



Kashmir Houseboats Nigeen Lake, Srinagar Kashmir

Kashmir Houseboats History

The Kashmiri houseboats came into existence during the Maharaja rule, when India was under British occupation and it was during that time there arised a need of a carrier that could carry goods from villages to towns and cities, and therefore the “dongas” came into existence - a mobile carrier via river Jhelum.

During summers in India, it used to get hot and the ruling British wanted Kashmir as their summer holiday destination. That’s how the concept of staying in a houseboat came about, turning the dongas into houseboats. These houseboats went under a lot of modification in size and shape and ultimately developed into a unique and indigenous mode of accommodation. Today it has become a ‘world famous’ tourism product.



TARIFF (in Indian rupees)
Accommodation includes Breakfast & Dinner

TYPE OF ROOM	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
TARRIF	4000	5000
EXTRA BED	1500	

GSTax 5% extra

Other Details

- Children under 5 years of age will be on complementary basis.
- Meals served are both vegetarian & non-vegetarian.
- Room heating charges at Rs. 500 per room in the winter

TRANSPORT (in INR)

INNOVA: 3500 per day
TAVERA: 3250 per day
ETIOS: 3000 per day
TEMPO TRAVELLER: 5500 per day
GSTax 5% extra

SHIKARA RIDE

FULL LAKE RIDE 900 per Shikara
GSTax 5% extra

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Terms and Conditions

- All tariffs are on per night basis and are in Indian rupees.
- Rates subject to change without notice.
- Validity: till September 31, 2018
- To & fro transportation can be arranged at an extra cost.
- Group rates will be given on request

Payment Terms

- An advance of 100% is required. All payments to be made in favor of Asian Adventures payable at New Delhi.

Cancellation for all tariffs and Packages

- Less than 7 days before arrival date - No Refund
- Less than 10 days before arrival date – 50% refund
- Less than 15 days - Full refund

How to reach

To get to Ibrahim houseboats, one can take any of the following options:

- Drive from Srinagar international airport: 1 hour.
- Drive from Jammu: 6-7 hours
- Drive from Gulmarg, Pahalgam and Sonamarg will take time around: 3 hours
- Note: We have in-house vehicles; you may ask for transport quote.

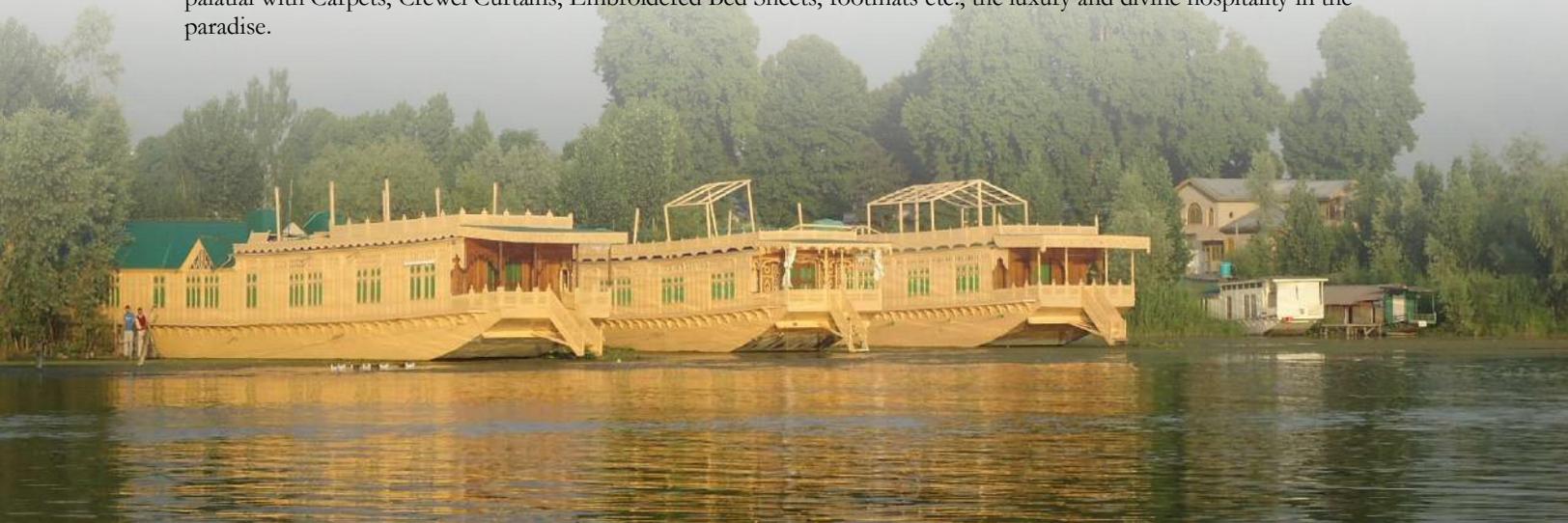
There are no direct trains to Srinagar, the nearest connected railway station is in Jammu.
Train Options (please check train timings on www.indianrail.gov.in)

