Gulmarg Tour Package

Srinagar - Gulmarg - Srinagar

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Tour Basics •

Duration: 3 Days 2 Nights	**Route:** Srinagar - Gulmarg - Srinagar

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About This Trip •

Gulmarg: The Meadow of Flowers

Nestled amidst stunning Himalayan landscapes, Gulmarg, meaning "Meadow of Flowers," is a picturesque hill station approximately 60 kilometres from Srinagar. The journey by car takes about an hour and a half and offers scenic views along the way. Thanks to its lush meadows and snow-capped mountain backdrop, Gulmarg has been a tourist favourite destination throughout history. Its beauty is sure to inspire you.

Key Attractions

One of the significant highlights of Gulmarg is the Gulmarg Gondola, the second-highest cable car in the world. This thrilling ride operates in two phases:

- Phase 1: Takes visitors to Kongdori Station at an elevation of 8,530 feet.
- Phase 2: Ascends to an altitude of 12,293 feet, offering panoramic views of the peaks.

Tourists can also explore the charming Strawberry Valley, the rugged beauty of Leopards Valley, and the serene Al-Pathar Lake, a frozen wonder accessible via horse rides or treks to Kongdori.

Winter transforms Gulmarg into a snowy paradise, making it a hotspot for skiing enthusiasts. The pristine slopes provide an exhilarating challenge for seasoned skiers. The festive spirit during this season is palpable, with celebrations such as White Christmas and lively New Year parties adding

to the charm.

Historical Significance

Gulmarg has a rich history, having served as a retreat for royalty such as Yousuf Shah Chak and Emperor Jahangir. Its original name, Gaurimarg, was inspired by Goddess Parvati, the consort of Lord Shiva. Later, Yousuf Shah Chak renamed it Gulmarg, translating to "the place of roses." This historical significance is sure to intrigue you.

In the early 20th century, the renowned Central Asian explorer Sir Marc Aurel Stein found solace here, often camping in tents between expeditions. During British rule in India, Gulmarg was a popular summer escape for officers and their families.

How to Reach Gulmarg

By Air:
The Sheikh Ul Alam International Airport is the nearest in Srinagar, 54 kilometres from Gulmarg.

By Train:
The most proximate railway station is in Anantnag, about 45 kilometres away.

By Road:

- From Jammu: The distance is about 410 kilometres.
- From Srinagar: A 54-kilometre drive provides easy access.
- From Baramulla, Gulmarg is just 54 kilometres away by road.

Apharwat Peak

Apharwat Peak, located 4,200 meters (14,000 feet) above sea level, is one of the most prominent and stunning attractions in Gulmarg. Positioned close to the Line of Control with Pakistan, it offers breathtaking views and is covered in snow for most of the year. This peak is also the hub for many of Gulmarg's winter sports activities, including skiing.

The peak's beauty is exceptional. Vast white meadows and snow-capped mountains surround it, and its remote location, a few kilometres from the Line of Control, adds to its charm. Apharwat Peak is a favourite spot for honeymooners and adventure seekers. Visitors flock here to experience thrilling winter sports in one of the most picturesque settings in Kashmir.

Apharwat is about 13 kilometres from Gulmarg. The most convenient way to reach it is via the

Gondola cable car, which offers stunning views during the ride. The Gondola operates in two phases: the first takes you from Gulmarg to Kongdori, and the second takes you from Kongdori to Apharwat. Visitors can also hire human sledges to go further up the slopes.

Highlights:

- Apharwat Peak is a famous tourist spot at 14,500 feet above sea level.
- The peak is covered in heavy snowfall year-round, making it a prime location for skiing.
- The peak is located 13 km from Gulmarg. The best way to get there is by the Gondola cable car.
- The Gondola ride has two phases: Gulmarg to Kongdori and Kongdori to Apharwat. Tickets can be booked online or on-site.
- Weather conditions can affect access to the peak, and extremely harsh weather may prevent trips on certain days.
- The Line of Control is just a few kilometres from Apharwat, and human sledges can be used to explore the slopes further.

Drung Waterfall

Drung Waterfall is a renowned tourist destination in the Tangmarg tehsil of Gulmarg, Baramulla. Situated about 14 km from Gulmarg, this stunning waterfall cascades 30 meters and is surrounded by majestic mountains. During the winter, the waterfall freezes entirely due to the frigid temperatures, creating a striking ice formation that is a must-see attraction in the area.

The waterfall's flow creates a refreshing mist, enhancing the landscape's natural beauty. The water originates from nearby glaciers, making the cascading falls unforgettable. During the summer months, travellers can enjoy the peaceful ambience of the location, with opportunities to admire the waterfall, explore caves, and enjoy the surrounding lakes, streams, and greenery.

