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Gulmarg – A COMPLETE Travel Guide and Itinerary

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If a person was to make a list of top visited hill stations of our country, then I am sure the name Gulmarg will be among the top ones. Visiting Kashmir in general makes people a bit nervous but Gulmarg in my opinion is one place that does not get affected by this phobia. Such is the beauty of this tiny hamlet that it attracts people from all over the world and throughout the year. Quite rightly termed as the ‘Meadow of Flowers,’ and indeed a heavenly place to tread in, it offers mesmerizing landscapes and an enthralling possibility of various adventure activities. But it is not just the beauty that Gulmarg is all about. It is also a place that in many ways portrays the secular image of our country; away from the politics and religious angles.

How? I will talk about this further in the article along with some other tips on how you can plan your trip here; information on accommodation, mode of transport, things to see and do, weather and the best time to visit. If, after reading the article, you have any other questions; you may ask those in comments towards the bottom of this page.



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Where is Gulmarg?

For a brief introduction, Gulmarg is a hill station located in the state of Jammu & Kashmir in India. The town is situated in the Pir Panjal Range in the western Himalayas at an altitude of 2,650 meters (8,690 ft). The name Gulmarg, literally translated into “meadow of flowers” was awarded by Sultan Yusuf Shah Chak who frequented the place with his wife Habba Khatun in the 16th century. Gulmarg was also a favorite of Mughal Emperor Jahangir who is said to have collected as many flowers for his garden from here.

Also Read: [The Life & Legend of Habba Khatun](#)

During the English rule, Gulmarg served as a retreat for British civil servants looking to escape the scorching summer plains in North India; much like Shimla and Mussoorie. Golf was one of the favorite pastime activity that they indulged in here due to which three golf courses were established in Gulmarg; including one exclusively for women. Of the three, only two of the golf courses still survive and at an altitude of 2,650 meters (8,690 ft), is now the world's highest golf course.

Why to Visit

The first question that comes to mind, and I will begin the article with it, is why visit Gulmarg? What is it that you will find here and nowhere else? After all it is also just another hill station like numerous others in our country. The answer to this is that Gulmarg has a little bit to offer for everyone in every season. Its lush green meadows make it look more like a paradise spot, perfect to bring your family and kids. The cable car ride known as Gulmarg Gondola is the second highest in the world and is an experience in its own. Trekking to Apharwat peak and Alpather Lake is something that adventurers can look forward to.

Come winter, the entire place gets buried deep under snow ; making it a feast for the eyes. It is a great place for those chasing snow and wanting to experience a live snowfall for the first time. It is also one of the most famous ski resorts in India. Road connectivity to Gulmarg is great and from Srinagar, you can get here in a matter of 2 to 3 hours at most. The long hours of driving involved. There are ample amount of hotels here and your cell phones will remain connected too is available at almost all the hotels.

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If you are a bit on the religious side then the shrine of Baba Reshi, Maharani Temple and St. Mary's church of Gulmarg definitely invoke your interest. There are plenty of other places nearby that you can visit in a day's drive if you have more days in hand. In short, Gulmarg is a perfect place for a family vacation as well as a road trip with a bunch of friends.

Is Gulmarg Safe?

Next I will address the elephant in the room, the big question of whether or not it is safe to visit Gulmarg? The one line answer is that yes it is completely safe to visit Gulmarg. It remains populated with tourists throughout the year from all over India. It is rather one of the few places in Kashmir that does not get affected by the regular phobia about visiting the rest of our country. If however, you were looking for a more detailed answer than I have covered it in a different topic. Please read **Is it Safe for Tourists to Visit Kashmir?**

How to Reach Gulmarg?

In order to get to Gulmarg, you will first have to reach Srinagar. For people coming by their own vehicle, you can reach Srinagar city by either the regular Jammu – Srinagar highway; or the Mughal road through Shopian. Once you reach Srinagar, you can then just continue driving towards Gulmarg via Tangmarg; which is a 2 to 3 hours drive covering a distance of about 60 kilometers.

If you were however not traveling by your own vehicle, then Srinagar is well connected to rest of the country by Air, Rail and Bus service. No matter which part of the country you live in, you can easily reach the city by either flying or boarding a train or bus.

How to Reach Gulmarg from Srinagar?

If you were driving a car or riding a bike, then the route to reach Gulmarg would be as below.

