

Sonamarg

Sonamarg, meaning `The Meadow of Gold`, is the base of a major trek that passes along several mountain lakes. Having backdrop of snowy mountains against a cerulean sky, the hamlet is situated at an altitude of 2,730 m. Fishing in the Sindh River that meanders in the valley for trout and mahaseer is popular with the tourists.

The hamlet is also a significant take-off station for the drive to Ladakh across the Zojila, the Srinagar-Leh Road Pass. Further, during Sawan Purnima, it is also a base for undertaking the yatra to the holy Amarnath Cave.

Joshmaidan - Hill/Mountain

Joshmaidan is a meadow located in the Kashmir Valley.

Acchabal - Heritage

Acchabal is a Mughal garden that was built by Shah Jahan in 1620 for his daughter Jahanara. The garden has been adorned with springs gushing out from the base of a hill. Highlights of this garden are the high chinar trees, lush green lawns and the springs. In the vicinity of the garden, tourists can indulge in trout fishing and camping activities. From the garden, tourists can also head towards the ruins of Martand.

Kookernag - Heritage

Kookernag has some of the most beautiful rose gardens in the region. In the spring season, tourists can indulge in trout fishing in the region.

Verinag - Theme Parks

Verinag is a spring that is situated at the foot of the Banibal Pass in the Pir Panjal Range. This spring is believed to be the source of Jhelum River. At the spring, Emperor Jehangir built an octagonal stone basin in 1612. Shah Jahan laid a garden around it in 1620. Water of the spring is known for its medicinal value.

Udur - Other

Udur is situated in the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir. Located at an altitude of 5,426 m, it is counted among the highest cities in India.

Magam - Place of Worship

Magam is located in the Budgam District at an elevation of about 1,569 m. Located 18 km away from Gulmarg, this famous town has about 60% Shia Muslim population. Situated on Srinagar Gulmarg Road, the town has the largest market place of Budgam District.

In the town is present the Idara Abul Fazal Abbas Islamic Library, which was established in 1985. With its collection of Islamic books, literature, CD and audio cassettes, it has become the largest Islamic and private library in the whole of Jammu and Kashmir State. Various sacrosanct Islamic events are organised by this library. Apart from this, this library also helps the orphan and poor people by donations.

Tangmarg - Heritage

Tangmarg, situated in Baramulla District, is about 13 km way from Gulmarg. It is amongst the 8 taluks of Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir. Tangmarg is famous throughout the region for its handicraft works.

Situated on the foothills of the Pir Panjal Range, Tangmarg is home to some of the beautiful tourist attractions like Ferozpur Nallah, Waters Meet and Baba Reshi Shrine.

Pattan - Markets

Pattan is located about 40 km away from Gulmarg, at an elevation of 1,553 m. This historical town is considered to have been established by the famous Hindu Raja Shankarvarman in the 9th century. In ancient times, the town was named Shankerpur, after Raja Awantiwarman, father of Raja Shankarvarman. During bygone days, the town used to be a big market place of cotton, cattle and fruits.

Baramulla - Other

Baramulla, a city in the Baramulla District in Jammu and Kashmir, has been named using two Sanskrit words Varaha (Boar) and Mula. This third largest city of Jammu and Kashmir State, it was founded by Raja Bhimsina in 2306 BC. The city lies on the banks of Jehlum River, at its highest point. The open view of valley on the east and tall mountains on the west bestows the city with ample natural beauty. Budgam and Poonch in the south, Kupwara in the north, and parts of Srinagar and Ladakh in the east bound the city.

Palhalan - Villages

Palhalan is situated at a distance of about 42 km from Gulmarg in the district of Baramulla. This village has witnessed many sacrifices in the freedom movement of Kashmir.

Gondola Lift - Heritage

Ferozpur Nallah is a mountain stream in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir, which is famous for trout fishing. Originating from the rough and sturdy surface of Ferozpur Peaks, the stream joins the Bahan River at `Waters Meet`, which is among the most popular picnic spots in Gulmarg.

Moreover, the locals residing near this stream use its water for drinking purpose, as it is considered pure and clean. The main reason for this place being frequented by visitors is the myth that the water of the stream is blessed by the inhabiting spirits of the mountain. This belief has earned Ferozpur Nallah a spiritual significance in the region.

The rugged peak known as Ferozpur or Shinmahinyu is the source of the stream. However, tourists can explore this place by a 3 km walk down the route from the space nearby the Tangmarg Road. On the right bank, the stream spread out in two paths, which lead to Tosa Maidan and Gogaldara Road, respectively.

Khilanmarg - Hill/Mountain

Khilanmarg is a small valley, which is the site for Gulmarg`s winter ski runs. Carpeted with flowers in the spring season, the meadow offers beautiful views the surrounding peaks and the Kashmir Valley. It can be reached by a 600-m ascent from the destination. From the peak, views of Himalayas, Nanga Parbat, and the twin 7,100-m peaks of Nun and Kun can be availed.

Maharani Temple - Place of Worship

Maharani Temple, located on a small hillock in the middle of Gulmarg hill station, previously served as the royal temple of Dogra Kings. Often known as Mohineshwar Shivalalaya, it houses idols of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.

It is also referred to as Rani Temple, as it was built by Mohini Bai Sisodhia, the wife of the erstwhile ruler of Kashmir, Maharaja Hari Singh. Maharaja Hari Singh was the last king of Kashmir, who ruled the region till 1915. She is believed to have spent some time at the temple worshipping Lord Shiva.

Thronged by devotees throughout the year, the temple is a popular attraction of the destination. Besides, Aarti is performed at the temple twice a day.

St. Marys Church - Place of Worship

St Mary`s Church dates from the period of the British Raj in India. The construction of this church was done as per the British architectures, in line with the other British churches.

Furthermore, this church is about 150 years old and is among the few Christian churches in the entire state. In 2003, on the occasion of its renovation, first Christmas mass was organised in the church after a span of 14 years.

Golf Course - Parks

Golf Course in Gulmarg, situated at a height of 2,650 m above sea level, is the highest green golf course in the world. This 18-hole golf course is completely managed by the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation. Temporary membership, even for one day, is available at the club for the golfers.

Gulmarg golf course, counted among the most beautiful golf courses in India, is composed of both slopes and inclines. This golf club was started by the British who used Gulmarg as a holiday resort. In 1904, this golf course was opened to the golf lovers. In 1922, first Golf Championship was organised at this golf course.