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EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEYS ACROSS PAKISTAN

Fairy Meadows, Nanga Parbat & Deosai

12 DAYS · WESTERN HIMALAYA & DEOSAI

Journey at a glance

A complete northern Pakistan journey linking Baltistan, the Deosai Plateau, Rama, Fairy Meadows and the immense north face of Nanga Parbat.

Duration	Activity	Highest point	Best season
12 days / 11 nights	3–4 of 5	Approx. 4,114 m · Deosai	June–September



Nanga Parbat massif rising above alpine meadows in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan

Departures & price

Dates	Reference	Status
20 June–1 July 2027	EP-002	Registering interest
18–29 July 2027	EP-002	Registering interest
15–26 August 2027	EP-002	Registering interest
5–16 September 2027	EP-002	Registering interest

Planned dates are confirmed once minimum participation and operating conditions are met. Private departures can be requested within the recommended season.

Includes the listed ground arrangements, mountain transport and accommodation. Domestic flights are not included; booking assistance is available.

The final proposal depends on group size, dates, accommodation availability, rooming and requested services. Single-room pricing is quoted separately.

Price: USD 1,500–2,500 per person, based on two people sharing

Journey overview

This expedition crosses two of northern Pakistan's defining landscapes without adding an unnecessary Hunza extension. Beginning in Islamabad, it flies to Skardu, crosses Deosai National Park into Astore and Rama, then continues to Fairy Meadows for two substantial walking days beneath Nanga Parbat, 8,126 metres.

The route combines wildlife, geology, mountain culture and progressively higher activity. Travel times remain weather dependent, and the program includes realistic alternatives for domestic flights and seasonal road closures.

Route: Islamabad - Skardu - Shigar - Deosai - Sheosar Lake - Astore & Rama - Raikot - Fairy Meadows - Beyal - Nanga Parbat - Gilgit - Taxila

The journey in detail

Day 1 · Arrival in Islamabad

Altitude 540 m · Driving 30–45 min · Activity easy · Paved urban roads

Arrive at Islamabad International Airport for private transfer and hotel check-in. The remainder of the day stays deliberately flexible for rest after the international journey, followed by an evening briefing covering weather, luggage, altitude progression and the northern route.

Day 2 · Fly to Skardu

Altitude 2,228 m · Flight about 1 hr · Local driving 1–2 hrs · Activity easy

Weather permitting, fly across the Himalayan foothills toward Skardu. After arrival and rest, begin a gentle introduction with selected valley viewpoints or the Manthal Buddha Rock, a surviving reminder of the region's Buddhist past. If the flight is cancelled, the program shifts to the agreed overland contingency.

Day 3 · Skardu and Shigar

Altitude 2,228–2,500 m · Driving 80–120 km · Walking 1–3 hrs · Activity easy–moderate

Explore Baltistan through Shigar Fort, old settlement lanes and the Amburiq Mosque, with time for the meeting of desert, river and cultivated valley landscapes. Return toward Skardu with an optional walk to Kharpocho Fort or through the Organic Village according to pace and conditions.

Day 4 · Skardu to Deosai and Astore

Altitude up to 4,114 m · Driving 7–9 hrs · Activity moderate · Rough seasonal mountain road

Climb from Skardu toward the Deosai Plateau, protected as a national park since 1993. Cross broad grasslands cut by cold streams, pausing near Bara Pani and Sheosar Lake when access allows. Continue into Astore as the plateau descends toward forested western Himalayan valleys.

Day 5 · Rama and the Astore Valley

Altitude around 2,600–3,507 m · Driving 2–4 hrs · Walking 1–3 hrs · Activity moderate

Use this day to recover from the Deosai crossing while exploring Rama's forest, pastures and lake area. Conditions determine how far vehicles can proceed. The slower pace supports acclimatisation and provides wide views toward Nanga Parbat's eastern mass.

Day 6 · Astore to Fairy Meadows

Altitude 3,300 m · Driving 4–6 hrs · Jeep 1.5–2.5 hrs · Hiking 2–3 hrs · Activity moderate

Drive toward Raikot Bridge, transfer to locally operated four-wheel-drive vehicles for the narrow track to Tattu, then walk steadily through forest to Fairy Meadows. Pack light for the approach. Arrival before dark is important, leaving time to settle into mountain cottages and watch evening light reach Nanga Parbat.

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Nanga Parbat glacier and mountain landscape in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan

Day 7 · Beyal Camp and Nanga Parbat Viewpoint

Altitude approx. 3,500–3,700 m · Hiking 4–6 hrs return · Activity moderate · Forest and mountain trail

Follow the trail through pine forest and open pasture toward Beyal Camp. Stronger walkers continue toward the north-face viewpoint while others can enjoy Beyal at an unhurried pace. The day is planned around group fitness, weather and safe turnaround time rather than a fixed race to the furthest point.

