

PK Travels: Northern Pakistan Adventure Packages

Discover the breathtaking beauty of Pakistan's northern areas with our specially curated travel packages, starting and ending in Lahore. We handle the planning, transport, and accommodation, so you can focus on making memories.

1. Naran-Kaghan Short Escape

- Duration: 4 Days / 3 Nights
- Overview: A quick getaway to the popular Kaghan Valley, featuring lush scenery, the stunning Saif-ul-Malook Lake, and pleasant weather. Ideal for families and short breaks.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Naran (Approx. 9-10 hrs drive). Depart early from Lahore via Motorway M-2, Hazara Motorway E-35 towards Mansehra, Balakot, and Kaghan. Reach Naran by evening. Check into the hotel. Dinner & overnight stay in Naran.
 - Day 2: Lake Saif-ul-Malook Excursion. After breakfast, hire a local 4x4 jeep for the thrilling ride to Lake Saif-ul-Malook. Spend time enjoying the mesmerizing lake views. Optional: Boating. Return to Naran. Explore Naran Bazaar in the evening. Dinner & overnight stay in Naran.
 - Day 3: Babusar Pass / Lalazar Meadows (Seasonal - June to Oct). After breakfast, drive towards Babusar Pass (if open and accessible), enjoying views of Lulusar Lake en route. Alternatively, visit the beautiful Lalazar Meadows via jeep. Return to Naran by afternoon. Dinner & overnight stay in Naran. (If Babusar/Lalazar are closed, explore local areas like Batakundi).
 - Day 4: Naran to Lahore. After breakfast, start the return journey to Lahore. Stop for lunch en route. Arrive back in Lahore by evening.

2. Swat Valley Family Fun

- Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights
- Overview: Explore the "Switzerland of Pakistan," known for its green valleys, rivers, and historical sites. A comfortable trip suitable for all ages.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Mingora/Saidu Sharif, Swat (Approx. 7-8 hrs drive). Depart from Lahore via M-2 and Swat Motorway M-16. Reach Mingora/Saidu Sharif. Check into the hotel. Visit Swat Museum if time permits. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 2: Mingora to Kalam. After breakfast, drive towards the scenic upper Swat valley of Kalam. En route, stop at Bahrain & Madyan. Check into the hotel in Kalam. Enjoy the riverside views. Dinner & overnight stay in Kalam.
 - Day 3: Mahodand Lake Excursion. After breakfast, hire a local 4x4 jeep for a full-day excursion to the stunning Mahodand Lake ('Lake of Fishes'). Enjoy the scenic drive through Ushu Forest. Spend time boating or relaxing by the lake. Return to Kalam in the evening. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 4: Kalam to Malam Jabba & back to Mingora. After breakfast, drive back down towards Mingora. En route, detour to Malam Jabba, a popular hill station and ski resort (chairlift/zipline optional, seasonal). Spend some time enjoying the views. Continue drive to Mingora/Saidu Sharif. Dinner & overnight stay.

- Day 5: Mingora to Lahore. After breakfast, visit the Butkara Stupa (Buddhist ruins) if interested. Begin the return journey to Lahore via Swat Motorway. Arrive in Lahore by evening.

3. Hunza Valley Discovery

- Duration: 7 Days / 6 Nights
- Overview: Experience the majestic Karakoram Highway and the legendary beauty of Hunza Valley, famous for its towering peaks, ancient forts, and apricot blossoms (in spring).
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Chilas (Approx. 12-14 hrs drive). Early departure from Lahore. Travel via M-2, Hazara Motorway, and then onto the Karakoram Highway (KKH) via Besham/Dasu. Long travel day. Arrive in Chilas by late evening. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 2: Chilas to Hunza (Karimabad) (Approx. 5-6 hrs drive). After breakfast, continue the scenic journey on the KKH. Stop at viewpoints like Nanga Parbat viewpoint, Rakaposhi viewpoint, and the Junction Point of 3 mighty mountain ranges. Reach Karimabad, Hunza. Check into the hotel. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 3: Karimabad Exploration. After breakfast, visit the historic Baltit Fort (UNESCO site) and Altit Fort. Explore Karimabad Bazaar for local handicrafts and dried fruits. Enjoy panoramic views of Rakaposhi, Diran Peak, and Ultar Sar. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 4: Attabad Lake & Khunjerab Pass (Pakistan-China Border). After breakfast, full-day excursion. Drive along the stunning Attabad Lake (boating optional). Continue towards the Pak-China border at Khunjerab Pass (highest paved border crossing, seasonal access approx. May-Nov). Enjoy the breathtaking scenery. Return to Karimabad in the evening. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 5: Hopper Valley / Nagar Valley Excursion. After breakfast, take a jeep excursion to Hopper Valley in Nagar, known for the Hopper Glacier viewpoint offering stunning vistas. Alternatively, explore more around central Hunza. Return to Karimabad. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 6: Hunza to Naran/Besham. After breakfast, start the return journey down the KKH. Depending on time and preference, stay overnight either in Naran (via Babusar Pass if open - shorter but seasonal) or Besham (longer KKH route). Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 7: Naran/Besham to Lahore. After breakfast, complete the return journey to Lahore. Arrive by evening.

