



FACING NORTH
TRAVELS & TOURS

DIVERSITY OF NATURE & CULTURE
Hunza & Islamabad

Traveling Dates: June - October

Product Code: PK0001010

DURATION: 11 DAYS

PER PERSON PRICE: \$ 1,860

STYLE: NATURE, CULTURE, HERITAGE & FOOD

TRAVELER'S RATING: ★ ★ ★ ★

OVERVIEW:

Pakistan is country full of diversity in every means whether you talk about landscape, food, culture or our traditions. Islamabad is the capital of Pakistan where our journey starts, Islamabad is surrounded by beautiful Margala Hills which is the start of our mountain ranges. In the North-East of Pakistan, at an altitude of 8200 ft., Hunza District is in Gilgit-Baltistan and is the center of trekking, trailing and climbing journeys. In an epitome of beauty of its lakes, rivers and waterfalls, serenity of valleys and wilderness of the mountains.

START: Islamabad

TOUR TYPE: LUXURY

FINISH: Islamabad

PHYSICAL RATING: N/A

PROVINCES COVERED: Punjab & GB

AGE GROUP: 4+

THEME: Holiday

GROUP SIZE: 16

WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE

- Luxury accommodations
- Serenity of the capital of Pakistan (Islamabad)
- Dawn and dusks in Karakoram and Himalayas
- Heritage of Hunza
- Cooking Demonstration
- Bonfire BBQ with traditional music and dance
- Brightening moon at Karimabad and all the way to the vast fields of Punjab
- Serenity of Atabad and Borit Lake
- Culture of different provinces
- Some of the most delicious food country has to offer from north till south

IS THIS TRIP RIGHT FOR YOU?

Please note that a more conservative dress code applies for some of the sightseeing on the city tour. Entrance may be denied at some sights if this is not followed.

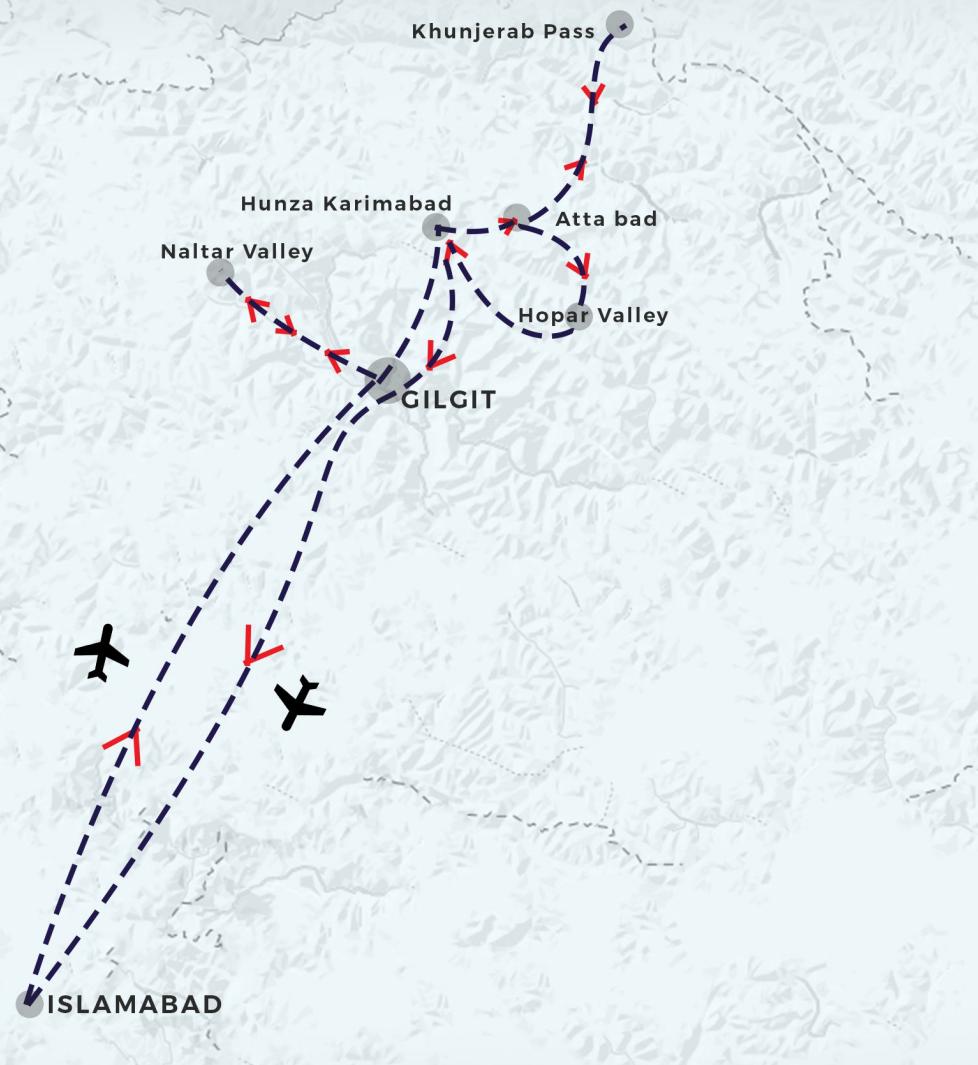
It is recommended that you wear warm clothes, long sleeves and long trousers/skirt/jeans.

