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EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEYS ACROSS PAKISTAN

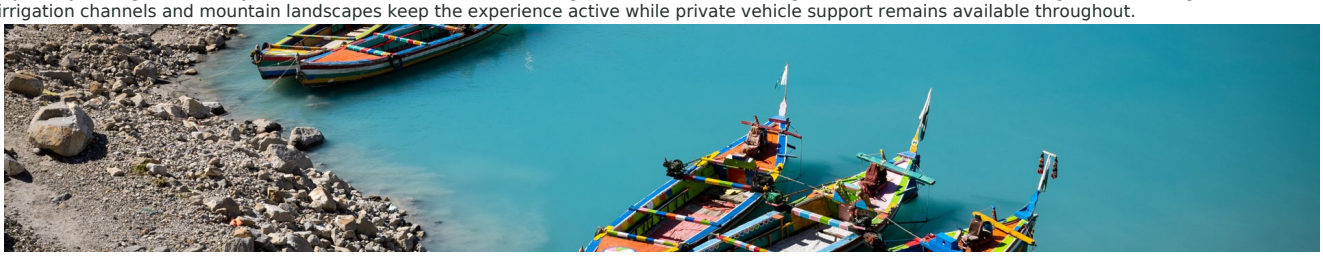
Karakoram & Baltistan Cultural Adventure

14 days / 13 nights | Baltistan, Hunza & Gojal | Reference EP-001

Journey at a glance

Duration	Activity	Highest point	Best season
14 days / 13 nights	3 of 5	4,693 m - Khunjerab Pass	May to October

A journey through Balti valleys, Silk Road settlements and the living mountain cultures of Gilgit-Baltistan. Short walks through historic villages, forts, irrigation channels and mountain landscapes keep the experience active while private vehicle support remains available throughout.



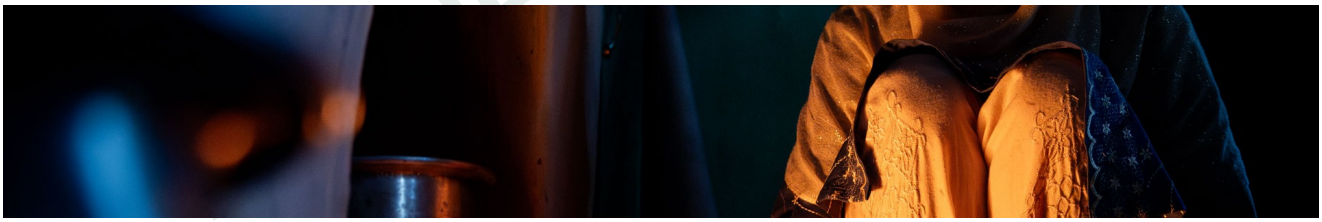
Attabad Lake and the mountain landscapes of Upper Hunza.

Planned 2027 departures

Dates	Reference	Status
10-23 May 2027	EP-001	Registering interest
9-22 June 2027	EP-001	Registering interest
8-21 September 2027	EP-001	Registering interest
6-19 October 2027	EP-001	Registering interest

Indicative price range: USD 1,500-2,500 per person, based on two people sharing. Final pricing depends on group size, dates, accommodation availability and requested services. Domestic flights are not included; booking assistance is available.

The journey in detail



Baltistan's high desert, river valleys and mountain settlements begin the journey.

Day 1 - Arrival in Islamabad

Altitude 540 m | Airport transfer 30-45 min | Activity easy

Private arrival transfer, rest and a short evening briefing on the northern route, cultural etiquette, altitude and expected road conditions.

Day 2 - Fly to Skardu

Altitude 2,228 m | Flight about 1 hr | Local walking 1-2 hrs | Activity easy

Fly to Skardu when weather permits. After rest, visit Manthal Buddha Rock and selected valley viewpoints, introducing Baltistan's pre-Islamic history and its position on routes between Kashmir, Ladakh and the upper Indus.

Day 3 - Skardu on foot

Altitude 2,228-2,500 m | Walking 2-4 hrs | Activity moderate

Explore Kharpocho Fort and the Organic Village through short, steady walks. Time beside the Indus and in local bazaars reveals the contrast between Skardu's growing regional centre and its older cultivated settlements.

Day 4 - Skardu to Khaplu

Altitude 2,600 m | Driving 3-4 hrs | Walking 1-2 hrs | Paved valley road

Follow the Indus and Shyok, stopping at river confluences, bridges and village viewpoints. After lunch in Khaplu, walk through the old settlement and surrounding lanes.

Day 5 - Khaplu and Hushe Valley

Altitude 2,600-3,050 m | Driving 4-6 hrs return | Walking optional | Activity moderate

Visit Khaplu Palace and Chaqchan Mosque before continuing toward Hushe where the cultivated valley narrows beneath the Masherbrum mountains. Return to Khaplu with time for community and landscape photography.

Day 6 - Khaplu to Shigar

Altitude 2,230 m | Driving 4-5 hrs | Activity easy-moderate

Return along the Shyok and cross toward Shigar. Explore restored Shigar Fort, Amburiq Mosque and the old settlement, with short walks through lanes and irrigation channels.