Best Time to Visit

Situated in the the centre of the valley, srinagar can be visited anytime. Summers are cool, winters get quite cold and it may snow. However, summers (mid april-september) is considered as the best time to visit.

THE HOUSEBOAT

The houseboat is usually made out of Cedar wood which sustains the damages through water as the wood gets seasoned. The houseboat has all the modern amenities and facilities available like Corridor, Drawing room, Dinning room, Pantry, 02 to 04 bed rooms with attached fully sanitary fitted bath rooms with hot and cold water running. The accessories are Carved out of Walnut wood and to add to the beauty of house boat, these accessories are put in various rooms. The doors and windows have walnut wood carving touch and also provides Sun Deck to Sunbathe. The interior furnishing is palatial with Carpets, Crewel Curtains, Embroidered Bed Sheets, footmats etc., the luxury and divine hospitality in the paradise.



The meals are wholesome and hygienic. The menu consists of continental Indian and Kashmiri cuisines. We try and keep spice and chilly levels moderate but if you still find the food too hot, do let our staff know and we'll be happy to suit it to your taste. Please inform us if you have any special dietary requirements.

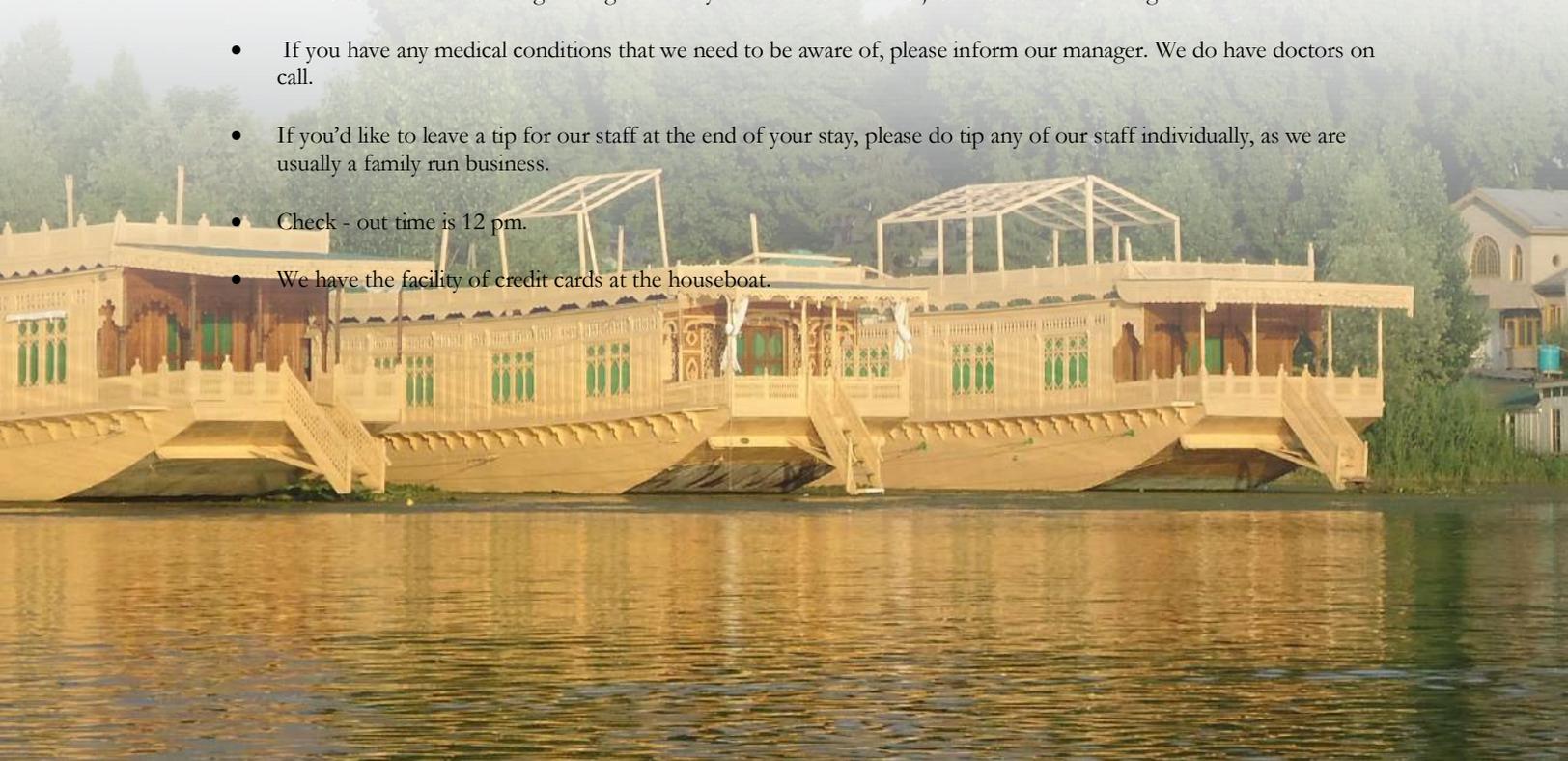
We stock a limited selection of beverages at the houseboat. All beverages are chargeable. Alcohol is not served. We serve filtered water that is safe to drink.

Accommodation

Each room in the boat has a double bed with fresh linen, fresh towels and warm blankets / duvets. Heaters are provided in cold weather. Our houseboats have all the modern amenities. We have a 2-4 room occupancy with a living room, a dining room and a pantry. There is also a deck on the top and a canopy, where you can relax and enjoy the view of the lake and the mountains.

Other Important Notes

