

## RK Sarovar Portico's Dachigam National Park packages

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Dachigam National Park is located 22 kilometers from Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. It covers an area of 141 km<sup>2</sup>. The name of the park literally stands for "ten villages" which could be in memory of the ten villages that were relocated for its formation.

The park has been a protected area since 1910, first under the care of the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir and later under the observation of the concerned government authorities. It was initially created to ensure clean drinking water supply for the city of Srinagar. It was finally upgraded and declared a National Park in the year 1981.

Dachigam National park is located in the Zabarwan Range of the western Himalayas. The variation in altitude is vast, ranging from 5500 ft. to 14000 ft. above mean sea level. Due to this vast variation, the park is very clearly demarcated into an uneven region. The terrain ranges from gently sloping grasslands to sharp rocky outcrops and cliffs. Part of the park lies above the tree line and this area displays its own kind of natural beauty with bare rock mountains and crevices.

In winter, Upper Dachigam is entirely inaccessible and the temperatures in Lower Dachigam also drop abysmally to -100C. Between late November and early February, the area is entirely snowbound. The best time to visit is May to November. In November, you can see Hangul stags with their magnificent antlers fully grown. A visit to Upper Dachigam is best, restricted to periods between May to August while March to May is ideal for bird watching. Early mornings and late afternoons are when animals are most active and may be seen feeding or drinking.

The magnificent Hangul or Kashmir stag is the main mammal in the area and Dachigam is also home to the elusive snow leopard, marten, ibex, musk deer and other animal characteristic of the Himalayas. Birds like the Koklas pheasant and the Monal pheasant inhabit the region. Srinagar's Harwan Reservoir is fed by the numerous streams in the Dachigam forests, making the park a crucial catchment area. Since 1989, political unrest has caused this area to be severely affected as shifting priorities, terrorists and Indian officials have all played a part in the downfall of the park. The area is, however, always breathtaking and more adventurous wildlife enthusiasts can still enter the park.

### **RK Sarovar Portico offers following two packages for nature lovers:**

#### **03 Nights and 04 Days package:**

DATE	Sightseeing and Activity list	Hotel to Stay
Day 1	Arrival at Srinagar – Mughal garden visit (Spots covered: Cheshmashahi, Pari Mahal, Nishat and Shalimar Garden)	RK Sarovar Portico
Day 2	Srinagar – Dachigam National Park (early departure from hotel at 0630 Hrs.	RK Sarovar Portico
Day 3	Srinagar – Doodhpathri OR Pahalgam OR Gulmarg– Srinagar	RK Sarovar Portico

Day 4	Departure	Airport
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Costing:

- ❖ Single Person: Rs.32000/- for weekdays and Rs.31000/- for weekend.
- ❖ Couple: Rs.34500 for weekdays and Rs.33000/- for weekend.
- ❖ 04 PAX: Rs.61000 of weekdays and Rs.58500/- for weekend.
- ❖ 06 PAX: Rs.85000 for weekdays and Rs.82000/- for weekend.
- ❖ Extra adult charges: Rs.12000/- for weekdays and Rs.11500/-for weekend.

**02 Nights and 03 Days package:**

DATE	Sightseeing and Activity list	Hotel to Stay
Day 1	Arrival at Srinagar – Mughal garden visit (Spots covered: Cheshmashahi, Pari Mahal, Nishat and Shalimar Garden)	RK Sarovar Portico
Day 2	Srinagar – Dachigam National Park (early departure from hotel at 0630 Hrs.	RK Sarovar Portico
Day 5	Departure	Airport

Costing:

- ❖ Single Person: Rs.22500/- for weekdays and Rs.21500/- for weekend.
- ❖ Couple: Rs.26500/- for weekdays and Rs.25500/- for weekend.
- ❖ 04 PAX: Rs.42000/- for weekdays and Rs.40500/- for weekend.
- ❖ 06 PAX: Rs.58500/- for weekdays and Rs.56000/- for weekend.
- ❖ Extra adult charges: Rs.9500/- for weekdays and Rs.8500/-for weekend

➤ The Rates are Inclusive of the Following:

- ✓ Rooms on Twin sharing basis.
- ✓ Meal Plan CPAI (i.e. breakfast Included).
- ✓ All Arrival/Departure transfer as mentioned in Itinerary.
- ✓ All present applicable taxes as on date.
- ✓ Any future taxes levies will be charged extra.
- ✓ Entrance pass to Dachigam National Park.

➤ The Rates are Exclusive of the Following:

- ✓ Any Airfare, Train fare, Overland Journey which is not mentioned in the Itinerary.
- ✓ Any Medical/rescue evacuation due to mishaps.

- ✓ Any personal nature items like Laundry, bar bills, table bills, camera fee, tips or any other item.
- ✓ Mineral water / Soft or hard drinks / Starters.
- ✓ Sightseeing of Chandanwari and Aru in Pahalgam.
- ✓ Entrance Fee to parks and monuments.
- ✓ Horse Riding.
- ✓ Gondola ride.
- ✓ Shikara Ride.