



CULTURAL JOURNEY | 12 DAYS

Shandur Polo Festival

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

DATES & PRICE

2027 schedule pending | tailored quote on request

Highlights

- Two full days reserved for the official polo programme
- The Chitral to Phandar and Gilgit mountain crossing
- Locally guided interpretation and flexible road planning

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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