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Vaishno Devi & Amarnath Yatra Package — By Helicopter 11D/10N

Nagarjuna Travels • Destination: **Jammu**

DURATION	DESTINATION	STARTING COST
11D / 10N	**Jammu**	**₹58,000 INR**

Tour Overview: Two of the most sacred shrines in Hinduism. One unforgettable journey. Our Vaishno Devi and Amarnath Yatra package by helicopter in 2026 unites the divine energy of Mata Rani in the Trikuta Mountains with the miraculous ice Shivling of Baba Barfani in the Kashmir Himalayas — in a single, seamless 10-night pilgrimage. Fly by helicopter to...

DAY-WISE ITINERARY

DAY 1 Arrival in Jammu / Delhi → Transfer to Katra

Arrive at Jammu Airport or Railway Station (or Delhi, then proceed by overnight train/flight to Jammu). Our representative will greet you and assist with transfer to Katra (50 km from Jammu, ~1.5 hrs by road). Check in to your hotel in Katra. In the evening, visit Banganga (the starting point of the Vaishno Devi yatra) for darshan and to soak in the devotional atmosphere. Enjoy a traditional Mata ki Chowki ceremony at Katra. Dinner and overnight stay at Katra hotel. The town of Katra hums with the chant of "Jai Mata Di" at all hours — your pilgrimage has already begun.

DAY 2 Katra: Rest & Permit Day

Morning breakfast at hotel. Today is dedicated to rest and preparation for tomorrow's darshan. Collect your Vaishno Devi Yatra parchi (mandatory registration permit) from the SMVDSB counter at Katra. Optional: visit nearby attractions — Shiv Khori cave temple (30 km), Katra local market (pashmina, puja samagri, religious souvenirs). Our coordinator will brief you on the helicopter boarding procedure for tomorrow. Early dinner and early sleep — helicopter timings require an early morning start.

DAY 3 Vaishno Devi Darshan by Helicopter

Wake up at 4:00 AM for the helicopter to Sanjichhat. Our team escorts you to the Katra helipad for your pre-booked helicopter ride to Sanjichhat (3 km from the Bhawan — the holy shrine). Board the helicopter (flight time: 8–10 minutes). On reaching Sanjichhat, complete the uphill walk (~3 km) or hire a pony/palki (own cost) to reach the Bhawan. Seek the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi inside the three holy pindis — Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, and Mahasaraswati. Return from Bhawan to Sanjichhat and board the return helicopter to Katra. Back at hotel by afternoon. Rest, freshen up. Optional: visit Ardhkuwari (the cave where Mata meditated for 9 months). Evening: devotional Aarti at Banganga. Dinner and overnight at Katra.

DAY 4 Katra → Patnitop → Srinagar

After breakfast, check out of Katra hotel and begin the scenic road journey to Srinagar (290 km, ~7–8 hrs via NH 244 and Banihal Tunnel/Jawahar Tunnel). En route, stop at Patnitop — a charming hill station at 2,024 m offering sweeping views of the Chenab valley and pine-covered hillsides. Continue through the Banihal Tunnel (India's second-longest road tunnel at 8.45 km), crossing from Jammu region into the Kashmir Valley. The landscape transforms dramatically — from rocky Himalayan faces to lush green valleys. Arrive Srinagar by evening. Check in to houseboat on Dal Lake or hotel. Dinner and overnight stay in Srinagar.

DAY 5 Srinagar Sightseeing

Full-day sightseeing in Srinagar by private vehicle. Morning: Shalimar Bagh (built by Emperor Jehangir, 1619), Nishat Bagh (the Garden of Gladness, largest Mughal garden in Kashmir), and Chashma Shahi (the Royal Spring). Afternoon: Shankaracharya Temple — perched 300 m above Dal Lake on a rocky hilltop, this 9th-century temple dedicated to Lord Shiva offers commanding views of Srinagar city. Evening: Shikara ride on Dal Lake — glide past floating gardens, lotus flowers, and colourful houseboats. Optional: visit Hazratbal Mosque (one of Islam's most sacred shrines in Kashmir — open to all visitors). Dinner and overnight on houseboat or hotel in Srinagar.

