

# Gulmarg Explorer: Skiing, Gondola & Alpine Meadows (5 Nights)

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Destination  
**Kashmir**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 24,500 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

✓ **Gulmarg - 3N**

✓ **Srinagar - 2N**

## Overview

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A premium Kashmir tour package designed for adventure lovers and leisure travelers alike. This Kashmir Adventure tour package focuses on the iconic snowfields and alpine meadows of Gulmarg, combined with the serene beauty of Srinagar. Ideal as a 5 and 6 Kashmir Adventure tour package, it balances adrenaline-filled experiences like skiing and the Gulmarg Gondola with relaxed sightseeing on Dal Lake and visits to Mughal gardens.

### Highlights:

- Gulmarg Gondola (Phase I & II) – ride to Apharwat Peak
- Intro Ski Session at Gulmarg Ski Resort (gear included)
- Excursion to Alpathar (Alpathar) Lake and alpine meadows
- Shikara ride on Dal Lake & stays on a traditional houseboat
- Scenic transfers between Srinagar and Gulmarg

Tip: Carry layered clothing, sunscreen, and a valid ID for local permits. Gondola timings and ski conditions are seasonal; advance bookings are recommended.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation: 3 nights in Gulmarg + 2 nights in Srinagar (houseboat/hotel)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (5)
- ✓ Return transfers between Srinagar & Gulmarg by private vehicle
- ✓ Gulmarg Gondola tickets (Phase I & II) – subject to availability
- ✓ Introductory skiing session with instructor and basic ski gear
- ✓ Guided sightseeing in Srinagar including Mughal Gardens and Dal Lake shikara ride
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for excursions
- ✓ Note: Specific inclusions like Gondola or ski gear can be modified based on season and operational constraints.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ International / Domestic flights or train fare to Srinagar
- ✗ Travel insurance and personal medical expenses
- ✗ Meals other than specified (lunches & dinners)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, laundry, phone calls
- ✗ Optional activities and advanced ski courses
- ✗ Any permits or entrance fees not mentioned explicitly
- ✗ Items of personal nature and emergency evacuation costs

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival, Transfer to Gulmarg & Orientation**

Arrival at Srinagar Airport / Railway Station and meet-and-greet. Scenic drive to Gulmarg (approx. 1.5–2 hours). Check-in at the hotel. Evening orientation walk around the meadows and local market. Brief on safety and equipment for the following adventure activities.

Activity notes: Light walking to acclimatize. Keep hydrated.

Day

2

### **Gondola Rides: Phase I & II — Apharwat Peak Experience**

After breakfast, take the famous Gulmarg Gondola. Phase I brings you to Highland Park and Phase II ascends towards Apharwat Peak for panoramic Himalayan views. Photo stops and short walks on snow (seasonal). Return to Gulmarg village in the late afternoon.

Important: Gondola access depends on weather and operational schedule — carry warm clothing and your ID.

Day

3

### **Ski Intro & Alpine Meadows — Free Play**

Begin the day with an introductory skiing session at Gulmarg Ski Resort. A certified instructor will cover basics, and ski gear is provided. Post-session, explore nearby alpine meadows and enjoy optional activities like pony rides or snowball fun. Evening at leisure with optional local cultural program.

Note: Ski session duration is approximately 60–90 minutes and suitable for beginners. Advanced sessions available at extra cost.

Day

4

### **Excursion to Alpathar (Alpather) Lake & Transitions**

Full-day excursion to Alpathar Lake — a high-altitude alpine lake with surreal views (subject to accessibility depending on snow and road conditions). Picnic and photography time at the lake and surrounding meadows. Return to Gulmarg and later transfer to Srinagar. Check-in to a houseboat or hotel in Srinagar.

Travel time varies with road conditions. Warm layers and sturdy footwear recommended.