Day 7 - Shigar to Gilgit

Altitude 1,500 m | Driving 6-8 hrs | Mountain highway | Activity moderate

Travel along the Indus through deep gorges toward Gilgit. Stops are chosen according to road progress and daylight. The long sector shows the extraordinary geological transition between Baltistan and the Gilgit basin.

From Gilgit to Hunza and Gojal



Village landscapes and cultivated terraces across Hunza.

Day 8 - Gilgit to Karimabad

Altitude 2,440 m | Driving 3-4 hrs | Walking 1-2 hrs

Pause near the mountain-range junction viewpoint, ancient Silk Road rock traces and Rakaposhi Viewpoint. In Karimabad, begin exploring the bazaar and historic settlement on foot.

Day 9 - Central Hunza and Nagar

Altitude 2,400-2,800 m | Driving 2-4 hrs | Walking 2-4 hrs | Activity moderate

Visit Baltit and Altit forts, then cross to Nagar and Hopper for glacier views and village landscapes. End at Duikar when conditions favour evening light across the valley.

Day 10 - Hunza to Upper Hunza

Altitude 2,500 m | Driving 2-3 hrs | Walking 1-2 hrs

Continue beside Attabad Lake into Gojal. Walk through Gulmit's older streets and community spaces, then visit Ghulkin and selected viewpoints before settling near Passu.

Day 11 - Gojal village day

Altitude 2,500-2,800 m | Driving light | Walking 3-5 hrs | Activity moderate

Connect Hussaini, Borith Lake, Passu and glacier viewpoints through flexible village walks. Local weaving, architecture and food provide cultural context beyond the dramatic landscape.

Day 12 - Khunjerab Pass

Altitude 4,693 m | Driving 6-8 hrs return | Activity moderate | High paved road

Travel through the upper Khunjerab valley to the Pakistan-China frontier when seasonal access and conditions allow. The day rises rapidly in altitude, so stops and walking remain conservative.

Day 13 - Return to Gilgit and fly to Islamabad

Altitude 540-1,500 m | Driving 3-4 hrs plus flight about 1 hr | Activity moderate

Return to Gilgit for the weather-dependent flight to Islamabad. If the flight does not operate, begin the overland alternative with the itinerary adjusted around road conditions.

Day 14 - Taxila and departure preparation

Altitude 540 m | Driving 2-3 hrs | Walking 1-2 hrs | Activity easy

Visit Taxila Museum and selected Gandharan sites when flight timing permits, then return for hotel checkout and departure arrangements. An international departure can follow later that night; an additional Islamabad night can be arranged for a next-morning flight.

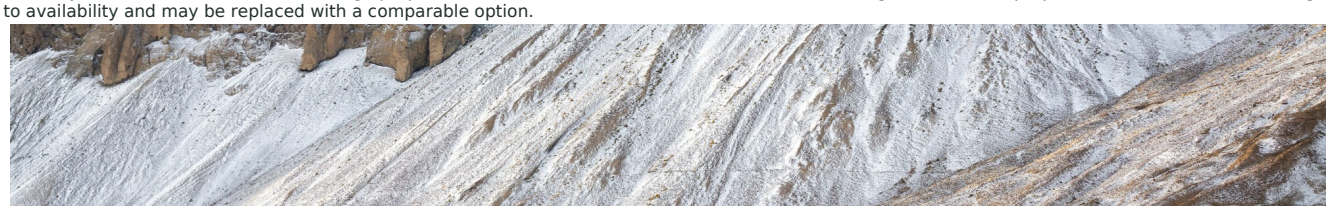
Accommodation plan

Location	Nights
Islamabad	2
Skardu	2
Khaplu	2
Shigar	1
Gilgit	1
Central Hunza	2

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Location	Nights
Upper Hunza / Gojal	3

Carefully selected hotels, restored heritage properties and mountain accommodation on a twin-sharing basis. Named properties are confirmed according to availability and may be replaced with a comparable option.



The Karakoram Highway connects the cultural landscapes of Gilgit, Hunza and Gojal.

Services included

- 13 nights in carefully selected accommodation on a twin-sharing basis
- Private transportation with fuel, tolls, parking and driver expenses
- Experienced English-speaking guide or guide-driver
- Airport transfers in Pakistan connected to the itinerary
- Guided cultural, heritage and village visits described in the program
- Entrance fees to listed monuments and attractions
- 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; booking assistance is available
- Pakistan visa fee
- Travel and medical insurance
- All meals and beverages
- Personal expenses, optional activities, tips and gratuities
- Early check-in or late checkout
- Costs caused by flight disruption, road closure, weather or circumstances beyond operational control
- Anything not expressly listed under Services Included

Important planning notes

Flights

Northern domestic flights are weather dependent. Keep flexibility in the route and an appropriate buffer before international departure.

Khunjerab

Access is seasonal and subject to snow, road and official conditions. A lower-altitude Gojal program replaces the pass when unavailable.

Altitude

The journey reaches 4,693 metres for a short visit. Walking at Khunjerab remains conservative, and guests should disclose relevant health conditions before confirmation.

Personalisation

The sequence can be slowed, shortened or extended for Shimshal, additional village stays, cultural research or photography.

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