

RK Sarovar Portico's Trekking packages

The ancient Shankaracharya Temple, also known as the Jyesteswara Temple, is found on top of the hill Takht-i-Sulaiman or "Throne of Solomon", at the height of 350m. Overlooking the lake, Shankaracharya (788-820AC) lived, meditated and did Tapas (penance) here to revive Hinduism which had been eclipsed by Buddhism. He worshipped the Shiva Lingam, which is still found in the Sanctum Sanctorum. Information boards on the spot tells, that Advaita Shankaracharya "attained spiritual knowledge" at this particular place and after that went out and formed the four Hindu schools of Advaita, the philosophy of non-dualism.

Shankaracharya lies in Srinagar District across the Nehru Park. A beautiful island overlooking Dal Lake, one can either trek to Shankaracharya Temple from the Durganag Temple lying in civil lines area or alternatively can take an automobile up to the footsteps from the Boulevard road. The climb is approx. 7 Kms and then there is a flight of 100 odd steps up. The road passes through jungle and offers beautiful views all-round.

The temple dates back to 200 BC, although the present structure probably dates back to the 9th century AD. It was visited by Adi Shankara and has ever since been associated with him, this is how the temple got the name Shankaracharya. It is also regarded as sacred by Buddhists. The Shiv ling was placed inside during the Sikh period in nineteenth century and it became an active Hindu temple when regular services were conducted. Some historians report that the temple was actually a Buddhist temple during Buddhist era which was then changed into Hindu site of worship by Adi Shankaracharya. Persians and Jews call it Bagh-I-Sulaiman or the Garden of King Solomon. Persian inscriptions are also found inside the temple.

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RK Sarovar Portico offers following two packages for hikers:

03 Nights and 04 Days package:

DATE	Sightseeing and Activity list	Hotel to Stay
Day 1	Srinagar – Shankaracharya temple visit + Mughal Garden Visit (Spots covered: Cheshmashahi, Pari Mahal, Nishat and Shalimar Garden)	RK Sarovar Portico
Day 2	Trekking to Shankaracharya temple will start at 0700 hrs. and will end at 0930 hrs. After taking some rest interested guests will be taken for paragliding to Dara (approx. distance 19 KM from Hotel)	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.34500/- for weekdays and Rs.33500/- for weekend.
- ❖ Couple: Rs.39500 for weekdays and Rs.38000/- for weekend.
- ❖ 04 PAX: Rs.71000 of weekdays and Rs.68500/- for weekend.
- ❖ 06 PAX: Rs.100000 for weekdays and Rs.97000/- for weekend.
- ❖ Extra adult charges: Rs.14500/- for weekdays and Rs.14000/-for weekend.

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- ❖ Single Person: Rs.25000/- for weekdays and Rs.24000/- for weekend.
- ❖ Couple: Rs.30500/- for weekdays and Rs.29000/- for weekend.
- ❖ 04 PAX: Rs.52000/- for weekdays and Rs.50500/- for weekend.
- ❖ 06 PAX: Rs.73500/- for weekdays and Rs.71000/- for weekend.
- ❖ Extra adult charges: Rs.12000/- for weekdays and Rs.11500/-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.

➤ 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.

NOTE: Paragliding will be subject to availability and weather conditions. If not done then the applicable amount will be refunded back to guest.