

## Poonch: Suggested Itinerary

### Day 1: Jammu to Rajouri (130 km | 4-5 hours)

#### Morning

- **Start Time:** 7:00 AM
- **Breakfast Stop:** *Jhajjar Kotli* (~20 km from Jammu). Enjoy breakfast in this tranquil setting.
- **Drive:** Head toward Rajouri via **NH144A**, passing through **Sunderbani** and **Nowshera**.
- **Nowshera War Memorial** (Naushera)
  - Pay homage at this memorial dedicated to soldiers who fought bravely in the 1947-48 war during the defence of Nowshera.

#### Afternoon

- **Lunch:** Stop at **Rajouri Town** for a meal at a local restaurant.
- **Sightseeing in Rajouri:**
  - **Rajouri Fort:** A historical landmark offering a glimpse into the region's past.
  - **Dhanidhar Fort:** Another smaller fort with scenic surroundings.

#### Evening

- Visit the **Rajouri Martyrs' Memorial:** Dedicated to the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives defending the area.
- **Check-in:** Book accommodation in Rajouri (*options include hotels or guesthouses*).
- Spend the evening exploring Rajouri's local markets.

### Day 2: Rajouri to Poonch (40 km | 1.5-2 hours)

#### Morning

- **Start Time:** 8:00 AM
- **Drive:** Head toward Poonch via **Bhimber Gali (BG)**, enjoying scenic views of the Pir Panjal range.

#### Mid-Morning Arrival in Poonch

- **Key Attractions in Poonch:**
  - **Poonch Fort:** A majestic fort that once served as a defence post during the 1947-48 war.
  - **Noor-e-Chamb Waterfall:** A serene natural retreat.
  - **Betar Nala:** A tranquil riverbank ideal for relaxation.

#### Lunch

- Enjoy a traditional meal in Poonch.

### **Afternoon**

- Visit the **1965 and 1971 War Memorials** in Poonch, dedicated to soldiers who defended the town in subsequent wars.

### **Evening**

- Explore local markets and interact with residents to learn about their experiences during conflicts.