In winter, the frozen waterfall and the surrounding landscape transform into a winter wonderland, with icicles forming as the water freezes. The area is perfect for picnicking and light trekking, offering panoramic views of lush hills and distant snow-capped peaks. Stalls nearby serve tea and snacks, allowing visitors to relax while soaking in the magnificent surroundings. A small temple is also located in the vicinity.

Must Know Before You Visit Drung Waterfall

- How to Reach: Drung Waterfall is accessible only by ATV or chain taxis from Tangmarg.
- Cost: Union taxi for a trip to Drung Waterfall and Gulmarg typically costs between ?2000 and ? 2500.
- Note: During the summer, taxis are not required to reach the waterfall.

Gulmarg Gondola

The Gulmarg Gondola is Asia's most prominent cable car system and the second-largest cable car in the world. It is one of the main attractions in Gulmarg, and a visit is considered incomplete without a ride on this iconic gondola. This thrilling experience is ideal for families, couples, and adventure enthusiasts, especially during winter when The Gondola offers access to some of Gulmarg's premier skiing slopes, making it a key attraction for winter sports enthusiasts. The gondola can accommodate up to 6 passengers per ride and transport 600 individuals per hour.

Gondola Ride Phases:

The gondola ride is split into two phases:

Phase I: The ride starts at the Gulmarg resort and takes passengers to Kongdori Station (2600 meters) in the bowl-shaped Kongdori Valley. This leg of the journey lasts about 9 minutes.

Phase II: The gondola ascends Kongdori Mountain (3747 meters) from Kongdori Station, located at the shoulder of Apharwat Peak. This phase takes approximately 14 minutes.

The 3rd phase of the Gulmarg Gondola project, launched in 2011, introduced 90 chairlifts. The chairlifts connect Kongdori to the Mary Shoulder, a popular spot for skiing events. The ride takes 11 minutes.

Golf Course

The Gulmarg Golf Club is one of India's most esteemed and historic golf clubs. It is situated in the breathtaking valley of Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir. Known for its lush green fairways, challenging course, and rich heritage, the club offers a truly unique golfing experience.

Established in 1921 by British officers seeking a summer retreat, the course was designed by the renowned golf architect Charles Hugh Alison. It is crafted on natural terrain and sits at an impressive elevation of 2800 meters, making it one of the world's highest golf courses. Over the years, the course has been upgraded to include 18 holes and two practice holes, enhancing its appeal to golfers of all levels.

The Gulmarg Golf Club is the only Indian club offering an authentic mountain golfing experience. Surrounded by the majestic Himalayas, verdant meadows, and dense pine forests, the course features rolling hills that provide scenic beauty and a unique challenge for players.

This prestigious club boasts an exclusive membership, attracting some of India's most influential and affluent individuals. It has also become a hub for high-profile golf events, including the annual Kashmir Open Golf Championship.

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned golfer, the Gulmarg Golf Club provides an unparalleled destination to enjoy the game amidst stunning natural beauty, world-class facilities, and a rich golfing legacy.

Maharaja Palace

The Maharaja Palace of Gulmarg, built in the 16th century by Mughal Emperor Akbar, is a historic royal residence in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district. Later renovated by Maharaja Hari Singh, the two-storey red sandstone and limestone palace features arches, pillars, lush gardens, a grand dining hall, library, and throne room. Visitors can explore its Mughal-era artefacts, stroll through scenic gardens, admire Himalayan views, and capture stunning photographs. A significant heritage site, it offers insight into the region's royal history and culture.

Stay Categories & Options •

Basic	Persons: 2	INR 13,500.00	~~INR 15,500.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 4	INR 10,800.00	~~INR 12,800.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 6	INR 10,500.00	~~INR 12,500.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 2	INR 17,000.00	~~INR 19,000.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 4	INR 14,800.00	~~INR 16,800.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 6	INR 14,500.00	~~INR 16,500.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 2	INR 27,500.00	~~INR 29,500.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 4	INR 25,500.00	~~INR 27,500.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 6	INR 25,000.00	~~INR 27,000.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Arrive at Srinagar and Transfer to Gulmarg

- Upon your arrival at Srinagar airport, our vehicle will be ready to transfer you from Srinagar to Gulmarg, which is 59 kilometres away.
- After checking in at your accommodation, you can dive into a range of exciting activities in Gulmarg, from skiing and snowboarding on pristine slopes to exploring the scenic meadows and taking a ride on the famous Gulmarg Gondola.

