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Patundas Meadows & Passu Glacier Trek

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Journey at a glance

A supported 10-day Karakoram journey from Ghulkin across the shifting Passu Glacier to Lazhdur and the panoramic Patundas plateau.

Duration	Highest point	Grade	Best season
10 days / 9 nights	Approx. 4,300 m	Challenging · 4 of 5	June to September



Traditional boats on Attabad Lake in Upper Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan

Departures & price

Departure	Return	Status
12 June 2027	21 June 2027	Planned
10 July 2027	19 July 2027	Planned
14 August 2027	23 August 2027	Planned
11 September 2027	20 September 2027	Planned

Private dates can be proposed. Final pricing depends on group size, hotel level, porter allocation and current operating costs.

Price: USD 1,500–2,500 per person, subject to group size and arrangements

Journey overview

Patundas is a broad summer grazing plateau above Ghulkin in Upper Hunza, positioned between the Passu and Batura glacier systems. At roughly 4,300 metres it opens a remarkable skyline of Shispare, Passu Peak, Batura and the distinctive Passu Cones.

The approach begins near Shahabad and Passu Ghar, crosses the debris-covered Passu Glacier with a local guide, reaches the lower camp at Lazhdur, and then climbs steeply to Patundas. Glacier conditions change continuously, so the daily line and crossing point are confirmed locally rather than treated as fixed.

Route: Islamabad - Gilgit - Ghulkin - Shahabad - Passu Ghar - Passu Glacier - Lazhdur - Patundas

The journey in detail

Day 1 · Arrival in Islamabad

Altitude 540 m · Airport transfer · Easy

Meet your representative on arrival and transfer to the hotel. A trek briefing covers the route, current glacier information, personal equipment, porter loads and the flight contingency for the following morning.

Day 2 · Fly to Gilgit and continue to Ghulkin

Ghulkin approx. 2,500 m · Flight 1 hr · Drive 4–5 hrs

Take the weather-dependent flight to Gilgit, then follow the Karakoram Highway through Hunza to Ghulkin in Gojal. The road follows part of the historic corridor that connected communities of the upper Indus with Central Asian routes. If the flight is cancelled, the journey changes to an overland transfer and the program is adjusted.

Day 3 · Ghulkin, Borith Lake and Passu acclimatization

2,500–2,800 m · Walking 3–4 hrs · Easy to moderate

Use the day for gentle acclimatization around Ghulkin, Borith Lake and the Passu landscape. Borith is a saline lake above Hussaini and an important seasonal resting area for migratory birds. The guide checks the latest glacier crossing and confirms the trekking plan.

Day 4 · Shahabad to Passu Ghar

Approx. 3,100 m · Trek 3–4 hrs · Moderate

Drive a short distance to the trailhead near Shahabad and begin the climb above cultivated land toward Passu Ghar. The first camp provides the transition from village paths to the glacial environment and allows another night of acclimatization before the crossing.

Day 5 · Cross Passu Glacier to Lazhdur

Lazhdur approx. 3,500 m · Trek 5–6 hrs · Challenging

Approach the lateral moraine and cross the Passu Glacier on the safest line available that day. Loose moraine, uneven ice and moving debris require concentration and close guidance. After the crossing, climb to Lazhdur, also written Latur or Luzhdur, for a supported camp beneath the Patundas ridge.



Hussaini suspension bridge and the Upper Hunza mountains

Day 6 · Lazhdur to Patundas Meadows

Approx. 4,300 m · Trek 3–5 hrs · Challenging ascent

A steep zigzag trail gains the ridge before easing onto the Patundas grazing plateau. The meadow is often called a “table of mountains” for its open 360-degree outlook. Camp is established at a suitable sheltered point, subject to water availability, wind and seasonal grazing activity.

Day 7 · Patundas sunrise and return to Lazhdur

High point approx. 4,300 m · Trek 4–6 hrs · Moderate to challenging

Begin early for sunrise and a measured exploration of the plateau, with views across the Batura and Passu glacier systems. Descend carefully to Lazhdur for a lower and more comfortable overnight camp.

Day 8 · Lazhdur to Ghulkin

Trek 6–8 hrs · Long descent · Challenging

Re-cross Passu Glacier using the route selected by the guide that morning; the return line can differ because glacier conditions evolve. Continue through Passu Ghar and Shahabad, then transfer to Ghulkin for a shower and hotel or guesthouse night.

Day 9 · Ghulkin to Gilgit and Islamabad

Drive 4–5 hrs · Conditional flight 1 hr · Flexible day

Drive to Gilgit for the weather-dependent flight to Islamabad. When schedules permit, transfer to the hotel and enjoy a relaxed final evening. The overland contingency may require itinerary adjustment, so an additional buffer night after the journey is recommended for international connections.

Day 10 · Islamabad departure

Airport transfer · Easy

Transfer to Islamabad International Airport according to your onward schedule. Extra nights, Taxila or an Islamabad heritage program can be arranged separately.

Accommodation, support and equipment.

Accommodation plan

Islamabad | 2 nights

Ghulkin / Upper Hunza | 3 nights

Passu Ghar camp | 1 night

Lazhdur camp | 2 nights

Patundas camp | 1 night

Trek profile

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Grade | Challenging · 4 of 5

Highest camp | Approx. 4,300 m

Longest day | Up to 6–8 hrs

Terrain | Steep trail, moraine and active glacier

Important route note

The Passu Glacier is active and the crossing changes. This journey requires a locally experienced guide, appropriate footwear, good balance and flexibility. Trekking hours and camps may change after the guide's daily assessment.

What is and is not included.

Services Included

- 9 nights in twin-sharing hotels, guesthouse and shared camping tents
- Private ground transportation and airport transfers
- Experienced guide and specialist local glacier support
- Porters within the stated personal-load allowance
- Camping tents and group camping equipment
- Entrance, conservation and local trekking fees where charged
- Visa-support documentation and applicable service taxes

Services Not Included

- International and domestic airfare; booking assistance is available
- All meals and beverages
- Sleeping bag, personal trekking equipment and excess porter loads
- Travel, medical and emergency evacuation insurance
- Visa fee, personal expenses and tips
- Disruption, rescue or evacuation costs
- Anything not listed under Services Included

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