DAY 6 Srinagar → Gulmarg Day Excursion

Morning excursion to Gulmarg (56 km from Srinagar, ~2 hrs). Gulmarg — "Meadow of Flowers" — sits at 2,690 m and is home to the world's highest operating cable car, the Gondola. Phase 1 of the Gondola lifts you to Kongdori (3,080 m) for breathtaking views of snow-clad Himalayan peaks including Nanga Parbat. Phase 2 (optional, weather-dependent) rises to Apharwat Peak (3,980 m) with views across the Karakoram range. Enjoy the meadows, the alpine flowers, and the clean mountain air. Return to Srinagar by evening. Dinner and overnight in Srinagar. Note: This day can be replaced with Pahalgam visit depending on client preference.

DAY 7 Srinagar → Sonamarg → Baltal Base Camp

After early breakfast, drive from Srinagar to Sonamarg (80 km, ~2.5 hrs). Sonamarg — "Meadow of Gold" — is one of the most strikingly beautiful valleys in Kashmir, flanked by glaciers and roaring streams. Stop for photographs and optional snow excursion to Thajiwas Glacier (horse ride/walk, own cost). Continue from Sonamarg to Baltal base camp (22 km, ~45 minutes). Check in to our reserved camps at Baltal. This is the base for the Amarnath Yatra helicopter departure (Neelgrath helipad). Evening briefing by our guide on tomorrow's helicopter departure procedure and darshan sequence. Langar food available free on the route from SASB-organised community kitchens. Dinner and overnight in Baltal camp.

DAY 8 Amarnath Darshan by Helicopter (Neelgrath → Panchtarni)

The most sacred day of the journey. Wake up at 3:00 AM. Transfer to Neelgrath helipad (2 km from Baltal). Board the pre-booked helicopter to Panchtarni (flight: 8–10 minutes, altitude: 3,658 m). From Panchtarni, the Amarnath Cave is 6 km — complete this on foot (1.5–2 hrs each way), by pony, or by palki (own cost). Enter the holy cave. Witness the Swayambhu ice Shivling of Baba Barfani — the naturally formed ice lingam that waxes with the moon. Take the sacred dip in the Amarnath stream outside the cave before entering. Offer prayers. Feel the profound stillness of the Himalayas. Return to Panchtarni and board the return helicopter to Neelgrath. Transfer back to camp. Rest. Evening: drive to Sonmarg or remain at Baltal. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 9 Return to Srinagar | Kheer Bhawani Visit

After breakfast, begin the return drive from Baltal/Sonmarg to Srinagar. En route, visit Kheer Bhawani Temple — a revered Hindu shrine set amid sacred springs near Ganderbal, dedicated to Ragnya Devi, a manifestation of Shakti. The temple is famous for its spring water, which locals say changes colour before significant events. Continue to Srinagar. Afternoon: leisure time for local market shopping — buy pure Kashmiri saffron, pashmina shawls, dry fruits, Kashmiri Phiran, hand-embroidered Sozni work. Evening: sunset Shikara ride on Dal Lake. Dinner and overnight in Srinagar.

DAY 10 Srinagar → Jammu → Amritsar (Optional Circuit Extension)

After breakfast, check out from Srinagar hotel and drive to Jammu (275 km, ~7–8 hrs via Banihal Tunnel). En route stop at Patnitop for a final view of the Shivalik ranges. Option 1: Overnight in Jammu and fly/train home on Day 11. Option 2: Continue to Amritsar (220 km from Jammu, ~5 hrs) for the Golden Temple visit — ideal for adding the Golden Temple to complete the North India pilgrimage circuit. Evening Palki Sahib procession at the Golden Temple and night Aarti at the Harmandir Sahib are spiritually unforgettable. Overnight Jammu or Amritsar.

DAY 11 Departure

After breakfast, transfer to Jammu Airport/Railway Station or Amritsar Airport/Railway Station (depending on Day 10 circuit choice) for your onward journey home. Our representative assists with luggage and departure formalities. Carry Baba's blessings, Mata's grace, and the memory of Kashmir's beauty home with you. Har Har Mahadev. Jai Mata Di!

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.
- **Terms & Cancellations:** Package bookings, transport, and accommodations are subject to Nagarjuna Travels standard booking and cancellation policies.

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