4. Skardu & Shangrila Adventure

- Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Overview: Journey to Baltistan, the land of giants, featuring dramatic landscapes, high-altitude lakes, and the famous Shangrila Resort. Requires travel on challenging mountain roads.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Chilas (Approx. 12-14 hrs drive). Same as Day 1 of Hunza trip. Overnight in Chilas.
 - Day 2: Chilas to Skardu (Approx. 8-9 hrs drive). After breakfast, continue on the KKH and then turn onto the Skardu Road. A challenging but incredibly scenic drive along the Indus River. Reach Skardu by evening. Check into the hotel. Dinner & overnight stay.

- Day 3: Skardu Exploration & Upper Kachura Lake. After breakfast, visit Skardu Bazaar and Kharpocho Fort (optional climb for views). Visit the beautiful Upper Kachura Lake and the famous Shangrila Resort (Lower Kachura Lake). Dinner & overnight stay in Skardu.
- Day 4: Shigar Valley Excursion. After breakfast, day trip to the picturesque Shigar Valley. Visit the historic Shigar Fort (now a Serena Hotel, visit permitted). Explore the traditional village and enjoy views of the valley. Return to Skardu. Dinner & overnight stay.
- Day 5: Khaplu Valley Excursion. After breakfast, full-day excursion to Khaplu Valley. Visit the beautiful Khaplu Palace (also a Serena Hotel). Drive along the Shyok River. Enjoy the unique landscape. Return to Skardu in the evening. Dinner & overnight stay.
- Day 6: Deosai Plains Day Trip (Seasonal - June to Sep). After breakfast, hire a 4x4 jeep for a full-day trip to the Deosai National Park ('Land of Giants'). Visit Sheosar Lake. Look for wildlife like the Himalayan Brown Bear (from a distance!). Requires packed lunch. Return to Skardu by evening. (If Deosai is closed, visit Satpara Lake). Dinner & overnight stay.
- Day 7: Skardu to Chilas/Naran. After breakfast, begin the long return journey. Drive back down the Skardu Road to the KKH. Stay overnight in Chilas or continue to Naran if Babusar Pass is open and time permits. Dinner & overnight stay.
- Day 8: Chilas/Naran to Lahore. After breakfast, complete the return journey to Lahore. Arrive by evening.

5. Fairy Meadows Trek

- Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights
- Overview: A moderately challenging trek offering unparalleled, close-up views of Nanga Parbat (8126m), the "Killer Mountain." Involves a jeep ride and hiking. Basic accommodation at Fairy Meadows.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Chilas (Approx. 12-14 hrs drive). Early departure from Lahore. Travel via KKH to Chilas. Dinner & overnight stay in Chilas.
 - Day 2: Chilas to Raikot Bridge & Fairy Meadows. After breakfast, drive on KKH to Raikot Bridge (approx. 1.5-2 hrs). Transfer to local 4x4 jeeps for the thrilling ride up to Tattu Village (approx. 1.5 hrs). From Tattu, begin the hike to Fairy Meadows (approx. 2-3 hrs trek). Reach Fairy Meadows. Check into basic wooden cabins/campsite. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 3: Nanga Parbat Base Camp Trek (Optional). After breakfast, optional full-day trek towards Nanga Parbat Base Camp (Beyal Camp & viewpoint). This is a longer trek (approx. 6-8 hrs round trip) offering stunning views. Alternatively, relax and enjoy the views from Fairy Meadows. Dinner & overnight stay at Fairy Meadows.
 - Day 4: Fairy Meadows to Naran/Chilas. After breakfast, trek back down to Tattu Village (approx. 1.5-2 hrs). Take the jeep back to Raikot Bridge. Meet your transport and drive towards Naran (via Babusar if open) or back to Chilas. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 5: Naran/Chilas to Lahore. After breakfast, complete the return journey to Lahore. Arrive by evening.

