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EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEYS ACROSS PAKISTAN

Karakoram Highway & Northern Pakistan Motorcycle Journey

14 days / 13 nights | Guided motorcycle expedition | Reference EP-020

Journey at a glance

Duration	Riding level	Highest point	Best season
14 days / 13 nights	Experienced riders	4,693 m - Khunjerab	June to October

Ride the Karakoram Highway and its great northern branches through the Indus gorge, Baltistan, Hunza and Gojal. This supported journey balances demanding mountain roads with cultural stops, acclimatisation and time to experience the communities that keep these routes alive.



Attabad Lake and the paved mountain roads of Upper Hunza.

Indicative 2027 departure windows

Dates	Reference	Status
12-25 June 2027	EP-020	Registering interest
5-18 September 2027	EP-020	Registering interest
3-16 October 2027	EP-020	Registering interest

Price on request. The final quotation depends on motorcycle category, group size, rooming, support-vehicle requirements and confirmed operating dates. Private departures may be arranged within the seasonal road window.

Day-by-day riding plan



The Baltistan branch adds some of the journey's most dramatic mountain riding.

Day 1 - Arrival in Islamabad

540 m | Airport transfer | No riding

Arrival transfer, hotel check-in, documentation review and route briefing.

Day 2 - Islamabad to Naran

About 280 km | 7-9 hrs | Paved highway and mountain road

Motorcycle fitting and safety checks precede the ride north through the Hazara region and Kaghan Valley.

Day 3 - Naran to Chilas via Babusar Pass

About 130 km | 4-6 hrs | Seasonal paved high road

Cross Babusar Pass when open, descending through high alpine scenery to the Indus. The route changes to the Besham corridor if access is closed.

Day 4 - Chilas to Skardu

About 200 km | 7-9 hrs | Narrow mountain highway

Follow the Indus and turn into Baltistan on a spectacular road where works, dust and delays can occur.

Day 5 - Skardu and Shigar loop

About 100 km | 4-6 hrs | Paved and optional rough sections

Ride through the Skardu valley to Shigar, with cultural stops and time for the motorcycles and riders to recover.

Day 6 - Skardu to Gilgit

About 210 km | 6-8 hrs | Mountain highway

Return along the Indus toward Gilgit, adjusting stops to traffic, road works and daylight.

Day 7 - Gilgit to Karimabad

About 105 km | 3-4 hrs | Karakoram Highway

Ride beneath Rakaposhi into central Hunza, with stops at historic route markers and viewpoints.

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Hunza, Gojal and Khunjerab



Cultivated terraces and high Karakoram roads above the Hunza River.

Day 8 - Hunza and Nagar riding day

About 80-120 km | 4-6 hrs | Paved local roads

A flexible loop links forts, villages, Nagar and selected glacier viewpoints.

Day 9 - Karimabad to Passu and Gojal

About 60-90 km | 3-5 hrs | Paved highway

Cross the Attabad tunnels and ride into Gojal for village walks and Passu views.

Day 10 - Khunjerab Pass return ride

About 180-200 km | 6-8 hrs | High paved road

Ride to the Pakistan-China frontier at 4,693 metres when seasonal and official conditions allow.

Day 11 - Gojal to Gilgit

About 150 km | 4-6 hrs | Karakoram Highway

Return south with time for carefully chosen photographic and cultural stops.

Day 12 - Gilgit to Besham

About 330 km | 8-10 hrs | Long mountain highway

A substantial riding day through the Indus gorge. Pace, regrouping and daylight management are essential.

Day 13 - Besham to Islamabad

About 270 km | 6-8 hrs | Mountain road and highway

Complete the overland circuit and return the motorcycles after a final mechanical check.

Day 14 - Departure

Airport transfer | No riding

Departure transfer, or an extension arranged separately for Taxila, Lahore or additional northern riding.

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Motorcycle and support arrangements

Motorcycle model and engine capacity are confirmed in the final quotation. The package is designed around a lead rider or guide, luggage support, tools and essential spares, and a support vehicle appropriate to the group size and road plan. Final inclusions depend on motorcycle category and supplier availability.

- Selected motorcycle for the confirmed category and itinerary riding days
- Fuel for the standard route
- Experienced ride leader or English-speaking guide
- Support vehicle for luggage, essential spares and operational backup
- 13 nights twin-sharing accommodation with breakfast
- Airport transfers and route-related entrance fees
- Pakistan visa-support or invitation letter
- Government taxes and service charges

Not included

- International flights, visa fee and travel insurance
- Refundable security deposit, traffic penalties or motorcycle damage
- Helmet and personal protective clothing unless explicitly stated in the final quotation
- Lunches, dinners, drinks, gratuities and personal expenses
- Medical treatment, rescue or evacuation
- Costs caused by weather, landslide, road closure or circumstances beyond operational control

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Rider requirements and safety

Experience

This is not a beginner journey. Riders must be confident on motorcycles of the confirmed size, on long mountain days, variable surfaces, traffic and tight bends.

Documents

A valid motorcycle licence and International Driving Permit are required. The rider must carry insurance covering motorcycle riding at the confirmed engine capacity and route altitude.

Route control

The ride leader may shorten, reroute or stop a sector because of weather, road condition, rider welfare, daylight or official restrictions.

Seasonal access

Babusar and Khunjerab are seasonal. The Indus/Besham corridor and lower-altitude Gojal program provide practical alternatives.

Health and altitude

Khunjerab reaches 4,693 metres. Riders should disclose relevant medical conditions and follow conservative acclimatisation guidance.

Plan this motorcycle journey

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Edition 2027.1 | Distances and times are approximate. The sequence may change with weather, access, road works and operating conditions.