



Gulmarg Heliski Pir Panjal Powder Week Details 2010

Thank you for your interest in our Gulmarg Heliski Pir Panjal Powder Week package. This brochure outlines prices, schedule, booking and payment information to secure your Gulmarg Heliski powder experience.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to email me:
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Prices and schedule

The following package dates and prices are effective as of 31 July 2009, for the 2010 heliskiing season. All prices are quoted in Euros and are subject to change without notice. Prices are per person per week and are based upon twin or double occupancy with private bathroom including all meals. Single rooms are available upon request.

Pir Panjal Powder Week (limited to 20 guests per week, early booking is essential)

Week 1	Sunday 10 Jan - Sat 16 Jan	Euro 6,350 per person per week
Week 2	Sunday 17 Jan - Sat 23 Jan	Euro 7,000 per person per week
Week 3	Sunday 24 Jan - Sat 30 Jan	Euro 7,000 per person per week
Week 4	Sunday 31 Jan - Sat 06 Feb	Euro 7,000 per person per week
Week 5	Sunday 07 Feb - Sat 13 Feb	Euro 7,000 per person per week
Week 6	Sunday 14 Feb - Sat 20 Feb	Euro 6,350 per person per week

Super early bird discount: book and pay for your Pir Panjal Powder Week before 10 October 2009 and receive 5% discount. Early bird discount: Book before 10 November and receive 2.5% discount.

Included in this package:

- 35,000 vertical meters of skiing per week (guaranteed 20,000 meters)
- Six days heliskiing with international guide service
- AS 350 B3 Squirrel helicopter
- Use of K2 Pontoon powder skis and ski poles
- Seven nights lodging at Gulmarg Ski Village on twin share or double basis with private bathroom including all meals
- Two extra nights lodging at Gulmarg Ski Village on twin share or double basis including all meals (for guests who wish to arrive two days before their heliski week begins)

- Gulmarg gondola lift pass with Kashmir Gulmarg Powder Guide (on days the helicopter cannot fly due to weather, or after you have reached 35,000 vertical meters, or for guests who wish to arrive two days before their heliski week begins)
- Cat Skiing in the forest trees below Gulmarg Ski Village with Kashmir Gulmarg Powder Guide (on days the helicopter cannot fly due to weather, or after you have reached 35,000 vertical meters, or for guests who wish to arrive two days before their heliski week begins)
- Srinagar Airport ground transfer to Gulmarg Ski Village via private taxi and return.

Not included in this package:

- International airfare to Delhi and domestic airfare to Srinagar
- Meals and accommodation at Delhi and Srinagar
- Visa fees
- Excess baggage charges
- Indian government taxes
- Jammu and Kashmir state taxes
- Taxis
- Single rooms
- Alcoholic beverages
- Room services
- Departure taxes and gratuities
- Extra vertical meters
- Rescue flights are billed separately

Itinerary

We recommend guests should organize their international flights so they arrive at Srinagar (Capital of Kashmir) at least two days before their scheduled heliski week begins to allow for possible airline delay due to fog at Delhi Airport or snow at Srinagar Airport. Airport delays are highly likely during January. Arrival two extra days before your heliski week also allows time for a few ski descents on the Gulmarg gondola, so as to acclimatize to the altitude, which is 2699m at Gulmarg Ski Village; 3099m at the gondola mid-station restaurant; and 3979m at the top of the worlds highest gondola. Gulmarg Heliski mountain top landing is generally about 4,000m.

For those heliskiers on a tight schedule, who do not wish to arrive a few days early so as to allow for airport weather delays and altitude acclimatization, please note that we do not refund due to late arrival caused by airline/weather/travel delays.

We highly recommend guests follow this proposed travel schedule:

- ***Tuesday or Wednesday***

Leave your home country and fly to Delhi so that you can arrive in time to take the Thursday morning flight from Delhi to Srinagar. This may involve staying Wednesday night in Delhi, or it may involve an early Thursday morning arrival (2.00am from Europe), and a brief hotel sleep, until the mid morning/midday Thursday flight from Delhi to Srinagar. There are four airlines that fly daily from Delhi to Srinagar, all about mid morning/midday. They all return to Delhi immediately about midday or 2.00pm, because they do not leave aircraft in the Valley of Kashmir at 1664m altitude with possible snow & ice problems. Delhi to Srinagar is a very scenic 1.5 hour flight along the Himalayan mountain ranges. These airlines all have two flights daily, some fly via Jammu which increases the total flight time to 2 hours 20 minutes.

www.jetairways.com

www.flykingfisher.com

www.airindia.com

www.spicejet.com

Srinagar Airport has recently been upgraded and may allow some international flights to begin service, such as United Arab Emirates Airline from Dubai. The highway from Srinagar to Gulmarg Ski Village is currently undergoing an extensive upgrade to four sealed lanes. Expect this road work to continue for a few more years.

- ***Thursday (or Friday or Saturday, if weather delays)***

Your flight arrives at Srinagar Airport. Meet and greet Gulmarg Heliski rep with Kashmir taxi driver. Taxi 45 kms to Gulmarg (allow 2 hours). Please have warm clothing accessible as some taxis have no heating. Chains may be required from Tangmarg Village, in the valley below Gulmarg, for the last 13 km drive up through the forest to Gulmarg. The road

is tar sealed with stone retaining walls and many switch-backs. Gulmarg has a snow-blower and snow-grader to keep this road clear of snow.

