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Tarsar Marsar Lakes

Stairway to Heaven - Kashmir



50 kms



13,500 ft.



6 days

Three glacial lakes nestled away in the lap of Pir Panjal Range.

DAY
1

3
Hrs

110
Kms

Srinagar (Drive) – Aru

The clients will be picked up from Srinagar in a cab and the same cab would take you to Aru valley. We shall be spending the night in Aru valley, which is the famous base camp for so many treks in the valley. The Overa-Aru Biosphere Reserve is a famous destination for horseback riding and heliskiing in the winters. The last point where you would be getting any network would be Pahalgam. Our camp site would be right next to the mighty Lidder river in Aru.

Srinagar



Altitude : **5,200 ft.**

Aru



Altitude : **7,920 ft.**

Onset of Trek

DAY 2

6-7
Hrs

12
Kms

Aru – Lidderwat (trek begins)

This day we would encounter approximately 12 kms of meandering trails of moderate incline through the thick conifer forest except for the steep initial ascent for 30-40 minutes. After a 30-40 minutes hike we would be having a panoramic view of the entire Aru valley. We would encounter a lot of people from the shepherd tribes aka “Gujjar” community especially in the spring and summer season. As soon as the thicket of fir trees becomes a distant image, we will be entering a grassland meadow where there would be a lot of settlements of “Gujjars”. After a steep ascent of 2-3 kms we reach a makeshift log bridge to cross the valley stream. The camp site at Lidderwat is still an hour’s hike from this point. The camp site is situated in densely populated Fir tree and right next to the river which becomes a lullaby at night.

Lidderwat



Altitude : **9,131 ft.**

DAY 3

4-5
Hrs

7-8
Kms

Lidderwat – Shekwas

The trek basically starts behind the PDA huts near our Lidderwat camp site. The first 2-3 hours of the climb are quite steep, and we shall see a lot of valley streams along the way. Until we reach Homwas, a quaint little village of “Gujjar” people living in harmony with the nature. One can't really miss their warmth and hospitality. We cross another rudimentary log bridge at Homwas. After crossing the small settlement, we hike up to a higher camping ground and pitch our tents under the blanket of stars.

Shekwas



Altitude : **11,160 ft.**

DAY 4

4-5
Hrs

5
Kms

Shekwas – Tarsar (1st lake visit)

On this day we move from Shekwas 10,500 ft to Tarsar 12,500 ft, most of our way is of moderate incline and would approximately take us 4-5 hours. We must move up a humpbacked hill and cross a few ridges to have the first peek of the magical blue waters of Tarsar Lake. The entire hike up the hill is very exciting, and everyone is walking in anticipation to have the first glimpses of the infamous Tarsar Lake. We would be camping right next to the outlet of the lake. We could spend the evening exploring the Tarsar Lake. You would be astounded by the sheer beauty and the tranquility.

Tarsar

Altitude : **12,500 ft.**

DAY
5

4-5
Hrs

5
Kms

Tarsar – Sandersar (2nd lake visit)

It would be a moderate to difficult climb from Tarsar to Sandersar Valley and we would be gaining an altitude of 600 ft. We would be crossing the Tarsar pass to reach Sandersar and then to Sandersar valley. But the way through the pass offers a breathtaking view of the twin lakes. On our way down, we would come across a lot of livestock grazing along the banks of the lake. We would also be greeted by people of the nomadic shepherd tribe colloquially known as the “Bakkarwals”. Finally, we reach Sandersar and pitch our camps near the lake. This entire day is just a visual overload and a perfect camp site to just process all the beauty this trek has to offer.

Sandersar

Altitude : **13,100 ft.**

DAY 6

6-7
Hrs

10
Kms

Sundersar – Marsar (3rd lake) – Homwas

This day we would be gaining more height to witness the infamous Marsar Lake known for a lot of spooky stories and fables. We start our quite tedious trek through the Marsar ridge (13,500 ft) and we would be facing some snow patches and rock crevasses on our way until we finally reach the pass. This is where we get the first glimpses of the blue colored Tarsar lake. Lake is surrounded by snow clad mountains and has an outlet from one side which ultimately reaches to the Dachigam Forest Reserve. One can even trek from there to, another unknown location Kashmir valley has to offer, Mahadev Glacier. Then we descend to Homwas where we camp for the night and rest after a tiring day.

Marsar



Altitude : **13,500 ft.**



End of Trek

DAY 7

6-7
Hrs

15
Kms

Homwas – Aru

Finally, we descend from Homwas and cross through familiar forests and trails. Our first stop is at Lidderwat where we have our lunch and then continue our descend to Aru.

The clients may choose to stay back to explore Pahalgam or drive back from Aru and reach Srinagar on the same day.

Aru

Altitude : 7,920 ft.



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Package Inclusion

- Airport and all road transfers
- Meals during trek (Veg/Non-veg)
- Off-loading of 10 kgs backpack per person
- Tents on triple sharing basis with mattresses, sleeping bags, camping pillows and camplights
- Rain ponchos, trekking poles and head torches
- Trek leaders, porters and guides
- Passes and permits
- Medical fitness certificates
- Basic first-aid kit

Package Exclusion

- Lunch before the onset of trek
- Trekking shoes
- Personal toiletries
- Backpack
- Videography, photography or any related equipment charges
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary specifically

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