The Jeep Safari on this itinerary involves off-road driving through rugged areas - which all adds to the excitement. However, because of the adventurous nature of the journey and the rough terrain covered, we do not recommend this activity to passengers if they have any pre-existing medical conditions, are over 70 or pregnant.



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ITINERARY:



Day 1: Arrival at Islamabad

KhushAamdeed, Welcome to the capital of the Pakistan. Upon arrival, once you clear the customs and collect your luggage, you will be met and greeted by Facing North on Location representatives and will be transferred to your hotel. The drive to your hotel will be approximately 30 minutes. Today is at leisure to settle in and relax after your international flight. You may wish to head out and enjoy a cup of local Chai and sweets. A welcome dinner will be served at a fine dining restaurant handpicked by Facing North. You will meet your Resident Director and the staffs as well as your fellow travelers at dinner. A brief introduction will also be given to give you pointers of the upcoming tours.

Accommodation: Serena or Marriott Hotel

Activities: Quick Tour Islamabad

Transport: Coaster or Jeeps

Meals: Dinner



Day 2: Islamabad

Today, you will sleep in and will join the group to enjoy a special elaborated Brunch to help you recover from the long trip. After the meal, your day will start with Margala hills, a great location to view Islamabad, followed by a short city tour. We will cover Pakistan Monument, Faisal Masjid and other landmarks of Islamabad to give you a comprehensive view of this great city. Dinner will be served at the renowned Monal Restaurant with a stunning panoramic view of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Situated on the hill of Potohar, nestled against the pristine Margala, Monal Restaurant is voted one of the most romantic restaurants in Islamabad and is considered the best restaurant in Islamabad. Your dinner experience tonight at Monal will be a great introduction to the Pakistani cuisine..

Accommodation: Serena or Marriott Hotel

Activities: City Tour Islamabad

Transport: Coaster or Jeeps

Meals: 3 Meals



Day 3: Gilgit & Naltar valley

After breakfast, depart early morning for Gilgit. You will be transferred to the Airport in time for your flight to Gilgit. The flight will take approximately 45 minutes and will cross some of the high-altitude peaks and highest mountain ranges in the world. Upon arrival, we will depart to Nomal village. The drive takes about 20 minutes and we will switch vehicle to 4x4 Jeep for some off-road driving to Naltar valley. This scenic drive will take approximately 2 hours and will bring you to a stunning valley of lakes and lush green forest. Naltar Valley has 7 lakes and we will try to cover as many of them as possible. You will have free time to walk around Nomal to do some sightseeing and photography and after that, we will return to Gilgit Serena for the night. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Accommodation: Serena Gilgit

Activities: Short Gilgit city tour, Jeep ride to Naltar, Visit lakes and Skiing resort of Naltar.