Check into your hotel. Guests may ski on the worlds' highest gondola at 3979m to acclimatize, or take a smaller ski run to the mid-station restaurant at 3099m, for a gentle ski run down through the forest trees back to your hotel. A guide is recommended.

- ***Saturday evening***

Heliski safety briefing and meet your Gulmarg Heliski guide.

- ***Sunday - Friday***

Meet with your guide at "Gulmarg Heliski Base" for morning briefing. Heliski every fine weather day for six days. After you have skied the 35,000 vertical meters included in your week, you may purchase more or you may wish to ski off-piste from the Gulmarg gondola with Billa's Gulmarg Powder Guides. This may include the option of Cat Skiing with your Kashmir guide through the forest trees descending to the valley floor - to Drang, Tangmarg or Babareshi Villages - where we usually have lunch and a hot drink, and then catch a taxi ride back up the road to Gulmarg. This is called Cat Skiing because of the presence of the Himalayan Snow Leopard...you might even see one! Another option is a day-trip, or overnight ski touring trip, into the back-country with Gulmarg Powder Guides, using our helicopter drop-off and taxi return, or sleeping overnight in one of our 3,000m Kashmir Shepherd huts.

- ***Saturday***

Depart Gulmarg after breakfast & taxi 45 kms to Srinagar Airport. Catch the midday/2.30pm approx flight to Delhi. Connect with your international flight or overnight at Delhi for your next morning flight home.

Whether you wish to stay at Gulmarg Ski Village for 1 - 2 - 3 or more weeks, **please note** that Saturday is the "change-over day" so for guests staying more than one week this is a potential heliski day. Guests should organize their flights to depart Srinagar on a Saturday, unless you are staying on at Gulmarg for a longer period, or if you wish to stay on a houseboat at Dal Lake, Srinagar.

We are happy to help you with advice on planning your trip to Kashmir!

For guests who wish to stay with our Pir Panjal group, but are not heliskiing

Euro 2,000 per person per week based upon twin or double occupancy with private bathroom, including all meals. Single rooms are available upon request.

Guests who are not heliskiing can enjoy all the attractions of the Himalayan winter and beautiful mountain views, snow, sun and forest landscape without compromising your comfort. Guests can venture out for walks with our local guides, through beautifully preserved villages, against the backdrop of the worlds most magnificent mountain range. Weekly packages include transfers from Srinagar Airport to Gulmarg Ski Village and back, quality hotel accommodation, fine foods, and the services of local guides with all local transport.

Cross country skiing or beginner ski lessons are available including rental equipment with instructor or guide.

Gulmarg Heliski 2010 - Pir Panjal Powder Week - Extra Vertical Meters

Subject to change:

1,000 vertical meters - Euro 100 per person in group of four.

You are free to stop or to continue heliskiing when you have reached the vertical meters limit included in your package. The day before, your guide will ask if you want to stop or continue skiing and pay for any additional vertical meters. If necessary, the groups will be reformed to accommodate the participants who have chosen to continue heliskiing. For each day on which the helicopter operates additional vertical meters, we will charge a minimum of 3,000 vertical meters per person.

Calculation of the vertical meters

When your entire group stops heliskiing for the day, the vertical meters performed are taken into account. The daily vertical meters are also added to the persons who stopped skiing during the day. The total vertical meters of the group is taken into account for each Pir Panjal Powder Week. If, at the end of the week your group does not reach the 20,000 vertical meters guaranteed, then the refund will be made according to the vertical meters that the other groups will have skied.

Extra charge for single room

Euro 300 for seven nights at Gulmarg Ski Village, whether by guests choice or if no rooming partner can be found.

Delhi Hotels

We arrange bookings at a pre designated five-star hotel in New Delhi to accommodate our guests before and after their ski trip. Please inform us on booking if you would like to avail of this service. Guests wishing to book other hotels in Delhi are asked to do so directly with the hotel. Please be warned that hotel space in Delhi can be very tight during January and February, therefore you should book well in advance.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

For your own protection travel cancellation and repatriation insurance as well as personal accident or medical emergency insurance is compulsory. Proof of your insurance is required with your Gulmarg Heliski booking. This may be available from your travel agent when you make your international travel arrangements. If you cancel your trip earlier than twelve weeks before your departure date, we will refund your payments made minus your non-refundable booking deposit. After the twelve week deadline no refunds will be made. If, due to circumstances beyond our control, Gulmarg Heliski is forced to cancel your trip, we will give you a full credit in one of the following three years. Refunds are given only for the inability to fly due to poor weather or mechanical breakdown where the guaranteed minimum vertical meters per week is not achieved. Refunds are given at a rate of Euro 90 per 1,000 vertical meters not skied below the guarantee.

No refund will be made for days not used due to late arrival, tiredness, lack of fitness or ability, equipment failure, injury, or in case you decide to stop skiing during the day and you do not reach the vertical meters included in the package at the end of the day.

All decisions to fly and ski are based upon current or predicted weather, together with snow and avalanche hazard conditions. Gulmarg Heliski reserve the right for our guides to restrict or deny skiing at any time and for any reason whatsoever. As a guest you recognize, accept, and agree to abide by all decisions made by our guides. This policy is designed for your own safety and skiing enjoyment.

Booking

- To reserve your 2010 - Pir Panjal Powder Week - please email martin@gulmargheliski.com
- To confirm your booking, a deposit sum of Euro 2,000 should be paid within 2 weeks of your initial booking request.
- The balance of the package price is due 12 weeks prior to your departure date.
- Payments are due through bank transfer in Euros.
- Group booking discounts on request.
- UIAGM guides with clients, booking discounts on request.