6. Neelum Valley Beauty (Azad Kashmir)

- Duration: 6 Days / 5 Nights

- Overview: Explore the lush green Neelum Valley in Azad Kashmir, known for its winding river, dense forests, and charming villages. Access requires travel via Murree/Muzaffarabad.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Muzaffarabad (Approx. 6-7 hrs drive). Depart Lahore, travel via GT Road or Motorway towards Islamabad, then take the Murree Expressway towards Muzaffarabad, the capital of AJK. Check into the hotel. Visit Pir Chinasi viewpoint if time permits. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 2: Muzaffarabad to Keran/Upper Neelum (Approx. 3-4 hrs drive). After breakfast, drive along the Neelum River towards Keran. Enjoy scenic stops at Dhani Waterfall and Kutton Waterfall. Check into a hotel/guesthouse in Keran or Upper Neelum village (offers great views). Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 3: Sharda Exploration. After breakfast, drive further up the valley to Sharda. Visit the ruins of Sharda University and enjoy the beautiful riverside location. Explore the small town. Return to Keran/Upper Neelum in the evening. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 4: Kel & Arang Kel Excursion (Requires Trek). After breakfast, drive to Kel (approx. 2-3 hrs from Keran). From Kel, take the chairlift/cable car across the river, followed by a hike (approx. 45-60 mins) up to the stunning meadow of Arang Kel. Spend time enjoying the panoramic views. Hike back down and return to Keran/Upper Neelum. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 5: Keran to Murree/Islamabad. After breakfast, start the return journey. Drive back towards Muzaffarabad and continue towards Murree or Islamabad for the overnight stay. Enjoy the evening in Murree or explore Islamabad. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 6: Murree/Islamabad to Lahore. After breakfast, complete the return journey to Lahore (approx. 4-5 hrs from Islamabad). Arrive back by afternoon/evening.

7. Grand Northern Loop (Hunza & Skardu)

- Duration: 10 Days / 9 Nights
- Overview: An extensive tour covering the highlights of both Hunza and Skardu, offering a deep dive into the Karakoram and Himalayan ranges. For those wanting a comprehensive northern experience.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Chilas (Overnight Chilas)
 - Day 2: Chilas to Hunza (Karimabad) (Overnight Hunza)
 - Day 3: Hunza Local Sightseeing (Altit/Baltit Forts) (Overnight Hunza)
 - Day 4: Attabad Lake & Khunjerab Pass Excursion (Overnight Hunza)
 - Day 5: Hunza to Skardu (via KKH & Skardu Road) (Overnight Skardu)
 - Day 6: Skardu Exploration (Shangrila, Upper Kachura) (Overnight Skardu)
 - Day 7: Shigar Valley Excursion (Overnight Skardu)
 - Day 8: Deosai Plains Excursion (Seasonal) / Khaplu Valley Excursion (Overnight Skardu)
 - Day 9: Skardu to Naran/Chilas (Overnight Naran/Chilas)
 - Day 10: Naran/Chilas to Lahore (Arrival Lahore)

(Detailed activities similar to individual Hunza & Skardu packages)

8. Chitral & Kalash Valley Cultural Trip

- Duration: 7 Days / 6 Nights
- Overview: Explore the remote and culturally rich valleys of Chitral and Kalash, home to the unique Kalasha people and stunning Hindu Kush mountain scenery. Involves travel over Lowari Pass/Tunnel.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Dir Upper (Approx. 8-9 hrs drive). Depart Lahore via M-2, M-1, Swat Motorway towards Chakdara, then onwards to Dir Upper. Check into a basic hotel. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 2: Dir Upper to Chitral Town (Approx. 4-5 hrs drive). After breakfast, drive towards Chitral via the Lowari Tunnel (or Lowari Pass, if open/preferred - longer). Enjoy the changing landscape as you enter the Hindu Kush range. Reach Chitral Town. Check into the hotel. Visit Chitral Fort and Shahi Mosque. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 3: Chitral to Bamburet (Kalash Valley) (Approx. 2-3 hrs drive). After breakfast, drive towards the largest Kalash Valley, Bamburet. The road can be bumpy. Check into a local guesthouse. Spend the day exploring the village, observing the unique Kalasha culture, houses, and meeting locals (respectfully). Dinner & overnight stay in Bamburet.
 - Day 4: Rumbur Valley Excursion (Optional). After breakfast, option to take a jeep excursion to the nearby Rumbur Valley, another significant Kalash settlement, offering a different perspective. Alternatively, spend more time exploring Bamburet or relaxing. Dinner & overnight stay in Bamburet.
 - Day 5: Bamburet to Ayun / Chitral Town. After breakfast, drive back from Kalash Valley towards Ayun (a scenic town near Chitral) or directly to Chitral Town. Check into the hotel. Relax or explore the local bazaar. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 6: Chitral Town to Swat (Mingora). After breakfast, begin the return journey. Drive back through Lowari Tunnel towards Dir and then take the route towards Swat Valley via Timergara. Reach Mingora by evening. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 7: Swat (Mingora) to Lahore. After breakfast, drive back to Lahore via Swat Motorway and M-2. Arrive in Lahore by evening.

