

11 Nights / 10 Days Complete Apharwat Freeride

Ten riding days is enough to leave nothing of Mount Apharwat unridden. Every aspect of the mountain, skied in fair conditions under a professional freeride guide — and long enough that you start reading the snowpack yourself rather than being told about it.

11 nights

HALF-BOARD HOTEL

10 ride days

PROFESSIONAL FREERIDE
GUIDE

4,000 m

PHASE 2 · MOUNT APHARWAT 2,500+ SKIERS GUIDED

Since 2006

10 days Nothing left of Apharwat

Shorter trips ride whatever the week gives you. Ten days lets the guide wait for the right window for each aspect — bowls, ridge lines, north faces, gullies and the long descents — so the whole mountain gets covered in fair condition rather than forced.

Snowpack Learn to read it, in real time

Ten mornings of the same decisions, explained as they are made. You dig with your guide, watch the layers, and by the end of the trip you are calling the aspect and the timing before you are told.

What's included

Everything below is part of the package — no separate charges once you arrive.

- ✓ **Airport pick-up & drop**
Private transfer, Srinagar airport to Gulmarg and back
- ✓ **11 nights hotel stay**
3-star or 4-star, your choice
- ✓ **Breakfast and dinner daily**
Half board throughout the stay
- ✓ **Complete powder ski equipment**
Powder skis or board, boots and poles — 10 days
- ✓ **All safety gear**
Helmet, goggles and gloves — 10 days
- ✓ **Avalanche safety kit**
Transceiver, shovel and probe, with rescue drills
- ✓ **Professional freeride guide**
With you for all 10 riding days
- ✓ **Phase 2 and chairlift ski passes**
Full duration of the trip
- ✓ **Daily snowpack sessions**
On-the-hill teaching, not a certified course

How the ten days work

Terrain is chosen each morning from the snowpack, the wind and the light — the shape below is how a good trip usually runs, not a fixed schedule.

ARRIVAL	Transfer & gear check	Picked up at Srinagar airport and driven to Gulmarg. Check in, then a full gear and equipment check so day one starts on snow.
DAY 1	Safety drill & assessment	Transceiver, shovel and probe with companion rescue practice, then easier off-piste so your guide can see how you ride before committing to bigger terrain.

DAYS 2–4	The main lines	Phase 2 and the open bowls while you build rhythm and altitude — the descents Gulmarg is known for, ridden first because everything later builds on them.
DAYS 5–7	Across the aspects	Ridge lines, high traverses, north-facing terrain and the gullies, each taken on the day its aspect and the snowpack line up rather than in a set order.
DAYS 8–9	The bigger objectives	By now your guide knows exactly how you ride. The largest and most committing descents of the trip go here, weather permitting.
DAY 10	The best of the trip	The last day goes to whatever has been riding best, or back to the line you most want to do properly.
DEPARTURE	Drop to airport	Breakfast, then your transfer back to Srinagar airport in time for your flight.

Ten days is what buys the whole mountain. Aspects come into condition at different times, and a week can lose three days to wind or flat light. With ten, the guide can hold an objective back until it is genuinely in condition — which is the difference between riding all of Apharwat and riding the part of it that happened to be open.

Reading the snowpack, day by day

Every morning your guide makes the same set of calls. On this trip they are made out loud, with you holding the shovel — informal, on-the-hill teaching rather than a certified avalanche course.

DIGGING & LAYERS

Snow profiles, identifying weak layers, hand shear and compression tests, and what each result actually means for the day.

WIND, ASPECT, ELEVATION

How loading, sun and temperature change a slope, why one aspect goes and its neighbour does not, and how that shifts through the trip.

ROUTE & RESCUE

Terrain traps and safe zones, one-at-a-time protocol, turnaround calls, and transceiver, probe and shovel work practised properly.

The whole mountain

PHASE 2

The bowls

Open, sustained descents from around 4,000 m on the shoulder of Apharwat — the terrain most people come to Gulmarg for, and the backbone of the trip.

HIGH

Ridge lines & traverses

Longer approaches along the ridge for lines that need a stable window and a guide who knows where they start and end.

CHAIRLIFT

Mid-mountain & gullies

Quick laps around 3,500 m, and the tighter gully terrain — also the reliable option when Phase 2 shuts for wind or avalanche control.

TREES

Lower faces & tree runs

Where the day goes when visibility drops — sheltered, definition underfoot, and often the best snow of the whole trip.

Who this package is for

Right for you if

- You ride ungroomed terrain confidently and can handle a fall
- You have off-piste experience and want a full mountain, not a sampler
- You are fit enough to ride ten days at altitude with a pack
- You want to understand the decisions, not just follow the guide

Not this package if

- You are learning to ski or still working on linked turns
- You want a fixed, published day-by-day itinerary
- You are looking for a certified avalanche qualification
- You would rather stay on groomed piste — our ski packages suit you better

Before you book

Not included

- International and domestic airfare, and Indian visa
- Travel, off-piste and rescue insurance — mandatory, see opposite
- Lunches, drinks and personal expenses
- Heli-skiing, cat-skiing and any add-on activity
- Airbag canister hire, tips, and costs from closures beyond our control

Good to know

- **Insurance is mandatory** and must cover off-piste skiing and ski touring, including helicopter search, rescue and medical evacuation
- Satellite communicators such as Garmin inReach are prohibited in India — leave yours at home
- Bring your airbag pack but not the gas canister; cartridges are refused on the Delhi–Srinagar sector, and we arrange one in Gulmarg
- Radios are provided; you do not need your own
- If road or gondola closures stop a booked riding day, we reschedule it or refund it

Check your dates

Tell us when you're coming, how many of you there are and what you have ridden before — we'll come back with availability and a written quote. There is nothing to pay to ask.

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