Srinagar – Magam – Tangmarg – Gulmarg = 60 Kilometers

From Srinagar to Tangmarg, it is mostly a straight drive on a flat road with little ascent. You will not even feel like d hill station actually. It is after Tangmarg that the actual steep ascent starts and you climb up a winding road till Another god part is that the road is smooth and in good condition for the entire 60 kilometers of journey.

If you arrived at Srinagar by either flight or train, then you can chose either of the following options to visit Gulmarg.

Srinagar to Gulmarg Taxi

The best, easiest and most convenient way would be to rent a private taxi for the trip. Depending on the type c chose, taxi fare from Srinagar to Gulmarg would come out to be between Rs. 2000 to Rs. 2500 including fuel and c can either look for a taxi at the airport itself or book one in advance and have the drive pick you from the airport station. If you wanted to book in advance then talk to Faisal in Srinagar at 9596410670. He is a great guy and will l get you a cab for the lowest possible price.

Srinagar to Gulmarg Shared Taxi

For budget travelers, I would still recommend a private taxi if you were traveling in a group and can share the cost a 6 people. If you were however traveling solo then you can look for a shared cab as well; which in Kashmir is mostl Problem however is that it will not be most easy to find. Your best bet of finding a shared taxi is either from the T stand near Nehru park or the main Srinagar Bus stand. If you do not find a direct cab for Srinagar then look one for Tangmarg. From either of these places, you can then board a cab for Gulmarg.

From Srinagar to Tangmarg, fare per person for shared cab wold be about Rs. 100 per person. From Tangmarg to then, it would cost another Rs. 50 to Rs. 70 per person.

Also Read: [How to Plan a Trip to Yusmarg?](#)

How to reach Gulmarg from Srinagar by bus

Traveling by Bus, you have two choices. During summer season, there is a JKSRTC daily sightseeing Bus availa morning from Tourist Reception Center. My advice however would be to not rely on this service. A better option wo ordinary buses that the locals travel by. Problem however is that this bus is available only till Tangmarg. There is

bus from Srinagar to all the way till Gulmarg; which is actually a bit surprising considering the kind of major tourist Gulmarg is.

So what you will have to do then is to board a bus from Srinagar to Tangmarg. From Tangmarg, wait for a shared for Gulmarg which you will easily find. Apart from the Sumo cabs, there are also mini private buses that ply Tangmarg and Gulmarg.

Srinagar to Gulmarg bus fare in total would cost you about Rs. 200 per person; including the bus fare and shared cab from Tangmarg.

How to reach Gulmarg in Winter

Now all of the above was about reaching Gulmarg in Summer season. In winter however, it is an entirely different story. Gulmarg gets buried under several feet of snow and so does the road leading here. It then becomes impossible for a car to climb up the final stretch from Tangmarg to Gulmarg. During this time, only 4×4 vehicles ply on this route and with snow chains.

In winter, my advice would be that you do not bring your own vehicle. You can then just catch a cab from Srinagar to Tangmarg first and then another 4×4 cab from Tangmarg to Gulmarg. If you brought your own car or motorcycle, it will become a problem about where to leave it parked because you may not be able to get it all the way to Gulmarg.

A 4x4 cab with snow chains from Tangmarg costs about Rs. 700 to Rs. 800.

Nearest Airport to Gulmarg

Srinagar Airport is the nearest airport to Gulmarg. It is located about 60 kilometers from Gulmarg and the journey is completed in 2 to 3 hours. The major airlines operating regular flights to Srinagar are Air India, Jet Airways, Spice Jet and IndiGo.

Also Read: [How to Plan your Journey on Mughal Road?](#)

Nearest Railway Station to Gulmarg

Srinagar railway station is the nearest railway line to Gulmarg. Problem however is that it is not yet fully operational. At the time of writing this article, it will take at least another 18 months to 2 years for a full connection. Now, you can reach till Udhampur by train. From Udhampur, you will then have to board a bus or taxi for Ramnagar. Reaching Ramban, you will then board another train from Ramban to Srinagar. An easier way thus would be to jump on a bus or shared taxi directly from Udhampur to Srinagar.

Weather of Gulmarg

Due to its elevation of 2,690 meters, weather of Gulmarg either remains either cold or pleasant. Summer out here is even in months like June and July, you will still need a blanket to sleep in for the night. Summers in Gulmarg are usually pleasant; though sometime the temperature may go as far as 37 Degrees Celsius at noon. The average temperature ranges between 13°C and 29°C making it ideal retreat to escape the heat of the plains.