- It can sometimes be quite chilly outdoors at night, even in summer, so do dress warmly. We expect snow in winter. We provide LPG heaters to keep you warm. Unlimited hot tea, coffee and soup can be made use of.
- We do have an in-house laundry. Please place the items in the bag and they will be laundered within 24 hours. Please note that laundry charges are extra.
- The power supply is 220V. The plug size is Standard English. The power supply in Nigeen lake can be very erratic. The government has a load-shedding system and shuts down supply sometimes. Unfortunately the timings of load-shedding are not fixed, power supply may disappear in the mornings on some days, and in the afternoon on others. We have inverter battery back-up so you will not have the discomfort of the darkness.
- As our focus is on developing a nature-centric experience at the Houseboat, we do not have electricity generators which cause sound and atmospheric pollution. We usually use emergency lights when there is no electricity and all pathways are lit by them at night.
- We would urge our guests to refrain from smoking in and around the boat, inside the room and in the dining area.
- The houseboats are surrounded by water on all sides and therefore guests are requested not to litter.
- We advise you to be careful with your valuables. If there is something you would like to keep safe, our manager will be happy to assist you.
- We do have a bank to change foreign currency. The nearest ATM is just about 1km from Nigeen lake.
- If you have any medical conditions that we need to be aware of, please inform our manager. We do have doctors on call.
- If you'd like to leave a tip for our staff at the end of your stay, please do tip any of our staff individually, as we are usually a family run business.
- Check - out time is 12 pm.
- We have the facility of credit cards at the houseboat.



