

Adventure Tour 15 Day Tour

EPIC SKI ADVENTURE



POWDER SKIING NEXT LEVEL

ALL TRANSFERS

GUIDED 1:4

ALL ACCOMMODATION

LAKE DAL HOUSEBOAT STAY

Day 1 (Arrival Day)

On arrival in Srinagar, you will be greeted at the airport by one of our friendly local "Wild Snow" transport team who will help load your gear into our vehicle. With flights arriving at different times, if you arrive early, you could explore one of our favourite cafes in Srinagar near one of the main markets where you can enjoy a coffee and meal or check out the sights while you wait.

At 1-2 pm (approximately) we will get underway to Tangmarg Village (you are able to pick up some basic supplies here) where you will transfer into a 4x4 with chains for getting up to the snowy Gulmarg village, where you will be based for your epic adventure.

Once at the hotel (around 4 pm) you will be greeted with a hot Kashmir tea, and a friendly welcome. You will be able to enjoy a drink in the hotel as you get to know your fellow adventurers.

At around 5 pm we will meet with our awesome Wild Snow Gulmarg Guides Mushi and Mushtaq, (Mir and Showkat). We will go over some of the snow and ski conditions and options for the week.

Day 2

While we have our Kashmiri breakfast, we'll check out today's snow, avalanche, weather, and gondola reports to decide the best Wild Snow adventure for the day. We will head up the gondola to explore the massive ski terrain descending through alpine bowls of untracked powder runs without any of the crowds to steal our lines. As you work your way down, you'll come through fir trees at the mid-mountain level that makes Gulmarg epic for powder hunters.

We will stop for lunch at the mid station area where there are a dozen of little food and drink stalls. At the end of the day there will be a cold beer waiting at the hotel!

Day 3

After breakfast and assessing the snow conditions for today, we have another adventure in store for you. We may head to the mid-station and use it to gain some height to do a day trip down the Drang Valley at the southern end of Gulmarg. About half of the run is in alpine bowls; with some skiing in the trees and beautiful open spaces on Drang spurs.

We will end our ski down the valley visiting Drang Village along the way, skiing through the roadless village where local Kashmiri people live, we then ski across the bridge to be picked up by our taxi.

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SRINAGAR DAY TOUR

100% FUN

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT



GUARANTEED LAUGHS

ALL LIFT TICKETS

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Day 4

With another powder day to be had as we decide over breakfast a possible ski adventure to the town of Tangmarg could be on the books. Skiing down from Gulmarg's plateau to Tangmarg there is plenty of powder to be found...Once in Tangmarg, we will stop in for lunch and then pick up the taxi, load it up and drive back up to continue skiing in Gulmarg.

Day 5

The Baba Rishi trees are calling! Most of the area is about 35+ degrees with some of the best tree skiing around. It's time to chase powder through this forest of fir trees, descending to below the town making for perfect taxi serviced ski touring as we hitch a ride for another lap.

After skiing we will catch up with local legend Yasin, for a chai. Yasin has been skiing at Gulmarg for 55 years and is apart of original ski scene of Gulmarg, Kashmir. Yasin has a small ski shop and treasure shop of locally made hand crafts.

Day 6-12

Skiing the top bowls of this mountain has endless untracked turns with your name on it. We could ski from the top every day of the trip and never repeat a run with some trails staying untracked for days after a fresh dump of snow. The skiing here is Heli-ski like terrain and the snow - it's hard to beat.

Day 13

After skiing the morning (and maybe a bit of the afternoon), Salman will pick you up from the hotel, you will be taken to Lake Dal, Srinagar where you will jump onto a Shikara (a small boat) and be paddled to your floating accommodation, a houseboat on the Lake.

You will be welcomed by our houseboat host, and given the mandatory Kashmir tea on arrival! If your arrival is before evening, you be able to sit with your tea as the sun sets, listening to the evening prayer echoing across the lake. These houseboats were frequented by the British in the early 20th century and became popular in the 60's, they are intricately carved and are a unique experience not to be missed!

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Day 14

After a leisurely breakfast on the houseboat, it's time to explore Srinagar with a market tour of the local crafts, cafes and the many shrines or monuments. Don't forget you can't leave Kashmir without some brightly coloured pants or shirt! You will be well taken care of by our local Kashmiri team. After a day in Srinagar you will be able to enjoy final dinner together on the house boat.

Day 15

Following breakfast on the houseboat, the morning is yours to relax on the houseboat or you can take a Shikara to check out the floating flower and vegetable market on the lake. The early morning sight of vendors assembling their boats for the day's sale is worth capturing. You can also get authentic saffron here to remind you of your trip when cooking back home.

One of our friendly local "Wild Snow" transport team will take you to Srinagar airport.

**Daily Ski Run Briefings – Should changes to the itinerary need to be made, we have some alternative adventures that are just as epic those in the itinerary. The decisions will be based on all snow and mountain conditions and information from local ski patrol and our own local guides. Decisions made to change the itinerary due to health and safety are not negotiable and are for the safety of all those on tour.*