9. Deosai Plains Wildlife Safari (Skardu Based)

- Duration: 6 Days / 5 Nights
- Overview: Focused trip for nature and wildlife enthusiasts centered around Skardu, with extended time planned for exploring the Deosai National Park during its accessible season (typically June-September).
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Chilas (Overnight Chilas)
 - Day 2: Chilas to Skardu (Overnight Skardu)
 - Day 3: Skardu Local Sightseeing (Shangrila/Upper Kachura) (Overnight Skardu)
 - Day 4: Full Day Deosai Exploration (via Jeep). Early start after breakfast. Full day dedicated to exploring Deosai National Park. Visit Sheosar Lake. Drive through different parts of the plateau, looking for wildlife (Brown Bear, Golden Marmots, birds) and enjoying the unique flora. Packed lunch. Return to Skardu by evening. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 5: Skardu to Naran/Chilas (Overnight Naran/Chilas)
 - Day 6: Naran/Chilas to Lahore (Arrival Lahore)

10. Kaghan Valley & Shogran Retreat

- Duration: 4 Days / 3 Nights
- Overview: A variation of the Naran-Kaghan trip, focusing on the lower parts of the valley and the picturesque plateau of Shogran, known for its serene environment and views.
- Itinerary:
 - Day 1: Lahore to Shogran (Approx. 8-9 hrs drive). Depart early from Lahore. Travel via Hazara Motorway to Kiwai. From Kiwai, take local jeeps up the steep road to Shogran plateau. Check into the hotel. Enjoy the cool air and forest surroundings. Dinner & overnight stay in Shogran.
 - Day 2: Siri Paye Meadows Excursion. After breakfast, hire a local jeep for the excursion to Siri Lake and Paye Meadows. Enjoy the bumpy ride and the stunning panoramic views from the meadows (weather permitting). Spend time walking around. Return to Shogran. Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 3: Shogran to Naran & Back to Balakot/Mansehra. After breakfast, drive down from Shogran to Kiwai. Continue drive towards Naran (approx. 2 hrs). Spend a few hours exploring Naran Bazaar or riverside. In the afternoon, drive back down the valley towards Balakot or Mansehra for overnight stay (breaks up the return journey). Dinner & overnight stay.
 - Day 4: Balakot/Mansehra to Lahore. After breakfast, complete the return journey to Lahore via Hazara Motorway and M-2. Arrive back in Lahore by afternoon/evening.

General Notes for All Packages:

- Inclusions (Typical): Private transportation (car/van appropriate for group size) from Lahore and back, fuel, driver expenses, toll taxes, standard hotel accommodation (double/twin sharing basis), daily breakfast (sometimes dinner), basic first aid. Jeep charges for specific excursions (like Saif-ul-Malook, Mahodand, Fairy Meadows, Deosai, Siri Paye, Kalash) are often included but confirm per package.
- Exclusions (Typical): Lunch, dinners (unless specified), entry tickets to forts/parks/museums, chairlift/boating fees, personal expenses (shopping, laundry, snacks), travel insurance, tips, any costs due to unforeseen circumstances (roadblocks, landslides, flight delays, etc.).
- Accommodation: Standard hotels/guesthouses are used. Upgrades may be possible at extra cost. Accommodation in remote areas like Fairy Meadows or Kalash is basic.
- Best Time to Visit: Generally May to October for most areas. April for Hunza blossom. July-August for Deosai. Winter travel is possible to some lower areas like Swat but higher passes are closed.
- Important: Road conditions in northern areas can be unpredictable. Itineraries may need adjustments due to weather, landslides, or other unforeseen events. Flexibility is key. Bring appropriate warm clothing, comfortable walking shoes, and any personal medications.

We hope these detailed plans help you choose your next adventure with PK Travels! Contact us for booking and customization.