Transport: 4x4 and Coasters

Meals: 3 Meals



Day 4: Karimabad & Rakaposhi viewpoint

This morning, you will wake up to a view surrounded by the mighty Karakoram. You will have plenty of time to enjoy your breakfast with the view and after breakfast and a break; we will check out of the hotel at around noon and leave for Karimabad. The drive will take approximately 2.5 hours and on the way in, we will stop at various viewpoint locations for you to rest and take some really nice pictures. You will go through one of the original silk roads and you will be able to see the remains of the old silk road which was constructed by cutting stones manually back in the days. Another viewpoint stop will be Rakaposhi where we will have a buffet lunch and will spend time by the water stream coming From Rakaposhi which has an elevation of 7,788m. We will do a short excursion to Karimabad then transfer to hotel. The rest of the afternoon will be at leisure in Karimabad. Explore the main market and try out some local organic walnut cake from Café De Hunza. In late afternoon, we will leave for Eagles Nest, a short 30 minutes' drive from the hotel. At Eagles Nets, you will witness a stunning sunset projecting over the Hunza Valley.

Accommodation: Serena Inn or Hard Rock

Activities: Remains of Old silk route, Rakaposhi viewpoint
café De Hunza & sunset at Duiker (Eagles Nest)

Transport: 4x4 and Coasters

Meals: 3 Meals



Day 5: Baltit & Altit Fort

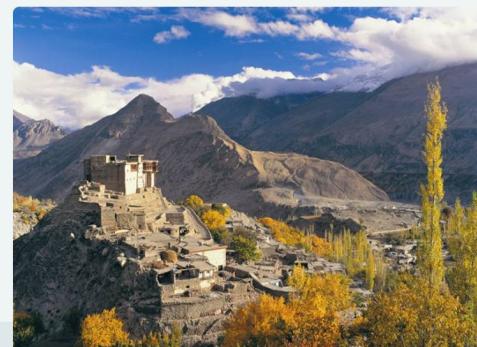
After breakfast, we will explore the culture and traditions of Hunza valley, it has so much to offer. We will start will a short heritage walk from Karimabad bazar to Baltit fort, which is located on the top of Karimabad bazar. We will take a tour of Baltit Fort to know about the history, culture, traditions of Hunza Valley. After the visit of Baltit Fort, we walk back to Karimabad bazaar to take another excursion to Altit Fort, another stunning piece of architecture and history. After the tour to Altit Fort, we will stop at a small hidden café in Altit called Khabasi Café. Khabasi Café is operated by an All-Female team as a result of an amazing initiative taken by Prince Agha Khan to uplift women empowerment. Evening walk in Altit royal gardens, return to Karimabad bazaar where you will have some free shopping time. Transfer to hotel, dinner will be served at the hotel with traditional dance and music.

Accommodation: Serena Gilgit

Activities: Karimabad heritage walk, Baltit and Altit fort tour, Altit royal gardens, khabasi Café and traditional music and dances.

Transport: mostly walking and Coasters

Meals: 3 Meals



Day 6: Hoper Valley & small-scale factories

This morning, we will head to Hoper valley. The drive will be approximately 1.5 hours from the hotel. Hoper Valley is well known for its high-altitude mountain peaks and one of a kind glaciers which lies below the valley. We will take a short trek to the glacier and you will have a chance to get close and personal with the thousand's year-old glacier ice. After the visit to Hoper Valley, we will return to Karimabad for a short tour of a local craft art studio where wooden cutlery and other handicrafts are made. We will also visit several carpet factories to see how this ancient carpet making technique is preserved and how handmade carpets are made.

Accommodation: Serena Inn or Hard Rock

Activities: Hopper valley, Hopper glacier, small scale factories of handy crafts and carpet.

Transport: 4x4 and Coasters

Meals: 3 Meals



Day 7: Atabad Lake, Gilgit & Borit Lake.

After breakfast, we will leave for Atabad lake, crossing some mind-blowing tunnels leading us to one of the largest lakes of Pakistan. At Atabad Lake, you have options to participate in different kind of water or doing some sightseeing at Gulmit village. After Atabad Lake, we will head to Borit lake where lunch will be served at a lake viewing restaurant. We will leave for glacier hike which is approx. 2 hours of trekking with an amazing view of Passu cones and Passu peak Relax at the most scenic and beautiful place in upper Hunza valley. Return to Atabad lake, transfer to resort. Dinner will be arranged at the Moksha Resort with music.

Accommodation: Luxus Grand Resort

Activities: Atabad lake, Passu cones, Gulmit village walk, Passu Glacier Walk and Borit lake.