Meals: Dinner

Night: Stay at the Hotel in Gulmarg

Day 2: Gulmarg Sightseeing Tour

- After breakfast, you will set off for an exhilarating Gondola ride on the world's highest cable car (excluded).
- If time and weather permit, you can spend the remaining day exploring attractions such as the Golf Course, the Maharaja Palace, and the Children's Park.
- In the evening, you will return to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Night: Stay at the Hotel in Gulmarg

Day 3: Gulmarg to Srinagar

- After enjoying a hearty breakfast at the hotel, you will check out and begin your onward journey.
- Check out and start your return journey to Srinagar.

- Enjoy the scenic drive as you return to the city.
- On arrival, you will be transferred to the airport or railway station for your onward journey, taking along cherished memories of your time in Gulmarg.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Nil

Inclusions •

Accommodation

Meals as per the itinerary.

Union Cab.

Heaters or Electric blankets in hotels.

Pick up and drop off at Srinagar.

Sightseeing as per the itinerary.

State tax, hotel tax, and driver's charge.

Driver's allowance.

Parking charges.

Exclusions •

Lunch.

Dedicated Tour Guide for Complete Tour.

Are there any kind of personal expenses or extra meals ordered.

Any additional sightseeing other than the fixed program.

Any cost arising due to natural calamities.

Travel Insurance.

Local transportation.

The cost is incidental to any change in the itinerary/stay due to flight cancellation, bad weather, ill health, roadblocks, or any

factors beyond our control.

Anything not explicitly mentioned under the head.

5% GST.

FAQs •

Q: How far is Gulmarg from Srinagar?

A: Gulmarg is located about 56 km (35 miles) from Srinagar.

Q: How long does it take to reach Gulmarg from Srinagar?

A: The drive from Srinagar to Gulmarg typically takes 1.5 to 2 hours.

Q: Is there a cable car in Gulmarg?

A: Yes, the Gulmarg Gondola is the world's second-highest and longest cable car, taking visitors to Apharwat Peak at 4,200 meters above sea level.

Q: What precautions should I take while travelling to Gulmarg?

A: To prevent altitude sickness: Ascend gradually Stay hydrated Avoid overexertion Dress in layers and use sunscreen

Q: What is the best way to reach Gulmarg from Srinagar?

A: A taxi to Tangmarg followed by a Union cab (during winter) is the most convenient route, taking around 2 hours.

Q: What kind of terrain can I expect in Gulmarg?

A: Gulmarg lies in the Himalayan mountains, featuring rugged terrain, alpine meadows, pine forests, and snow-covered peaks. It's perfect for skiing, trekking, hiking, and enjoying the Gondola ride.

Q: What precautions are needed for skiing or snowboarding in Gulmarg?

A: Check the weather and avalanche warnings. Wear protective gear (helmets, goggles, gloves). Ski or snowboard with a partner. Know your surroundings and ski area boundaries. Carry a map and compass.

Q: What clothing is recommended for skiing or snowboarding?

A: Waterproof and windproof ski jacket and pants Base layers Gloves, hats, and goggles Helmet

Q: Are there medical facilities in Gulmarg?

A: Yes, the Gulmarg Medical Centre near the Gondola lift offers first aid and emergency care.

Q: Are there restaurants and cafes near the cable car station?

A: Yes, options include the Cable Car Cafe, Cable Car Diner, Cable Car Restaurant, and Cable Car Bistro.

Q: Where can I shop in Gulmarg?

A: Gulmarg Market: Handicrafts, souvenirs, Kashmiri clothing Gulmarg Handicrafts Market: Carpets, shawls, textiles Other local stores sell apparel, accessories, jewellery, and souvenirs

Q: What unique festivals are celebrated in Gulmarg?

A: Gulmarg Ski Festival Gulmarg Summer Festival Gulmarg Blossom Festival Gulmarg Winter Festival Gulmarg Festival of Lights (December)

Q: What are the must-visit places in Gulmarg?

A: Gulmarg Gondola & Kongdori Ski Slopes Alpather Lake Baba Reshi Shrine Maharani Temple Apharwat Peak Gulmarg Biosphere Reserve St. Mary's Church, Gulmarg Golf Course, Wildlife Sanctuary, Bazaar, Ningle Nallah

Q: What are the charges for the Drung Waterfall ATV ride?

A: Self-drive (8 km round trip with operator): ?3,000 Union cab (4–8 people per vehicle): ?2,800

Q: Is 3 days enough to explore Gulmarg?

A: Yes, with proper planning, 3 days is sufficient. For a more tailored experience, contact Wander Yak.

Q: What do Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam tour packages include?

A: Srinagar: Dal Lake, Mughal Gardens Gulmarg: Scenic meadows, Gondola ride Pahalgam: Aru, Betaab, and Chandanwari Valleys (ABC)

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