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**Winter Iconic Destination
GULMARG**

*Barfeeli pahadoon main
Jeel main aabsharun main
Bagun main phoolun main
Khizan aur baharoon main
Humne Kashmir dekha hai
Sar sabz aur shadab
Lehlahati mehakti
Konplun main hum ne Kashmir dekha hai*

Kalia valakam paryavalia

“GULMARG” (Meadow of Flowers) is not just a place but an emotion that every person wants to experience. If a person was to make a list of top visited hill stations of our Country, then i am sure the name Gulmarg will definitely be among the top ones.

The name Gulmarg ,literally translating into “Meadow of Flowers” was awarded by Sultan Yousuf Shah Chak who frequented the place with his wife Habba Khatoon in the 16th Century. Before proceeding to Gulmarg, the important stop or rest point is the Tangmarg Town. The Tangmarg town is nearly 11 kms before the Gulmarg. The town central to more than 100 villages in the vicinity and mostly all the provisions are available there. All the climatic and transport facility evaluation is done at the Tangmarg spot. During the harsh winter, the entire place gets buried deep under snow. The route from Tangmarg to Gulmarg becomes very much slippery and it very much difficult for every common vehicle to move towards the Gulmarg hills. Only some powerful vehicles with proper modification like chaining of tiers are allowed to move towards the hills. One can also park their vehicle at Tangmarg spot and boond the local available vehicles which are highly modified as per the needs of slippery hills. It is worth to mention that the route mostly is risky without the help of toyrisms authority one cannot move towards the gulmarg hill.

The small town called gulmarg is located in pirpanjal mountain ranges at altitude of 8690 feet. It is located at a distance of 31 km from Baramulla and 49 km from Srinagar.

For all the enchantress, this piece is a paradise, one must plan an extensive program of the Himalayan beauty. There are times when Kashmir flourishes with maple in the fall, green pasture in the summer but winter in Kashmir is really special. In fact winter in Kashmir is challenging, thrives in a dreamy surrounding. The entire valley is covered with a blanket of snow. Stunning escapades loom largely bejewelled with imposing mountain peaks in the backdrop, and partially frozen pine trees cut the picture of a mesmerizing sight around.

Snowfall in Kashmir has always been a sight to behold. If you're hoping to catch snowfall, visit Gulmarg in winter.

Snowfall in gulmarg is something that absolutely should not be missed. It offers a breathtaking stunning view of Nanga Parbat, located in Gilgit Pakistan.

Worlds largest Igloo café:

in gulmarg, kashmir attracts tourists most. The café, Named "Snowglu" and set up by the Kolahoi Green Group of Hotels and resorts, has become an internet sensation, with hundred of people visiting it during day while taking selfies and sipping hot Kashmiri Kehwa, Kolahoi Green Group managing director claims that igloo has the height of 37.5 feet and a diameter of 44.5 feet. Snowglu is the world's largest igloo café. This world's largest igloo café and can accommodate 40 persons with 10 snow carved tables at one time. with temperature below 10c

The igloo café has 2 floors the ground floor is for taking selfies and top floor serves as a café with chairs and tables carved out of frozen blocks covered with sheepskin rugs.

Famous bollywood movies have been pictured here at gulmarg like Roti, Jungle, Kashmir ki Kali, Jab Jab Phool Khilyee, Aap ki kasam and many more.

Gulmarg is an absolute delight for nature lovers called the heart land of winter sports. It offers activities such as

Gondola Ride, snowscooter, snowcycling, and sightseeing options like snow tajmahal, Igloo cafe.

Gondola:

Gulmarg is known for its ski resorts which is established in 1927 .the gulmarg Gandola is second largest cable car ride and the highest Golf course in the world .this must do activity in gulmarg is perfect for family vacation, adventure seeker to get to the top of the mountain for the best ski experience in winters. The scenic views of mountains and valley during the cable can ride are also unforgettable and unmatched. The Gandolo can ferry six people at a time and 600 people per hour. The cable car ride that place in 2 phases or levels. Phase 1 from gulmarg resort to Kongdori station 2600 meter in the bowl shaped kongdori valley which takes Quintus to reach phase 2 from kongdori valley to Kongdori Mountains. The shoulder Aharvat peak which is 3747 meter, which takes 12 minutes.

Tajmahal :

A snow sculptured the famous Taj Mahal has turned out to be the talk of the town in the gulmarg. The grand mumtaz hotels and resorts have given the opportunity to visitors relish, enjoy, eye pleasing replica of snow Taj Mahal.

Kashmir's snow Tajmahal measures 16 ft in height and is build over an area of 24*24 ft. Gulmarg resort is a big Ski hill thats primarily serviced by two consecutive Gondolar. The gulmarg skiing and snowboarding is suited to advance and expert riders of gulmarg, one of the highest Ski resort in the world is known for it featherly altitude snow. Gulmarg is Kashmir underdog ski resort tacked in the snowy Himalaya's. A place of magnificent skiing and no friller. These are three ski lifts for beginners and intermediate skiers. Ski equipments can be

hired at the Gout Ski rented shop, right next to these lifts. Gulmarg Gandola's can be used to reach up to 1300 ft of height and even some skiers can go even higher than these to visit various spots by taking helicopter.

Snow Scooter:

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Adding a new dimension to tourism sector in the state, introduction of snow-scooters and mobiles has become an instant hit with local and non-local tourists here. These newly introduced machines are proving to be a boon for the local stakeholders at the world-famous ski resort of Gulmarg, while tourists enjoy the rides.

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These machines have come handy not only for tourism but they have proved to be very beneficial during the times of avalanches.

"We accompanied government officials to trace the dead body of a tourist who was trapped under snow avalanche," he said adding that most of the Bollywood shooting units hire their services.

Snow Cycling:

In the winter, winter sports enthusiasts flock to the Gulmarg Meadows, where they strap on skis or snowboards and glide down mountains. But there's another way to enjoy the same scenic views from a different perspective: by cycling up them. Get on a bike and test your biking skills in the snow.

Snow cycling was the star attraction of the three-day Kashmir snow festival that started in this famous hill resort to attract tourists to the state.

All the 25 mountain riders taking part in snow cycling event were the darling of spectators who lustily cheered them when the event was flagged off by Tourism Minister Nawang Rigzin Jora in Gulmarg this afternoon.

The activity was headed by worthy HOD of CSE Mrs. Yasmeen and prepared and presented by senior faculty members Mr. Suhail Ashraf, Mrs. Sahila and Mr. Shahid Mohiuddin.