

Free Ski Himalaya

POWDER SNOW SKIING AND FREERIDING IN GULMARG/INDIA

Our Season: January 14, 2012 to March 31, 2012

A skiing trip to India, this sounds adventurous and exotic – In reality it is, however, a journey to one of the most exciting and beautiful ski areas of the world! Since 2006 we have been regularly taking skiers to Gulmarg. Over the years we explored numerous possibilities for attractive powder snow descents and know most slopes from personal experience.

The gondola to the Mt. Apharwat, one of the highest in the world, takes skiers to its top station at 4'000 meters and provides access to a great number of descents through steep and variegated terrain with up to 1'800 vertical meters. The upper part is high alpine ground, from 3'200 meters downwards the skiing will be mainly in open forests. Participants in our programs normally complete five to eight runs per day which result in 6'000 to 9'000 vertical meters of powder snow skiing.



Because of regular and heavy snow fall Gulmarg offers excellent powder snow conditions with an average snow depth of 3 meters. The snow quality and the huge number of variegated descents were described by our guests as key differentiators of our powder snow offer in Kashmir. The participants of our programs characterize Gulmarg as the "last resort" on earth where powder snow skiing still results in an authentic skiing experience. Discover the beauty and the skiing possibilities of Gulmarg with us and book a trip to one of the most extraordinary and exciting skiing and free riding resorts in the world.



The Journey

Our guests travel independently from their home country to Delhi where they will arrive in the early morning. After transferring to the domestic airport our guest fly to Srinagar. After completion of the Kashmiri immigration formalities they will be received by us at the front door of the airport building. The journey continues with an adventurous 50km jeep ride to Gulmarg at 2'600m and check into a comfortable hotel close to the gondola. The following days are available to enjoy the long and varied descents on the wide open, more than 35° steep slopes on the up to 4'300m high Mt. Apharwat range. In the morning of the last day our guest will be brought to the airport in Srinagar from where they fly to Delhi. In the Delhi most people take their return flights home the same night. If our guests prefer we can also drive to Srinagar in the afternoon of the second last day, do some shopping and spend the night on a houseboat on the Dal lake.



Terms and Conditions



Participant Profile

- Sound skiing technique with ability to ski safely and uninterrupted in challenging terrain and all types of snow
- Good health and strong physical fitness to participate in skiing days with up to 10'000 verticals meters per day and walks of up to 2 hours at altitudes between 3'000 and 4'300 meters
- Interest in other cultures

Scope of Services "Guided Programs", 7 Ski Days CHF 1'350, Additional ski day CHF 165

- All lift passes, airport transfer Srinagar-Gulmarg, all transports for bad weather programs and tree skiing
- 8 nights in double rooms with breakfast and dinner in our partner hotel
- 1 trained and experienced, registered snow guide for 4 guest and short avalanche awareness training
- Every day one long descent to Drang or other locations on the valley floor (weather dependant)
- Program management by Swiss ski instructor/expedition leader with several years experience in the Himalayas

Scope of Services "Hosted Programs", 7 Ski Days CHF 850, Additional Ski Day CHF 95

- Airport transfer between Srinagar and Gulmarg, privileged access to our guides and drivers
- Lodging in double rooms with breakfast and dinner in our partner hotel
- Guided terrain visitation on the first day and short avalanche awareness training
- Program management by Swiss ski instructor/expedition leader with several years experience in the Himalayas

Additional Costs

- Flight Europe - Srinagar approx. CHF 1'000
- India Visa Fee ca. CHF 60, (in most countries visa application forms can be downloaded online)



Important Information

The participants should be prepared that on a skiing trip to India not everything will go according to expectations. There can be delays and shortcomings that are beyond our understanding like for example the irregular opening times of the gondola. Skiers must also be aware that the meteorological conditions in high alpine terrain are subject to change and that a certain number of bad weather days must be accepted (based on our experience in Gulmarg approx. 40 – 50%). On bad weather days the gondola remains closed due to generally high avalanche danger (level 4) and poor visibility. In order to fully enjoy the trip a positive attitude towards unexpected situations combined with a high tolerance of the local people's way of living is absolutely necessary.



When booking please consult our „General Terms and Conditions“: www.freeskihimalaya.com/Terms/Terms.htm

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