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Karakoram, Baltistan & Shimshal Motorcycle Expedition

16 days / 15 nights | 20 April-5 May 2027 | EP-021

Expedition overview

Duration	Riding level	Road surface	Highest point
16 days	Intermediate-advanced	Approx. 80% paved	4,693 m

A premium supported motorcycle expedition through Baltistan, the Karakoram Highway, Hunza, Khunjerab and remote Shimshal. Domestic flights, all meals, premium accommodation, fuel and operational support are included.



Baltistan mountain landscapes and heritage settlements.

Departure and indicative price

Dates	Status	Indicative price
20 April-5 May 2027	Registering interest	USD 3,000-6,000 per person

The upper end applies to one rider. Final pricing depends on paying group size, rooming, motorcycle category and confirmed operating arrangements. Single supplement and larger-motorcycle charges are quoted separately.

Days 1-8

Day 1 - Arrival in Islamabad
20 Apr | 540 m | No riding
Arrival transfer and full expedition briefing.

Day 2 - Fly to Skardu
21 Apr | Flight 1 hr | Local ride
Weather-dependent flight, motorcycle allocation and familiarisation ride to Manthal Buddha Rock and Satpara Lake.

Day 3 - Skardu to Khaplu
22 Apr | 110 km | 3-4 hrs | Mainly paved
Follow the Shyok Valley to Khaplu Palace and Chaqchan Mosque.

Day 4 - Hushe Valley return
23 Apr | 100 km | 5-6 hrs | Mixed road
Ride into Hushe beneath Masherbrum, Laila Peak, K6 and K7.

Day 5 - Khaplu to Shigar
24 Apr | 130 km | 4-5 hrs
Ride via Sarfaranga Cold Desert to Shigar Fort.

Day 6 - Shigar to Gilgit
25 Apr | 220 km | 6-7 hrs
Follow the Indus, pause at Jaglot and visit Kargah Buddha.

Day 7 - Gilgit to Karimabad
26 Apr | 100 km | 3 hrs | KKH
Ride beneath Rakaposhi; visit Baltit Fort and Karimabad.

Day 8 - Central Hunza
27 Apr | 50 km | 2-3 hrs
Altit Fort, Altit village and Duikar viewpoints.

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Attabad Lake and the Karakoram Highway in Upper Hunza.

Days 9-16

Day 9 - Hopper to Shishkat

28 Apr | 120 km | 4-5 hrs

Hopper Valley, Attabad tunnels, Gulmit and Shishkat.

Day 10 - Upper Hunza

29 Apr | 70 km | 3-4 hrs

Ghulkin, Hussaini Bridge, Passu and Borith Lake.

Day 11 - Khunjerab Pass

30 Apr | Up to 300 km | 8-9 hrs

Ride to 4,693 m when snow, road and official access permit.

Day 12 - Hunza to Shimshal

1 May | 135 km | 5-6 hrs | Rough/exposed

Demanding cliff-cut road into Shimshal; access subject to safety conditions.

Day 13 - Shimshal to Hunza

2 May | 135 km | 5-6 hrs

Return through gorges beside the Shimshal River.

Day 14 - Hunza to Skardu

3 May | 310 km | 8-9 hrs

Complete the riding circuit through the Indus Valley.

Day 15 - Fly to Islamabad; Taxila

4 May | Flight 1 hr | Drive 2-3 hrs

Weather-dependent flight; visit Taxila when timing permits.

Day 16 - Departure

5 May | Airport transfer

Transfer to Islamabad International Airport.

Seasonal operating note

Khunjerab and Shimshal access may be affected by snow, road damage or official restrictions. The expedition leader may reroute, shorten or stop a sector for rider welfare, daylight or road safety.

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Hunza provides cultural depth between demanding riding sectors.

Included

15 nights premium twin-sharing accommodation; breakfast, lunch and dinner; Islamabad-Skardu-Islamabad domestic flights; 150cc motorcycle and route fuel; scheduled maintenance; support vehicle, luggage, spares and emergency assistance; expedition leader and English-speaking guide; transfers, listed entrance fees, visa support, mineral water and basic first aid.

Not included

International airfare; visa fee; mandatory insurance covering motorcycle riding; helmet and personal protective equipment; security deposit where applicable; rider-caused damage or repairs; personal expenses, beverages, optional activities and gratuities; costs caused by disruption beyond confirmed contingency arrangements.

Pricing guidance

Indicative range: USD 3,000-6,000 per person. The USD 6,000 level applies to a solo rider. The per-person price reduces as the number of paying riders increases. Final pricing also depends on rooming, confirmed hotels, flight fares and motorcycle category.

Motorcycles and safety

150cc motorcycles are the standard confirmed category. A group-wide upgrade to 250cc or larger motorcycles is subject to availability and quoted separately. Riders require an appropriate licence, an International Driving Permit, suitable protective equipment and insurance covering the confirmed engine capacity and altitude. The Shimshal road includes narrow, rough and exposed sections.

Plan this expedition

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