Monsoon arrives here in July turning the meadows and valleys of Gulmarg to full lush green. It doesn't rain too heavily though and the average rainfall is very moderate.

Cold starts to settle in towards mid September and temperature drops drastically. After mid December, it can snow anytime but it is usually towards mid January that the snow starts to stick to the ground. For most of January and

the entire town remains buried deep under snow and turns into one of the most famous ski resorts of our country. The temperature in these months ranges between -5 to 10 Degrees Celsius.

For a more detailed version of this information, please read [A Month by Month Breakdown of Weather](#).

Best Time to Visit Gulmarg

I have actually covered this topic in details in another article [When is the Best time to Visit?](#) But for a brief overview, the time to visit Gulmarg will really depend on what is it that you are looking for. Everyone's reason for coming here is not the same. Some people come here looking for snow and to catch their first snowfall; while a lot many others come here to escape the scorching summer. A Photography enthusiast will be looking forward to getting some great shots; while an adventure junkie will be focused on indulging in some snow sports.

Whatever your reason is, Gulmarg is one place that is definitely not going to disappoint you. If snow is what you are looking for, February will be the best time to visit. Spring season starts by late March and the months of April and May are great for those who want to spend time with your family around. Do not forget that it tends to get a bit crowded here during this time. If you are into photography then February, August and September will be best. For someone looking for green valleys all around, August and early September will do.

If you are looking for some solitude and want to get away from the crowd, then August will be suitable for you the best. Avoid being here between April till June.

Clothes for Gulmarg

Like best time to visit, this too will vary. What clothes you should pack for Gulmarg too will depend on what time you are visiting here. For January and February, heavy woolens, gloves, woolen socks, muffler, thermals and a good quality and windproof jacket is must. If you are visiting in March, some light woolens with a heavy jacket will do. From April to June, pack plenty of cottons and a light jacket. The months of September and October will much be like March. For November and December, pack some light woolens and a heavy jacket. Your Gulmarg Clothing for November and December will be the same as for January and February; consisting of thermals, heavy woolens and a windproof warm jacket.

Places to Visit in Gulmarg

Gulmarg in itself is actually a tourist place. This small town tucked in beautiful green meadows is a sight in itself. Everything here is worth seeing. The natural beauty and the calm all around is the biggest tourist attraction of Gulmarg. That being said, there are a few places that can be called as cherry on the top; a few spots that can be termed as tourist spots in Gulmarg. I will list those down below. I am only providing the names of these places below in this article. A detailed explanation about these places is provided at [A complete list of Tourist Attractions](#). I kept it on a separate article otherwise this page would have gone too long and heavy.

What to see in Gulmarg

Natural beauty and tranquility of Gulmarg is its prime attraction. Beautiful lush green meadows all around and peace only broken by occasional whining of horses is what you should be visiting here for. Some other tourist attractions are as mentioned below.

- Gulmarg Gondola
- Alpather Lake
- Apharwat Peak
- Maharani Temple
- Gulmarg Golf Course
- St. Mary's Church
- Maharaja Palace
- Children's Park
- Strawberry Valley
- Baba Reshi
- Khilanmarg
- Ningle Nallah & Ferozpur Nallah

This is just a list of all the places. If you want to know more about these spots and their locations, please read **[A complete guide to Gulmarg](#)** and **[List of Tourist Attractions](#)**.

What to do in Gulmarg

Apart from enjoying the natural beauty of the place and spending some time in peace there are three major activities you can indulge yourself in at Gulmarg. First one is Gondola ride which is the biggest attraction of Gulmarg. Second is trek to Alpather lake from Gondola Phase 2 station is the shortest one. If you are in for more adventure and are planning then you can trek to the lake all the way from Gulmarg itself. There are in fact several other trek routes from Gulmarg if you have had the time.

For more details on Gulmarg Gondola and Alpather Lake, please read **[How to Plan a Gondola ride](#)** and **[How to reach Alpather Lake](#)**.

If you arrived here in winter though, then the skiing is what you should be doing in Gulmarg. Options here are available for experts as well as someone completely new.