Transport: Coaster and SUV

Meals: 3 Meals



Day 8: Sost, Passu & Khunjerab Pass

Our day will start with a majestic view of Atabad Lake and Passu Cones in the background, breakfast will be served with the lake view. Excursion to Sost with stopovers at different villages for photography. We will take a tour of the famous Hussaini suspension bridge. Lunch will be served in Sost. We will visit Sost Dry port. Excursion to Khunjerab pass which is situated at an elevation of 4,693m. Return to Atabad Lake, in between stop over at Glacier Breeze café for scrumptious organic Apricot cake and tea. Free time at Atabad. BBQ dinner with live music and bonfire

Accommodation: Luxus Grand Resort

Activities: Sost dry port, Khunjerab pass, Bonfire & musical night.

Transport: Coaster or Jeeps

Meals: 3 Meals



Day 9: Rakaposhi Viewpoint Minapin & Bikchum Ghutum

Today we will be heading to Gilgit via Minapin. Minapin is one of the oldest villages of Nagar valley. The drive to Minapin will be approximately one hour and upon arrival, we will have time to do a garden walk in Minapin. You may wish to pick some fresh fruits from the orchards. Tea will be served next to the water stream during the break. After the tea break, we will change vehicle to 4x4 Jeep for an exciting off-road driving to Bikchum Ghutum. The ride to Bikchum Ghutum will take approximately 45 minutes and it will lead us to a hidden pearl, a ground situated right on the footsteps of the mighty Rakaposhi known as the Mother of Mist. In Bikchum, you can take a short trek towards glacier where you will have the opportunity to taste organic ice which is thousands of years old. Lunch is served at Bikchum Ghutum. After lunch, we will return to Minapin where we change our vehicle again to a coaster bus and continue our journey to Gilgit. At leisure for the rest of the day in Gilgit.

Accommodation: Serena Gilgit or Riverdale

Activities: Minapin garden walk, 4x4 ride, Bikchum Ghutum and glacier walk.

Transport: 4x4 & Coasters

Meals: Breakfast, Snacks & Dinner



Day 10: Islamabad, Saidpur village

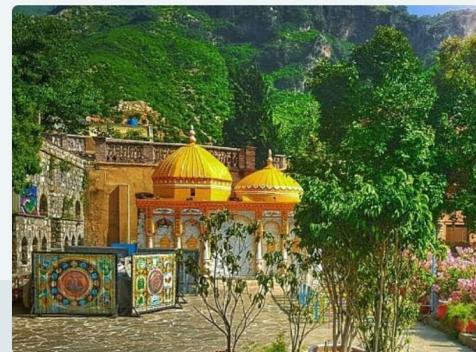
As our tour is coming to an end, we are taking a slower pace to allow you more time at leisure to enjoy the hotel facility. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Islamabad. During the flight, you will see the majestic Himalayas and Karakorum range, an experience that will last a lifetime. Upon arrival and after check into the hotel, we will go on a short excursion to Saidpur village and Lokvirsa museum for a quick tour. The remainder of the day will be at leisure to allow you one last opportunity to experience the city on your own or do some last-minute shopping in Islamabad. Tonight, a Farewell Dinner is served at Nadiya, Marriott.

Accommodation: Serena Hotel or Marriott

Activities: Flight safari, Saidpur Village, Lokvirsa Museum

Transport: Flight, Coasters

Meals: 3 Meals



Day 11: Day of Departure

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Free time for leisure and shopping in local handicraft shops, malls and marketplaces. Lunch will be served in yet another fine dining restaurant in Islamabad before you are transferred to the airport for your returning flight home.

Accommodation: None

Activities: Departure to your country

Transport: Flight

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

WHAT IS INCLUDED?



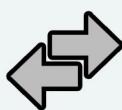
Documentation for
Visa Application



Roundtrip domestic
flight (Isb - Gilgit)



Airport meet
and greet



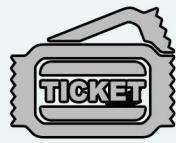
All transfers



All accommodation
as indicated on the
itinerary



English speaking
guide and Resident
Director



Entrance fees to
national parks
& monuments



Group photo album
by professional
photographer



Local bottled
water daily



Gratuities

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?



Roundtrip international
flight to Islamabad



Visa application
and fees



Cancellation / Travel
Insurance & Emergency
Medical Insurance



Photographic
insurance



Alcoholic beverage
& soft drinks



Personal expenses

Essential Trip Info: Warm Clothes will be required in the northern region of Pakistan,
rest the weather will be moderate.



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