Day Activities at Nigeen Lake

Shikara Ride

Shikara ride is a very famous activity done in the lakes of Kashmir. It is a very relaxing and unique experience, takes you around the waters of Dal & Nigeen Lakes familiarizing you with its inhabitants and surroundings.

Bird watching

The lake is home to a number of local and migratory birds and therefore bird watching is an amazing activity that can be undertaken.

Boating and water surfing

The lake also fills the quest of adventure by providing you activities of motor boating and water surfing around the lake.

Experiences around Nigeen Lake

Srinagar is a perfect holiday destination which provides a vast range of activities and sightseeing, from mountains and lakes to stay in a houseboat and other religious activities plus adventurous activities, it is a complete destination.

Hari Parbat

The hill is considered sacred by the Kashmiri Pandits and hosts a temple of Shakti, or Goddess, which is located in the middle part of the western slope of the hill. Shakti is worshipped there under the name Jagadamba Sharika Bhagawati (or simply Sharika) and depicted as having 18 arms and sitting in Shri Chakra, an emblem of cosmic energy pervading the universe. The hill is also called Pradyumna Peeth. On the day celebrated as Sharika's birthday, devotees make a sacrificial offering of taheer-charvan to the goddess (taheer - rice boiled with turmeric powder and mixed with oil and salt).

Shankaracharya Temple

It was renamed as Takht-e-Suleiman, it is situated on the top of the Shankaracharya Hill, also called Gopadari Hill in the Zabarwan Mountain in Srinagar. It is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple is on the summit of the same name at a height of 1,000 feet (300 m) above the plain and overlooks the city of Srinagar.

Nehru Park

Nehru park is the centrally located park in the centre of dal lake and acts like an island in the middle of the lake.

SPS Museum

It is located in Lal Mandi near about the city centre and has a great collection of the history and traditions of the state and it is also home to know about the ancient sufi saints of Kashmir.

Nishat Bagh

also known as the garden of joy, Nishat Garden is a terraced Mughal garden sprawled along the eastern side of the Dal Lake, with the towering Zabarwan hills as its backdrop, in the city of Srinagar. The second largest Mughal garden in the Kashmir Valley.

Shalimar Bagh, Srinagar

Emperor Jahangir got the Shalimar Garden built for his wife Nur Jahan in 1616. Covering an area of approximately 539 m, the Shalimar garden offers an amazing view over the other gardens, lakes and shallow terraces. Also known as the "garden of love", the Shalimar Mughal Gardens has four terraces, rising one above the other. The fourth terrace of the garden was, at one point of time, reserved for royal ladies. There is also a canal lined with polished stones running through the center of the Shalimar Bagh. The canal is responsible for supplying water to the garden from Harwan.

Chashme Shahi

Chashme Shahi (the royal spring), is one of the Mughal gardens built by Ali Mardan Khan, a governor of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan as per the orders of the Emperor, as a gift for his elder son Prince Dara Shikoh. The garden is located in the Zabarwan Range, near Raj Bhawan (Governor's house) overlooking Dal Lake in Srinagar.

Pari Mahal

The Angels Abode is a seven terraced garden located at the top of Zabarwan mountain range overlooking city of Srinagar and south-west of Dal Lake. The architecture depicts an example of Islamic architecture and patronage of art during the reign of the then Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. It is a five-minute drive from Cheshmashahi, Srinagar.