Where to stay in Gulmarg

Gulmarg is one of the major tourist attractions of our country. Come winter, this town turns into a major ski resort and during summer vacation in schools, families flock here to enjoy the famous gondola ride. Tourists continue to visit in monsoon to enjoy the greenery of the place. It is in short a year round magnet for tourists. Due to this, hotels are

here in plenty. In fact, you will see more hotels here than houses. There is one called Hotel Affarwat that I can tell you I stayed at this hotel for a couple of days and the service was good. There is another one called Pine View Resort that to be good from a friend.

Also Read: [Hotel Affarwat – A Good Place to Stay](#)

Finding a budget hotel is not really an option in Gulmarg. Overall, no hotel will charge you less than Rs. 2000 – Rs. 3000 per room during off-season. During peak tourist season, these prices go even higher. The only budget hotel is Hotel Tangmarg where you can get a hotel for Rs. 1200 per day but it is located at Tangmarg, about 14 kilometers away from Gulmarg.

Whether or not to book in advance is completely your choice. In off-season you don't have to book. Just arrive at Gulmarg and find a hotel per your liking and negotiate an on the spot deal. In peak tourist season however, in the months of January; February; April till June and then in October, I will recommend that you book your stay.

Bank / ATM in Gulmarg

J&K Bank and Baramulla Cooperative Bank have branches in Gulmarg and provide ATM services as well. Gulmarg is a tourist town so banks here remain open and ATMs functional always.

Hospital in Gulmarg

There is a small hospital in Gulmarg and you can also buy medicines from the local chemist shop. But for anything serious the patient would have to be brought back to Srinagar.

Mobile Network in Gulmarg

Prepaid phones do not work anywhere in the state of J&K, including Gulmarg. So as long as you have a postpaid connection no matter which network you are on, your phone will be working fine here. Data connectivity too will be good. If you have a prepaid connection however, your phone will be as good as a paperweight.

Also Read: [How to Plan a Journey to Aharbal?](#)

What to Buy in Gulmarg

Shopping in Gulmarg is all about buying Kashmiri handicrafts, decorative linens, brass, silverware, Pashmina Shawls and Carved Furniture, stone jewelry, freshly plucked tea leaves and dry fruit. For all of this however, I will recommend that you buy from Srinagar. There are no big shopping markets in Gulmarg and your choice of items is limited; and so will be your ability to negotiate. Pretty much everything in Gulmarg is expensive and you will be overpaying a bit.

What to eat in Gulmarg

Not just Gulmarg but the moment you set foot anywhere in Kashmir, you should eat only Kashmiri dishes. Below some foods that you can try.

Non Vegetarian Dishes

- Mutton Roghan Josh
- Gushtaba (soft meat balls cooked in natural yoghurt, white curry)
- Rishta (Soft Meat Balls in delicious Gravy, Red Curry)
- Tabak maaz (Deep fried ribs of a lamb)
- Kanti (small chunks of meat cooked with a lot of onions)
- Seekh-Tuji – Marinated and freshly barbecued meat pieces eaten with chutney
- Grilled Mutton called Tilli or Tekh
- Marzunga Korma
- Shami Kabab
- Meeth Maaz

Vegetarian Dishes

- Veg Dum Aaloo
- Tamatar Zaman (Paneer)
- Nundur Yakhin (Lotus Stem prepared in Yogurt)
- Haak (Kashmiri Saag)

One thing you got to remember is that Kashmiri people are not too high on Roti / Chapati. Rice is what usually goes here and hence the gravy of all these items is not thick.

Where to eat in Gulmarg

There are plenty of restaurants in Gulmarg that you can eat at. Just walk up to the main market and you will find around. You can also order at your hotel but I found going to the market and eating there a better choice.

Also Read: [How to Plan a Trip to Doodhpathri?](#)

Other Tips

- Gulmarg in general is an expensive place. Finding a hotel here for anywhere under Rs. 2000 per day is going to be impossible.
- Even the food here is expensive. You will be paying Rs. 20 for one single small tawa roti at a very OK type restaurant. Veg, Non-Veg, Rice everything here is expensive so keep that in mind while you plan a trip.

- Guides and Pony owners are a huge nuisance in Gulmarg. You cannot walk here 100 meters without someone you either a pony ride or to be your guide.
- Guides have absolutely nothing to offer. There is no place in Gulmarg that you cannot visit without a guide. charge you only for walking with you and nothing else. You will be just wasting money if you hired one.
- Pony owners are another nuisance. There is horse dung everywhere in the meadows courtesy these guys where you step.
- The kind of nuisance these pony owners and guides create is so much that some time ago, there was even a complaint filed against them for harassing the tourists.