Day 8 · Nanga Parbat Base Camp option

Altitude approx. 3,967 m · Hiking 7–10 hrs return · Activity challenging · Rocky alpine trail

A demanding optional day continues beyond Beyal toward the base-camp area beneath the mountain's vast north face. Recent fitness, trail conditions and weather guide the final decision. Travellers not taking the full route have a slower photography and nature day around Fairy Meadows and Beyal.

Day 9 · Fairy Meadows to Gilgit

Altitude 1,500 m · Hiking 1.5–2.5 hrs · Jeep 1.5–2.5 hrs · Driving 2–3 hrs · Activity moderate

Descend to Tattu, return by four-wheel drive to Raikot Bridge and continue along the Karakoram Highway to Gilgit. The changing landscape reveals the dramatic drop from alpine forest to the arid Indus and Gilgit river valleys.

Day 10 · Gilgit and Kargah Buddha

Altitude 1,500 m · Driving 1–2 hrs · Walking light · Activity easy

A recovery day explores Gilgit and the Kargah Buddha, a rock carving associated with the region's Buddhist era. Time in the bazaar and riverside surroundings adds context to Gilgit's long role as a meeting point between Central and South Asian mountain corridors.

Day 11 · Gilgit to Islamabad and Taxila

Altitude 540 m · Flight about 1 hr or full-day road contingency · Activity easy–moderate

Take the weather-dependent flight to Islamabad. When timing permits, visit Taxila's museum and selected archaeological sites representing the Gandharan period. If the flight is cancelled, travel overland and move the cultural visit according to arrival time.

Day 12 · Departure from Islamabad

Altitude 540 m · Airport transfer 30–45 min · Activity easy

Private transfer to Islamabad International Airport. Because northern flights and mountain roads remain weather sensitive, international travellers are strongly advised to keep an additional buffer night in Islamabad whenever their wider schedule allows.

Mountain logistics, clearly defined.

Accommodation plan

Islamabad | 2 nights

Skardu | 2 nights

Astore / Rama | 2 nights

Fairy Meadows | 3 nights

Gilgit | 2 nights

Carefully selected city and mountain hotels, locally operated lodges and simple cottages or cabins at Fairy Meadows, generally on a twin-sharing basis. Facilities at Fairy Meadows are basic and cannot be compared with city accommodation.

Expedition profile

- Reference: EP-002
- Edition: 2027.1
- Format: Private seasonal expedition
- Activity: 3–4 of 5
- Walking: Up to 7–10 hours on the optional Base Camp day
- Highest point: Approximately 4,114 m on Deosai
- Terrain: Forest trail, rocky alpine sections and rough mountain roads
- Best season: June to September

Supported from roadhead to trail.

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Services Included

- 11 nights in carefully selected accommodation on a twin-sharing basis
- Private transportation with fuel, tolls, parking and driver expenses
- Locally operated four-wheel-drive transport between Raikot Bridge and Tattu
- Experienced English-speaking guide or guide-driver
- Local trekking guidance at Fairy Meadows and Beyal
- Airport transfers connected to the itinerary
- Entrance and national-park fees for the listed program
- Guided heritage and cultural visits described in the itinerary
- Mineral water during road journeys and sightseeing
- Pakistan visa-support or invitation letter
- Applicable government taxes and service charges

Services Not Included

- International airfare to and from Pakistan
- Islamabad–Skardu and Gilgit–Islamabad domestic flights; we can assist with booking
- Pakistan visa fee
- Travel, medical and emergency-evacuation insurance
- All meals and beverages
- Personal trekking equipment, clothing and footwear
- Horse, personal porter or additional luggage services unless arranged
- Beverages, laundry and other personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities
- Optional activities not listed in the program
- Costs caused by flight disruption, road closure, weather or circumstances beyond operational control
- Anything not expressly listed under Services Included

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Fitness, altitude and contingencies

Fitness: Guests should be comfortable with consecutive mountain walks and sustained ascents and descents. The Base Camp day is optional and is not required to enjoy the expedition.

Fairy Meadows access: The approach combines a narrow locally operated jeep track with a two-to-three-hour walk. Luggage must be reduced to a small trail bag; larger luggage is stored securely and reunited later.

Deosai: The plateau crossing operates only when the seasonal road is open. If snow, water levels or road conditions prevent the crossing, the route is adjusted through the Indus corridor.

Flights: Skardu and Gilgit flights depend on weather and operational conditions. Road alternatives may use Babusar Pass when open or the Indus route via Bisham.

Safety: The guide may alter timings, turnaround points or trail objectives because of weather, health, trail condition or group pace. Appropriate insurance covering trekking and emergency evacuation is required.

Related trekking journeys

Compare this journey with the Rakaposhi Base Camp trek , the Patundas Meadows trek , or the Rush Lake trek .

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