

About Sonamarg

Surrounded by dense forests of sycamore, silver birch, fir and pine trees, and alpine flowers, Sonamarg sits on the plateau of the Sindh Valley's mountains. Historically the gateway of the ancient Silk Road, Sonamarg served as an important place for foreign traders from Central Asia. Sonamarg offers an experience of the famous Thajiwas Glacier, and the mountain range Harmukh. It also serves as a base camp for trekkers going on adventure treks to Karakoram Peaks. A 20 km drive from Sonamarg leads to Zojila Pass, the gateway to Ladakh.

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DESTINATION INFO AT A GLANCE



Altitude
9000 ft



Area
9.5 sq. Km



Annual Rainfall
932 mm



Temperature
Summer: 18°C to 29°C
Winter: -10°C to 2°C



Best Season
Summer: May to August
Winter: December to March



Languages
Kashmiri, Urdu,
Pahari and Gojri

HOW TO REACH VIA



AIR Sheikh-ul-Alam International Airport, Srinagar
81 Km



TRAIN Banihal Railway Station
85 Km



ROAD Cabs and Buses from Srinagar

DISTANCE



SRINAGAR

80 KM



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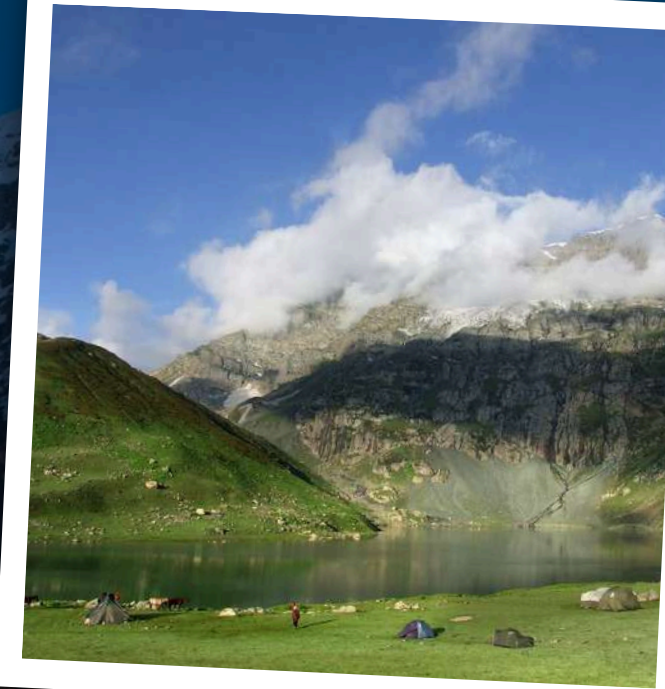
📍 Thajiwas

Thajiwas Glacier is a stunning sight to behold, providing an irresistible challenge for adventurous travellers in any season. At 10,000 feet above sea level, it offers serene panoramic views of the surrounding peaks. Visitors can enjoy the thrill of trekking or sledging down the foot of the glacier, adding an extra element of excitement to this already impressive natural wonder.



River Rafting

Tourists can enjoy thrilling river rafting on the Sindh River in Sonamarg, Kashmir, during the summer season. The best rafting stretch is from Baltal to Shutkari Bridge, with simpler options available for beginners.



📍 Gangabal Lake

Gangabal lake is situated at an altitude of more than 11,000 feet above sea level. The alpine lake is 2.5 km long and 1 km wide and home to the rare brown trout and rainbow trout fish. The water in the lake comes from natural springs and glaciers of the mountains. The 2.5-km long and 1-km wide lake is home to the rare brown trout and rainbow trout fish, making it a popular fishing spot. The water in the lake comes from natural springs and glaciers of the mountains.



Trekking

The Sonamarg to Harmukh trek showcases stunning scenery, high-altitude lakes, and trout fishing, following the traditional Gujjar route. 3 km from Sonamarg lies the Thajiwas Glacier, surrounded by waterfalls.



📍 Zojila Pass

Zojila Pass links Kashmir and Ladakh, standing at 11,600 feet high. This one of the most dangerous passes in the world, offers stunning valley views.



📍 Baltal Valley

Baltal Valley, located 15 km from Sonamarg, is an important location for the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrimage. Many tents are set up during this period, as it offers a shorter route to the Shri Amarnathji Cave shrine. Baltal provides a picturesque view of highland pastures and snow-covered Himalayan peaks. Yatris can reach the cave shrine by helicopter or pony from Baltal.



📍 Krishansar

Krishansar is a pristine alpine lake located in the Sonamarg region, adjacent to Vishansar Lake. This lake holds religious significance, being devoted to Lord Krishna. It is also a great spot for anglers for the exotic rainbow and brown trout. It is an ideal location for trekking enthusiasts as it serves as a base for trekking to Nichnai Pass.