

## **IMAGE GALLERY**

## Shikara ride, Jammu & Kashmir

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Shikara boats are often used in Kashmir as a means of transportation and for fishing. The poor sometimes convert these into shelters as floating homes. Shikaras are a big source of tourist attraction in the valley as foreigners flock to take a ride in the Dal Lake, fondly known as the "Jewel in the crown of Kash-

mir". It stretches to an area of 18 square kilometers, and is surrounded by parks and gardens built during the Mughal Area.

This photograph was taken during a boat ride in 2013 in Srinagar, the summer capital of the state of Jammu & Kashmir, India.

Jannat-e-Kashmir (Heaven on Earth)

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