Gulmarg Altitude

Gulmarg is located at an altitude of 2,650 meters, 8,694 ft.

Mechanic

You can get some small fixes done and punctures repaired in Gulmarg but for any major fixes, you will have to tow your vehicle back to Tangmarg and then towards Srinagar.

Petrol Pump

There is no petrol pump in Gulmarg but there are several as you drive 60 kilometers from Srinagar to Gulmarg. The closest is at Tangmarg. Just get a tank-full done at Srinagar and it will easily last the entire trip.

Road Condition

The entire stretch of road from Srinagar to Gulmarg is a smooth drive. It is a double lane road but traffic flows smoothly from Srinagar to Tangmarg is a mix of average and good but from Tangmarg to Gulmarg, it remains in excellent condition.

Gulmarg Itinerary

I will be covering itineraries in later articles suggesting travel plan for covering all of Kashmir; and not just Gulmarg. However, a minimum of 2 days is what I will recommend for sightseeing and enjoying other activities. It takes 2 to 3 hours to reach from Srinagar to Gulmarg. So on Day 1, you can start early from Srinagar and arrive at Gulmarg by 9 to 10 AM. Check into a hotel and spend some time visiting local places like Maharani temple, St. Mary's church, Ganderbal Maharaja Palace etc. On Day 2, take a Gondola ride to the top of Apharwat peak. Trek to Alpather lake there and arrive in Gulmarg; this will take an entire day. On Day 3, you can travel back to Srinagar.

Conclusion

I think that pretty much covers all there is to know about visiting Gulmarg. I hope the information posted was of help. If you have any other questions, please feel free to ask in the comments section below; or at [Community Forum](#); and I will try to answer.



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Not much to write about me really except for that I love to travel around whenever I can and to write about it. This blog is just a small attempt to share my travel experiences with the world. Hope you like it.

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MIRZA SHAHANSHAH BAIG

🕒 March 31, 2021 - 6:59 am

Assalamu alaikum Vargis Bhai

Thanks a lot for sharing all the information, i want to ask you a question that i am planning a trip to kashmir at the end of May month with my wife. So, to explore Gulmarg from srinagar on a bike will be a good choice. Please reply

MOU

🕒 February 9, 2021 - 9:12 am

hi can we see any snow in gulmarg in the month of april

PRAKASH KUMAR

🕒 January 18, 2021 - 11:05 am

मैं अपने परिवार के साथ 13 मार्च को गुलमर्ग आ रहा हूँ
क्या गुलमर्ग में 13 मार्च तक बर्फ देखी जा सकती है

ABHINAV

🕒 January 11, 2021 - 6:59 pm

Hi Vargis,

Can you please help me out. I have a constraint to stay in stay/hotel which can provide reliable internet to do work remotely. Can you please recommend stays in Srinagar and Gulmarg for the same. I am looking for decent stays (but not the expensive end)

KARAN

🕒 December 21, 2020 - 11:10 am

Hello Vargis,

we are planning to visit Gulmarg in this week only please suggest the weather there and what about snow

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 December 21, 2020 - 8:05 pm

The weather is cold and yes, it has snowed already in Gulmarg.

HAMZA

🕒 January 7, 2021 - 9:22 pm

Hey,

Great work and very informative details you have given that is a very important thing for people like me who are planning to visit gulmarg .. Sir i have planned my trip to gulmarg i will drive by my car from Srinagar .. and from here i will take taxi and i will stay in gulmarg for two nights

But sir i have a huge problem .. WHERE AND HOW i can park my own vehicle .. ??

Please sir koi solution bataye mujhe car se hi aana hai .. kya tanmarg tak apni vehicle se aa sakte hain ?

Agar aa sakte hai to Tanmarg me kaha park kar sakte hai apna vehicle for two nights ..
Agar Tanmarg tak nahi aa sakte to Shrinagar me two nights ke liye apna vehicle kaha park kar
..
Please sir help us

ASHISH

🕒 December 9, 2020 - 7:08 pm

Thank you for the details. Very detailed travel guide.

NIKHIL

🕒 December 9, 2020 - 6:45 pm

Thank you for a great article on visiting Gulmarg. Everything is explained so very well.

RAMESH

🕒 December 4, 2020 - 10:01 am

Hi Vargis,
Is Gondola operational on all days ?
Can we go till 2nd phase in mid Jan or early Feb ?

