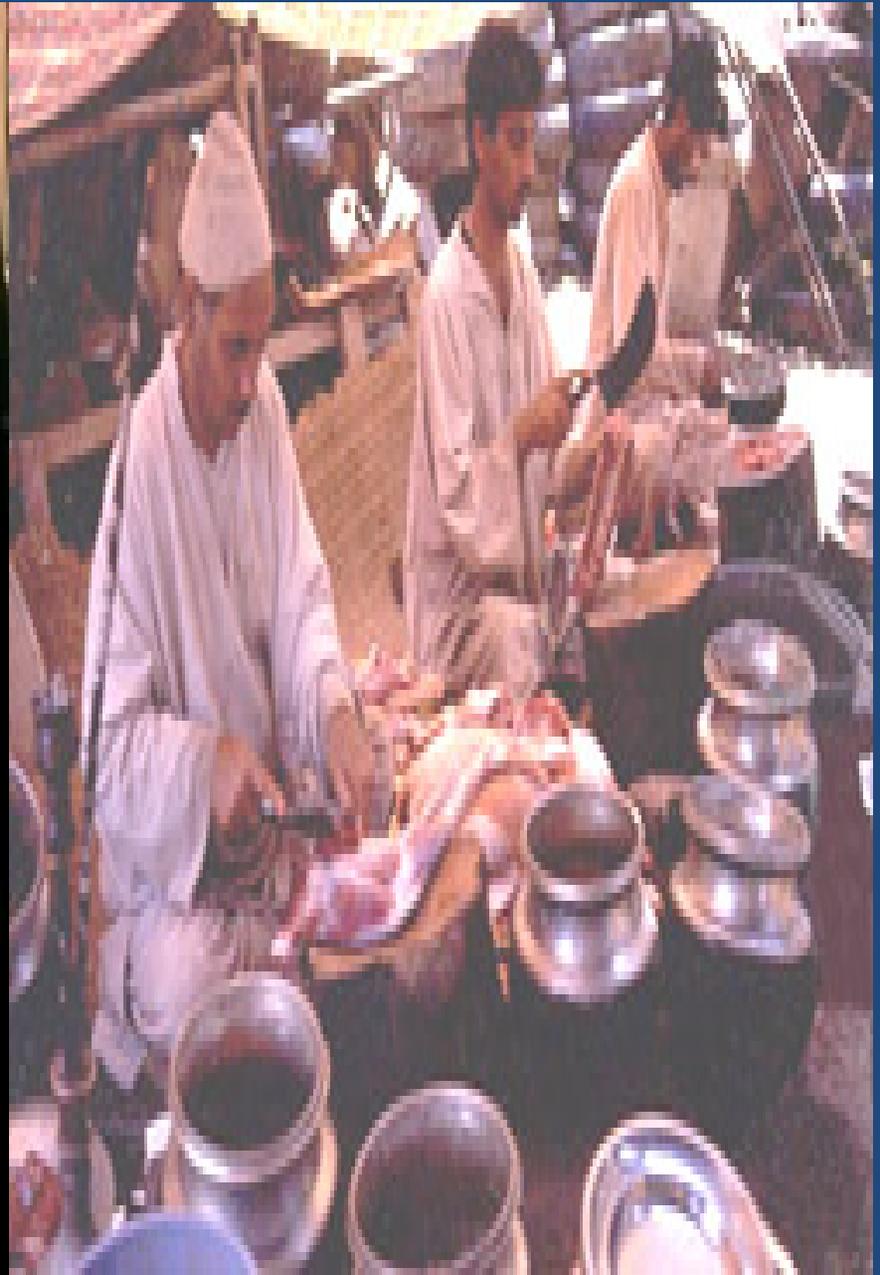
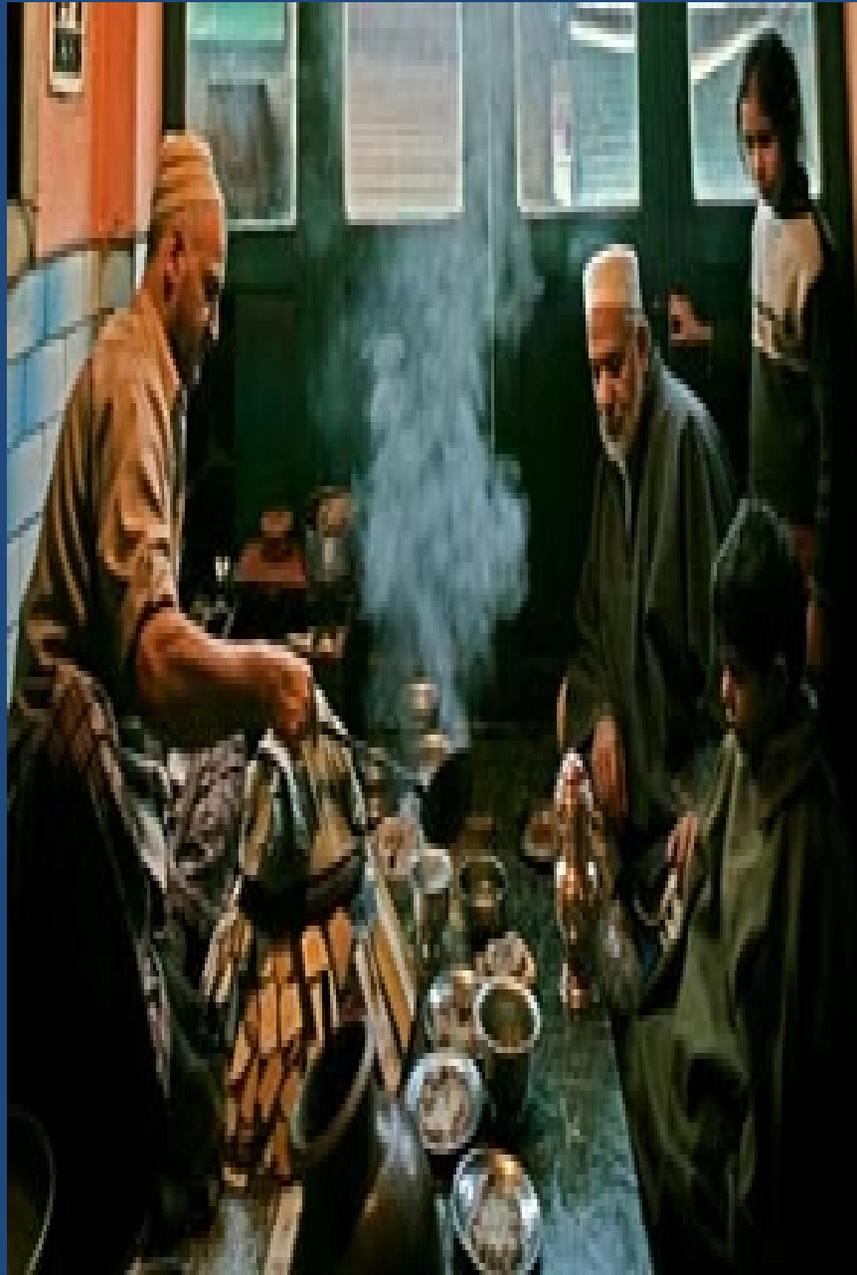


