

A scenic view of a river flowing through a lush green valley. The river is white with rapids, winding through the center of the frame. The valley is filled with dense green forests and rolling hills. In the background, there are more mountains, some of which are partially covered in mist or clouds. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

KASHMIR

THE HEAVEN ON EARTH

Introduction

My name is Mohd Asif. Currently i am studying in M.A/M.Sc in geography at Aligarh Muslim University.

My dream destinations in Kashmir. Kashmir is like heaven on earth.

Kashmir is an all-time favourite destination for most tourists. It's a must visiting place in one's lifetime, at least once. The best time to visit Kashmir is summer because during winter all places are closed for visitors because of snowfall. High-quality cricket bats from around the world are made in Kashmir.

Gulmarg

Knowingly or unknowingly this place is familiar to all because it has been the shooting location for many movies. One has to take either a horse ride or Gondola to reach the top of Gulmarg. Fearless people can go for horse rides because there is a lot of risk, but you can enjoy this trekking. And if you choose Gondola, you will miss the scenic bounty and wonders of nature except for the beauty of the snow as it's just pick and drop. The top of Gulmarg is covered with snow even in the summer season. This place is famous for skiing. The Indian army guards our country from the top of it.

Gulmarg



Pahalgam

This hill station is also known as mini-Switzerland. Like Gulmarg, we have to choose a horse for climbing the mountain, and it is more dangerous than Gulmarg. This place also has been the shooting location for many movies. Pahalgam base camp is the starting point for Amarnath Yatra.

Pahalgam



Sonmarg to Zero Point

During winter, when sunlight reflects on this place which is fully covered with snow, it looks like gold. And that's why Sonmarg! Quite appropriate and amazing. It is the way to Zojila pass and Zero point and is one of the main Indian Army camps. Kargil is also well known as NH1. Sonmarg is at an altitude of 18950 ft. Its resourcefulness for entertainment is absolutely marvellous.

This is called Zero point because it's almost 0 degrees Celsius every time. Reaching there is very risky as both the sides of the road from Sonmarg to Zero points are covered with ice. Above Zero points there is a glacier from where our Indian army soldiers guard our country.

Sonmarg to Zero Point



Shankaracharya Temple

This is the Lord Shiva temple founded by Saint Adi Shankara. This is a very old temple well-preserved and maintained under CRPF. There were many attacks for destroying it which resulted in more vigilance from the security point of view. Every worshipper is checked before entering the temple and you cannot take anything inside it. It is situated at the top of a hill of about 20 feet. So, worshippers have to climb 243 steps to enter the temple. There is a cave beside the temple where Shankaracharya did Tapasya. From the top of the hill, one can have a vista of marvellous Srinagar city and Dal Lake.

Shankaracharya Temple



Dal Lake

It is very famous for its floating market in India. People live in houseboats and small boats called Shikhara used for tourism. Famous handicrafts, Kashmir special blankets and dresses are all available here with a lot of variety. Because of its scenic beauty, it has been a location for shooting movies. It freezes many times during winter.

Dal Lake



Mughal Gardens

There are three main Mughal gardens: Shalimarbagh, Nishatbagh, Achabalbagh in Srinagar constructed by Mughal rulers and situated around Dal Lake. All these gardens, the jewels of Srinagar, are beautifully decorated with flowers and trees and there is a freshwater pool flowing to Dal lake.

Mughal Gardens