ABHILASH PRADHAN

🕒 November 25, 2020 - 8:02 pm

Hello, is the below a good itinerary for kashmir in feb
Gulmarg 3nights
Pahalgam 2 nights
Srinagar 1 night

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 November 28, 2020 - 6:50 am

3 nights in Gulmarg is a bit much, to be honest. 2 nights should do.

PRIYANKA YADAV

🕒 November 25, 2020 - 10:39 am

Hello Mr. Khan,

Thanku soo much for such a nice information. I have one question, I am planning to visit in December 2020, is there will be snowfall and ski activities in the valley. And also is there any covid restrictions .

Thanks and Regards,

Priyanka

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 November 28, 2020 - 6:51 am

Hello Ms. Yadav – It depends on the weather really but it starts to snow in Gulmarg in Decemb

SURENDER SINGH

🕒 November 17, 2020 - 6:47 pm

Hello mr khan

I want to know that it is possible to travel with own vehicle till sringar . I mean snow on the road , vehicl most important it is safe in 3rd jan2020 to 6jan 2020

Plz suggest

SUMAN CHAKRABORTY

🕒 August 29, 2020 - 1:15 am

Dear Vargis,

Thanks for this great arrival. I just want to know that can I visit Srinagar and Gulmarg in my own car? Is restriction? I heard that own vehicles are not allowed in Gulmarg for sight seeing. Is that true? Please ar
Thanks and regards.

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 August 29, 2020 - 1:59 am

Hello Suman – Tourists are allowed in both Srinagar and Gulmarg currently but you will have your COVID test result. You can travel by your own car as well.

SHARMISTHA CHATTERJEE

🕒 July 22, 2020 - 3:48 am

Sir, I have booked flight tickets for Kashmir long ago. My plan was to visit Kashmir on and from 17th Oct 2020 to 24th October, 2020. Will it be possible to visit in this pandemic situation? Will it be safe there?

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 July 22, 2020 - 10:04 pm

No lone can tell that right now Sharmistha. It all depends on how the situation will unfold in C

RAKESH

🕒 November 3, 2020 - 10:27 am

We are planning to visit for New Year's Eve. We have been to Srinagar in winter a few times, but to Gulmarg. How are things there now? I have been told that hotels have started reopening. Any suggestions from you, considering the pandemic?

ASHISH YADAV

🕒 April 19, 2020 - 4:34 pm

Varis.... a great description of a great place in such simple words.... commendable job
I have a question that whether it would be suitable and safe to travel in own car in the month of February (20th feb) up to Gulmarg.

ABARNASRI

🕒 April 5, 2020 - 7:42 pm

Mr.Khan your article will definitely help whoever's planning on a trip to this place. I haven't come across detailed tour guide like this. Keep writing about the places you explore! Thanks for sharing.

NASRIN

🕒 January 28, 2020 - 11:06 am

Hi, Can we see snow in Gulmarg by Dec last week? Please suggest. Is it safe to travel Gulmarg by end of winter with 2.5 year old kid?

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 January 28, 2020 - 6:24 pm

It is OK to go but snow depends entirely on the weather. Hard to predict right now.

KARISHMA BHADVIA

🕒 January 26, 2020 - 6:34 am

Great Article !! We are planing to visiting Gulamrg in upcoming March from 6th to 10th March. Should we wear woolen clothes or summer clothes. Also will we get a chance to see snow ?

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 January 26, 2020 - 3:17 pm

Pack all your woolen clothes please and yes, you will find snow.

RAHUL SINGRODIA

🕒 February 19, 2020 - 11:11 am

Is there any pre-paid taxi counter on the airport? We are a couple and want to avoid hassles, So we prefer booking the cab from airport right upto Khyber

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 February 19, 2020 - 3:29 pm

Yes, there is a taxi counter right outside.

ASHOK ROY CHOUDHURY

🕒 December 9, 2020 - 8:11 am

Dear Mr. Vargas,

An excellent trAveley article loaded with info. Considering Covid situation please elaborate on restrictions and other mandatory documentation to come visiting Kashmir now.