Day

5

## Srinagar Sightseeing — Mughal Gardens & Dal Lake

Start with a guided visit to the famed Mughal Gardens — Shalimar Bagh and Nishat Bagh. Explore the Chinar-lined avenues, visit the Shankaracharya viewpoint for a panorama of Srinagar, and then enjoy a tranquil Shikara ride on Dal Lake with a visit to floating markets and houseboat alleys. Evening free for shopping (shawls, papier-mâché, saffron & dry fruits).

Tip: Bargain politely in local markets and verify authenticity for handicrafts.

Day

6

## Departure: Transfer to Airport

Leisurely morning, breakfast and check-out. Depending on your flight/train schedule, enjoy a short stroll or last-minute shopping. Timely transfer to Srinagar Airport / Railway Station for onward journey. Trip concludes with memories of the Kashmir Adventure package and scenic alpine experiences.

Ensure you have all travel documents and souvenirs packed. Airport transfer times may vary; allow buffer for traffic and security checks.

## 🔗 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔗 What are the must-see tourist attractions in Kashmir?

Kashmir offers breathtaking attractions like Dal Lake for its houseboats, Pahalgam for stunning valleys, Gulmarg for skiing, and Sonamarg for breathtaking landscapes. Don't miss the Mughal Gardens in Srinagar and the ancient monasteries in Zanskar. Each location showcases the region's natural beauty and rich culture.

### 🔗 How can I reach Kashmir from major cities in India?

You can reach Kashmir by air, road, or rail. The nearest airport is Srinagar, with flights from Delhi and other major cities. For train travel, Jammu is the closest railway station, followed by a scenic drive to Kashmir. Buses and taxis also connect major cities via the highway. Enjoy the breathtaking landscapes!

### 🔗 Is Kashmir a safe destination for tourists?

Kashmir, renowned for its stunning landscapes and rich culture, has seen improvements in safety for tourists in recent years. While many travelers visit without issues, it's important to stay updated on local conditions and follow travel advisories. Enjoy the beauty, but prioritize your safety.

### ? **What are the best times to visit Kashmir for tourism?**

The best times to visit Kashmir are during spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November). Spring showcases blooming flowers and pleasant weather, while autumn offers stunning fall colors and crisp air. Summer can be warm, but it's a good time for trekking and adventure activities.

### ? **What activities can I do in Kashmir during my visit?**

In Kashmir, you can enjoy stunning activities like trekking in the Himalayas, houseboat stays on Dal Lake, exploring Mughal gardens, skiing in Gulmarg, and experiencing the vibrant culture through local markets and cuisine. Don't miss the breathtaking views and photography opportunities!

### ? **What is the local cuisine of Kashmir and where can I try it?**

Kashmir boasts a rich cuisine, with specialties like Rogan Josh, Yakhni, and Dum Aloo. You can savor these dishes at local restaurants in Srinagar, such as Ahdoos or Mughal Darbar. For an authentic experience, try traditional Wazwan meals served at local homes or heritage hotels.

### ? **What accommodations are available for tourists in Kashmir?**

Kashmir offers a wide range of accommodations for tourists, from luxury hotels and heritage houseboats on Dal Lake to cozy guesthouses and boutique hotels in popular areas like Pahalgam and Gulmarg. Many options provide stunning views and warm hospitality, making your stay memorable.

## ★ **Traveller Reviews**



**Kapil Bhatnagar**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Cordial and Cheerful**

Kashmir's warmth is reflected in the smiles of its people. This tour package was delightful with its activities and accommodations.



**Sakshi Agarwal**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **An Experience of a Lifetime**

The entire trip was an experience of a lifetime. Every sight was a story waiting to be told. Don't miss it!



**Deepesh Malik**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### **Kashmir Unplugged**

This journey let me unplug from everyday life and soak in the beauty of nature. A much-needed retreat!



**Nandini Patil**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Perfect Blend of Activities**

From trekking to leisure walks along the lake, this package offered a perfect blend of activities to enjoy.



**Suman Verma**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Beautiful Gardens**

The Mughal gardens were stunning during our visit. Highly recommended as part of the package!

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