

ITINERARY 2023

Powder Clinic 15 Day Tour

EPIC SKI ADVENTURE



SKI INSTRUCTION

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 our friendly local "Wild Snow" transport partner Salman and his team, they will help load your gear. With flights to Srinagar arriving at different times, if you arrive early Salman will drop you off at one of our favourite cafes in Srinagar near one of the main markets (and his office), 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 Kashmiri 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 first Kashmiri breakfast, we be joined by Mushi and Mushtaq who will give us the latest update on the ski conditions 'Ski Run Briefing*'. For the first day (acclimatization day) we will head up Phase 1 of the gondola and do a day of trail and tree skiing and check out the 'herdsmen huts', these are used by local Shepard's to graze stock during the summer (biggest 'powder pillows' I've ever seen).

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 a hearty breakfast, we will have our daily 'Ski Run Briefing*'.

The idea today is for those that wanting to can break out the safety equipment (transceiver/probe/shovel – these can be rented from Wild Snow Gulmarg). We will be joined by Mushi and Mushtaq for some live receiver / transmitter 'hide and seek' on the slopes. For those wanting too, we will head up the chair lift and do some 'in bound' powder skiing. This is a great time to sharpen your skills and have some fun at the same time.

Ski patrol in Gulmarg have an area dedicated to 'avalanche training' where they have buried transceivers.

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SRINAGAR DAY TOUR

100% FUN

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT



GUARANTEED LAUGHS

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Day 4

Today is all about the trees, we will do some 'up skilling' on how to ski the trees safely, while exploring as we make our way through these unforgettable gullies and ridges down and back to the bottom of the gondola. Making it an enjoyable option for all.

Day 5

The Babreshi trees are calling! Today we will be skiing to the tiny village/shine of Babreshi and having lunch at the local stalls (yes, in our ski boots) at the outside tables. Most of the slopes are about 35+ degrees with some of the best tree skiing around, we will put to action the skills learnt. Those wanting to do more 'Babreshi' laps can take advantage of the 'Wild Snow' taxi ski touring service.... We can go all day!

Day 6

Today is all about safe exploring as we make our way through these unforgettable gullies and ridges down and back to the bottom of the gondola. Making it an enjoyable option for all, whether your skiing phase 1 or 2 gondola we will work on a 1/4 ratio of ski guide to client.

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

Day 7

Today's adventure, Drang Valley. We will head to the top phase 2 gondola and use it to gain some height to do a day trip down the Drang Valley. We start by skiing the ridge line where your mind will be blown by the views of the Himalayas. 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 our taxi back to Tangmarg, where we will stop off for a late lunch at Mushi and Mushtaq favourite restaurant (again ski boots are fine).

Those wanting to stay at Gulmarg will be treated local guiding within the resort.

Day 8 -12

On the 'Powder Clinic' you will upskill and learn some new techniques and methods for skiing powder, giving you the X-factor! With 33 named ridges and bowls on this mountain, it's fair to say you're in for an epic powder adventure. Skiing here is all about exploring as you make our way through these unforgettable gullies and ridges down and back to the bottom of the gondola. Making it an enjoyable option for all.

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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!

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, we have arranged a Shikara boat ride around the lake to check out the floating markets, and you can buy some last-minute pashminas or 'fake' saffron. Don't forget you can't leave Kashmir without some brightly coloured pants or shirt!

Salman will pick you up and will take you to Srinagar airport.

**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.*