



PRIME PACKAGE · ADVANCED & EXPERT

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15 Nights / 14 Days The Gulmarg Expedition

Fourteen days of backcountry with a professional guide — Apharwat's peaks and committing lines, fresh terrain reached on skins, and the full village descents to Drung and Babareshi. Our longest and most serious package, built for riders who already have the mileage.

15 nights

HALF-BOARD HOTEL

14 ski days

PROFESSIONAL
BACKCOUNTRY GUIDE

2 villages

DRUNG & BABARESHI
DESCENTS

4,000 m

PHASE 2 · MOUNT APHARWAT

Peaks

The lines shorter trips never get

Summits, steep faces, gullies and sustained committing descents — the terrain that needs a settled snowpack, a full day and a guide who has ridden it before. Fourteen days means waiting for the right window instead of taking what is left.

Villages

Drung and Babareshi, top to bottom

Two full descents that leave the resort behind and finish in the valley villages, with a vehicle dropped at the start and waiting at the bottom. Long, remote and among the most memorable days on this mountain.

What's included

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

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| ✓ Airport pick-up & drop
Private transfer, Srinagar airport to Gulmarg and back | ✓ 15 nights hotel stay
3-star or 4-star, your choice | ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily
Half board throughout the stay |
| ✓ Full touring setup
Touring skis, bindings and skins, set up and fitted | ✓ Complete powder ski equipment
Powder skis or board, boots and poles — 14 days | ✓ All safety gear
Helmet, goggles and gloves — 14 days |
| ✓ Avalanche safety kit
Transceiver, shovel and probe, with full training | ✓ Professional backcountry guide
With you for all 14 days on the hill | ✓ Phase 2 and chairlift ski passes
Full duration of the trip |
| ✓ Drung & Babareshi transport
Dropped at the start, collected at the bottom | ✓ Daily mountain shuttle
Hotel to the mountain and back, every day | ✓ Snow science & rescue programme
On-the-hill teaching, not a certified course |

What fourteen days puts within reach

Objectives are taken when the snowpack, the wind and the light allow, not on a schedule. Over fourteen days almost all of the following come into condition at some point.

PEAKS & SUMMITS

High points reached on skins and ridden from the top, on the settled days when the pack supports it.

STEEP FACES & GULLIES

Sustained pitch and tighter, more committing terrain where the line matters as much as the turn.

FRESH LINES

Untracked aspects reached away from the lift system — the main reason the touring setup is included.

VILLAGE DESCENTS

Drung and Babareshi in full, top to valley floor, with road transport at both ends.

APHARWAT BOWLS & RIDGES

The classic Gulmarg descents from around 4,000 m, ridden early to build rhythm and altitude.

TREE SKIING

Sheltered lower faces on the flat-light days — frequently the best snow of the whole trip.

How the fourteen days work

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

ARRIVAL	Transfer & touring setup	Picked up at Srinagar airport and driven to Gulmarg. Check in, then your touring skis, bindings and skins set up and fitted so day one starts on snow.
DAY 1	Beacon, rescue & assessment	Full transceiver and companion rescue drilled to time, skinning and kick turns, then off-piste terrain so your guide can see exactly how you ride before anything committing.
DAYS 2–4	Apharwat: bowls & ridges	Phase 2 and the open descents while you build rhythm and acclimatise — the foundation everything later in the trip is built on.
DAYS 5–7	Steeper ground	Faces, gullies and the more committing lines, each taken on the day its aspect and the snowpack line up rather than in a set order.
DAY 8	Drung village ski tour	A full point-to-point descent finishing at Drung, dropped at the start and collected at the bottom — a long day, and worth every part of it.
DAY 9	Babareshi village ski tour	The second village descent, a different aspect and a different character, again with road transport at both ends.
DAYS 10–12	Fresh lines on skins	Touring well away from the lift system for untracked terrain, with the skin track, pacing and regroup points explained as they are chosen.
DAYS 13–14	Peaks & the line of the trip	The largest objectives go last, when you are fit, acclimatised and your guide knows precisely what you can hold. Weather permitting, this is the summit and the descent you came for.
DEPARTURE	Drop to airport	Breakfast, then your transfer back to Srinagar airport in time for your flight.

Fourteen days is what makes the hard days possible. The biggest objectives need a settled snowpack, clear light and a rider who is already fit and acclimatised — a one-week trip rarely gets all three at once. Gulmarg is real avalanche terrain with no patrol beyond the resort boundary, and the objective, the line and the turnaround remain the guide's call. If a day does not add up, you ski smaller terrain.

Who this package is for

Right for you if

- You are an advanced, expert or professional rider with real off-piste mileage
- You are confident on steep, committing terrain in variable snow
- You are fit enough to skin and ski fourteen days at altitude with a pack
- You are looking for objectives, not a resort holiday with some powder in it

Not this package if

- You are learning, or still building confidence off-piste
- You want lift-served riding only — our freeride packages suit you better
- You want a fixed, published day-by-day itinerary
- You cannot commit to a guide's turnaround call without argument

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
- We will ask about your off-piste and touring background before confirming — this package has a genuine entry level
- 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. If road or gondola closures stop a booked 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 and toured before — we'll come back with availability and a written quote. There is nothing to pay to ask.

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