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Shandur Polo Festival

FESTIVAL JOURNEY · EDITION 2027.1 · 12 DAYS

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An overland journey across the Hindu Kush to the high Shandur plateau, with time for polo and the crossing toward Gilgit-Baltistan.

SEASON: Summer; 2027 dates pending | START / FINISH: Islamabad | PRICE: Tailored quote on request

Day-by-day itinerary

Islamabad > Swat > Chitral > Mastuj > Shandur > Phandar > Gilgit > Islamabad

DAY 01	**Arrive Islamabad**	Meet the team, review the altitude and road plan.
DAY 02	**Islamabad to Swat**	Drive north with cultural and landscape stops.
DAY 03	**Swat to Chitral**	Cross the Lowari corridor and overnight in Chitral.
DAY 04	**Chitral to Mastuj**	Continue along upper Chitral at a measured pace.
DAY 05	**Mastuj to Shandur**	Ascend to the plateau and settle into the agreed camp.
DAY 06	**Shandur polo day**	Attend accessible matches according to the official programme.
DAY 07	**Shandur event day**	Second full day for fixtures, subject to organizers and weather.
DAY 08	**Shandur to Phandar**	Cross into Gilgit-Baltistan and descend to Phandar.
DAY 09	**Phandar to Gilgit**	Continue through the valleys with time for stops.
DAY 10	**Gilgit to Besham or Chilas**	Begin the return by road; overnight follows current access.
DAY 11	**Return to Islamabad**	Complete the road journey and rest.
DAY 12	**Departure**	Airport transfer or private extension.

Planning & arrangements

The 2027 dates and fixtures are unannounced. In 2026 officials moved the event to June 11-13. Shandur is about 3,700 m; cold, wind and altitude symptoms are possible. Camp standards must be confirmed in the quote.



Included in the proposal

- Airport transfers on stated arrival/departure days
- Private ground transport, fuel and driver
- Twin-share stays and daily breakfast
- English-speaking local guide and visit coordination

Quoted separately / excluded

- International flights, visa and special permissions
- Lunches, dinners, donations, tips and personal costs
- Insurance and changes caused by weather or official access

Booking status

This is a provisional planning outline. The official festival schedule, route, accommodation, inclusions and final price are confirmed in writing before booking. No fixed 2027 departure is offered yet.

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