morning. Our team coordinates luggage unloading and dispersal. 11 days. Two sacred shrines. The Trikuta Hills and the Kashmir Himalayas. Mata Vaishno Devi's blessings and Baba Barfani's grace. The golden meadows of Sonamarg, the Dal Lake at sunrise, the Mughal Gardens, the aerial view from the helicopter, and the silence inside the Holy Cave at 3,888 metres. All of it, complete. Jai Mata Di. Bam Bam Bhole. Jay Bhole Bhandari.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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- ✓ Stay – 10 nights (hotels/houseboat/camps)
- ✓ Meals – Daily breakfast & dinner
- ✓ Transfers – Private AC vehicle (all travel)
- ✓ Vehicle Costs – Fuel, toll, parking included
- ✓ Permits – SASB & Vaishno Devi registration
- ✓ RFID & CHC – Assistance included
- ✓ Guide – Pilgrimage expert support
- ✓ Sightseeing – Srinagar & Gulmarg (vehicle)
- ✓ Temple Visit – Kheer Bhawani included
- ✓ Support – 24/7 ground assistance

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- ✗ Travel – Air/train fare to Jammu/Delhi
- ✗ Helicopter – Vaishno Devi & Amarnath (add-on)
- ✗ Gondola – Gulmarg rides extra
- ✗ Pony/Palki – At own cost
- ✗ Lunch – Not included (langar available)
- ✗ Porter – Vaishno Devi charges extra
- ✗ Personal Expenses – Tips, laundry, etc.
- ✗ Insurance – Travel & medical not covered
- ✗ Entry Fees – Monuments/gardens extra
- ✗ Delays – Weather/SASB disruptions extra
- ✗ GST – 5% extra

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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