RASHAD

🕒 December 29, 2019 - 11:30 am

I visited Srinagar and gulmarg last week .tbh I love the place but not the people,when it comes to dealing with tourists never seen such irritating and cheating people.for example you have explained the nuisance of guides there in gulmarg it's 100 percent true .this time me and my friend were only tourists in whole Kashmir (at least we felt,mainly due to internet shutdown)by the time we got down at gulmarg from taxi a dozen of them started irritating and following all the time

SHAMEEM A

🕒 October 30, 2019 - 5:29 am

wow... things are well described...this blog contains a lot of information. nice way of working anyway..

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 October 30, 2019 - 10:05 pm

Thanks Shameem

VINOD SHARMA

🕒 July 29, 2019 - 5:15 am

Dear you are such a nice person, and you had a great knowledge about kashmir, and you had shared your experience for the convenience of the tourist, great job but correct one thing in your post that Train service Srinagar is from Banihal not from Ramban, so plz make correction dear

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 July 29, 2019 - 1:34 pm

Thank you for adding the details Vinod Bhai. I will make the required corrections.

ANON

🕒 July 21, 2019 - 5:15 am

Hi, will Gulmarg snow from December 3rd-10th this year? Since it's in Kashmir are terrorist attacks on international (yet indian-origin) tourists possible?

SHAMINI

🕒 July 15, 2019 - 7:19 am

Hi Vargis,

I am planning Gulmarg on 1st week Sept 2019. Can I see any snow on phase 2?

SUNIL JAIN

🕒 June 4, 2019 - 2:40 pm

Dear Mr Khan

One of the best articles even seen with honest views by the writer.

We intend to plan a visit on last week of June, 2019. How will be the weather? is it advisable to come in
What are the activities for kids? What is strawberry valley..

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 June 4, 2019 - 7:39 pm

Thank you Mr. Jain. June is a good time to go with pleasant weather. Gondola ride can be a fun for kids. Strawberry valley is nothing but a small corner of the town where they grow strawberry harvest season. Otherwise it is just a piece of land.

AMAR SAXENA

🕒 June 1, 2019 - 9:29 am

Mr. Khan I just want to know what is average cost of spending 4 nights and 5 days in Gulmarg by a couple food, hotel, sightseeing and transportation cost.

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 June 1, 2019 - 8:23 pm

Mr. Saxena – Everything in Gulmarg is costly. It will come out to be around Rs. 4000 – Rs. 5000 in Gulmarg for 2 people including all costs.

TANMOY BHATTACHARJEE

🕒 November 18, 2018 - 6:51 pm

I am planning Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg and Srinagar trip from 15th to 22nd Feb 2019. We will be traveling with our 2yr kid. Could you please suggest something, regarding weather, things we need to follow, all destinations will be open, is there will be any oxygen issue. It will be really helpful if you can help me to make a plan.

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 November 18, 2018 - 7:16 pm

It has already snowed in Gulmarg and temperature last week was at -5. So you must pack accordingly. Sonamarg will be closed so you cannot go there. Hard to predict about Gulmarg whether or not it will be open, depends on the weather and the amount of snow. Pahalgam will remain open though.

GUNJAN GROVER

🕒 November 15, 2018 - 5:05 pm

Hi

Great article! !

Wanted to check how will be Gulmarg in 2nd week of December and how is the road from Srinagar to G
it hilly throughout?

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 November 15, 2018 - 10:30 pm

Thank you 😊 . It has already started to snow there last week so it is going to be very cold. Sri
Tangmarg is mostly a flat road. Only the last 15 kilometers is a steep climb.

GUNJAN GROVER

🕒 November 16, 2018 - 6:13 pm

Great

Thanks

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 November 16, 2018 - 11:15 pm

you are welcome

JAY THAKER

🕒 November 10, 2018 - 5:32 pm

Vargis, I have seen many articles about places around the world, written by experts and travelers alike -
article is one of the best I've read ever. It's so detailed, yet simple and so descriptive yet clear. I am happy
stumbled upon this gem. Thanks for taking the effort to put this down so well.

After all this info, I feel totally prepared for mybuocmomy trip to Gulmarg in a couple of weeks! 😊

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 November 10, 2018 - 10:30 pm

Thanks Jay. I am glad that the information posted was of help and appreciate you taking the t
drop a note. It has already snowed in Gulmarg. Last week the final stretch of 15 kilometers be
Tangmarg to Gulmarg shut down and electricity gone for 3-4 days. So please pack and prepar
accordingly.

VARGIS.KHAN

🕒 November 10, 2018 - 10:31 pm

And also, do let me know how your trip went after you return.

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