

# BASIC SPEEDFLYING COURSE

Yutsa (Pyatigorsk) and Chegem flying site, Russia

## Who it's for

This course is designed for skydivers with 300+ jumps or who are already flying elliptical canopies, as well as for active paragliding pilots.

## Why the Caucasus

The main location is Mount Yutsa — for many years a hub of paragliding in southern Russia. A 300-meter vert, three flyable directions, very simple aerology, small training launches, huge landing zones, and a big airfield for ground handling all make this an ideal sandbox for safely starting out in speedflying. If conditions change or course goals require it, we move to the neighboring Mount Dzhutsa or to the Chegem Valley, which opens up new options — different launches, slightly more advanced LZs, and hike-and-fly missions.

## Goals

The key goals of the basic course are theory, ground handling, and as much takeoffs and landings across the widest possible range of conditions. Our team — with deep experience flying paragliders and piloting skydiving canopies — will help you build a modern, safety-first understanding of speedflying and highlight every key difference from the disciplines you're coming from.

## Timing

We fly in the morning until about 10–11am and again in the evening after 4pm — thermal activity in the middle of the day makes speedflying unsafe. Be ready for early starts, a lot of physical activity, and a stack of new information. If you're not feeling in shape, we recommend resting up before the course starts.

## Logistics

The closest airport is Mineralnye Vody — about 50 minutes by taxi (Yandex Taxi works fine) to the Fly Yutsa guest house. From our speedflying house to the launch we book a shuttle (the road is rough and taxi drivers don't love going up there). On the mountain itself we run lift-ups to the top. All transfers are paid separately. Each ride costs up to 500 RUB; budget roughly 2,000–3,000 RUB per day from day 3. It depends on weather and where exactly we fly.

## Accommodation

For the duration of the course we rent out an entire 20-person guest house in Yutsa village. Most rooms are triples (shared, single beds); we'll pair people up as comfortably as we can. Conditions are fairly basic (see room photos), but the house is very well located — the shuttle to the mountain picks us up from the door, and there's a big space for breakfasts and lectures. We strongly recommend everyone stays together. Cost: 1,000 RUB/night = 11,000 RUB for the whole course. If you'd like more comfort, you can look at slightly nicer options nearby (for example, [this one](#)), or rent in

Pyatigorsk to your taste — but then add 15–20 minutes of travel each morning, plus extra rides for lectures.

## **Gear**

All flight gear (wing, harness, airbag, back protection) is included in the camp price. The only thing you have to bring yourself is a helmet. We recommend any certified open-face helmet over closed skydiving helmets — in a closed helmet you'll be hot and uncomfortable during ground handling.

## **Insurance**

Insurance is mandatory for all camp days. If you arrange it yourself, it must cover paragliding, third-party liability, and helicopter evacuation. You can arrange insurance through us — the cost is 500 RUB/day = 5,000 RUB for the camp dates.

## **Camp price — 190,000 RUB**

Deposit: 90,000 RUB to reserve your spot.

Spots are limited!

For RUB/USDT payment details and to arrange insurance, contact Alexey Chizhov @albalex.