# Kashmiri Cuisine & Hospitality

- Rich and redolent with the flavour of the spices used – cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, saffron, etc. -- Kashmiri food can be the simple meal of a family, or a 36-course wedding banquet called Wazawan. The staple diet of every Kashmiri is rice, the most preferred being the dense, slightly sticky grained Kashmir variety, which is prized in the Valley.
- Kashmir is famous for its Wazwan, predominantly non-vegetarian. Rice is the staple food. Mutton, chicken and fish are of prime importance cuisines. Instead of sweets, Kehwah (Persian tea), is served after wazwan which is usually served 7 to 10 courses at weddings and parties - a sign of lavish hospitality. Several restaurants in Srinagar, mainly at Residency Road, serve Kashmiri Wazawan.

- All the better hotels have restaurants generally serving Indian, Continental and Kashmiri cuisine. Other restaurants are mainly located at Boulevard, Lambert Lane, Lal Chowk, besides at all the hill stations and tourist destinations. Street foods are available near Lal Chowk and elsewhere. Better sweet shops are located at Residency Road and Boulevard. Quality bakeries are available at M.A Road and Dalgate market. Traditional breads like tsot, tshochwar & bakerkhani etc are available in all the markets. The delicacies are available at food street Lal Chowk.



# Kashmiri Houseboat

- Many tourists are attracted to Srinagar by the charm of staying on a houseboat, which provides the unique experience of living on the water in a cedar-panelled elegant bedroom, with all the conveniences of a luxury hotel. Every standard houseboat provides a balcony in the front, a lounge, dining room, pantry and 3 or more bedrooms with attached bathrooms.
- Srinagar's thousand or so houseboats are moored along sections of the Dal and Nagin Lakes and river Jhelum, each decorated fancifully and named romantically and even whimsically. Like hotels, houseboats vary in degree of luxury and have been accordingly graded by the Department of Tourism. A luxury houseboat, like a luxury hotel has fine furniture, good carpets and modern bathroom fittings, while the 'D category' (the lowest category) of houseboats, like low-budget hotels, is spartanly furnished. All houseboats, regardless of category, have highly personalized service, the owner and his family are never far away.

# Interior of a Houseboat



# How to Reach

## By AIR

- Srinagar now has an International Airport. All major airlines operate regular daily flights to here from New Delhi and other major cities in India. Srinagar Airport is 14 kms from the city centre.

## By Road

- National Highway, 1-A, connecting Srinagar with Jammu (300 kms) is an all-weather road. Jammu in turn is connected to many parts of Northern India, including New Delhi. Buses and all types of Taxis to Srinagar are available from Jammu railway station and city centre. Various Tourist Taxi Strands, in the Srinagar City, have recently upgraded their fleet, and taxis can be hired for touring Srinagar city or various resorts in Kashmir.
- Also visit [www.jksrtc.nic.in](http://www.jksrtc.nic.in)

## By Rail

- Jammu Tawi, a major railway junction of North India, and Udampur in Jammu province, Srinagar's nearest railhead (302 kms) receives a large number of trains from most parts of India. Trains are operating within Kashmir valley from Qazigund to Baramulla. Kashmir is being connected by rail with Jammu and the project is expected to be commissioned within the next 5-7 years.

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