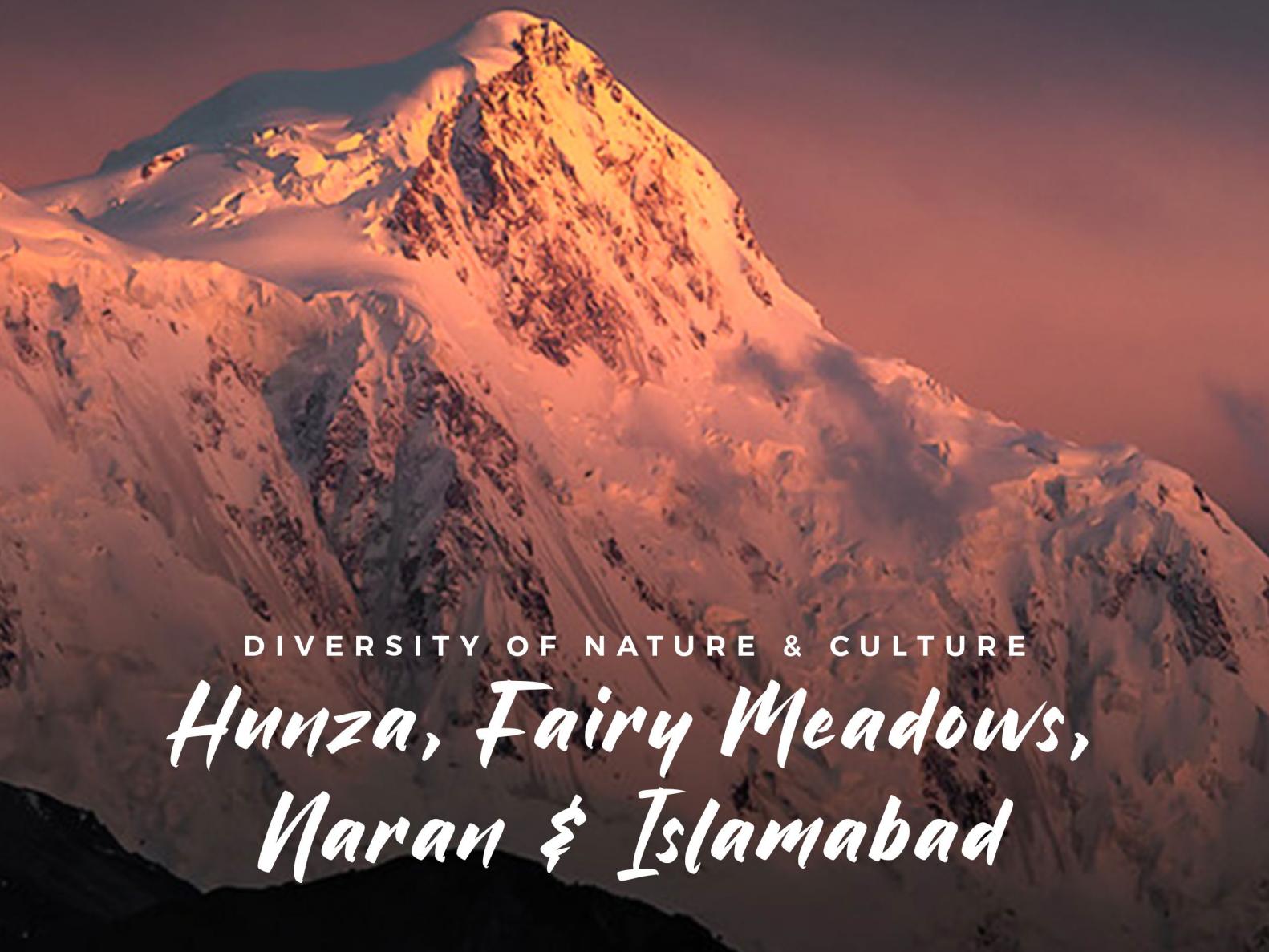




**FACING NORTH**  
TRAVELS & TOURS



DIVERSITY OF NATURE & CULTURE  
*Hunza, Fairy Meadows,  
Naran & Islamabad*

**Traveling Dates:** June - October

**Product Code:** PK0001011

**DURATION: 12 DAYS**

**PER PERSON PRICE: \$ 1,980**

**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. Fairy Meadows, named by German climbers and locally known as Joot, is a grassland near one of the base camp sites of the Nanga Parbat, located in Diamer District, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan.

**START:** Islamabad

**TOUR TYPE:** LUXURY

**FINISH:** Islamabad

**PHYSICAL RATING:** MODERATE

**PROVINCES COVERED:** Punjab & GB

**AGE GROUP:** 4+

**THEME:** Holiday

**GROUP SIZE:** 16

## **WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE**

- Serenity of the capital of Pakistan (Islamabad)
- Dawn and dusks in Karakoram and Himalayas
- Serenity of Atabad and Borit Lake
- Trek to Fairy Meadows and Nanga Parbat Basecamp (World's 9th highest mountain
  - Elevation 8126m)
- Cultural insight of Hunza Valley, the most popular destination of Pakistan
- Visit beautiful lakes, mightiest mountains, and some of the world's largest glaciers.
- Meet the loving locals and enjoy the local music.

## IS THIS TRIP RIGHT FOR YOU?

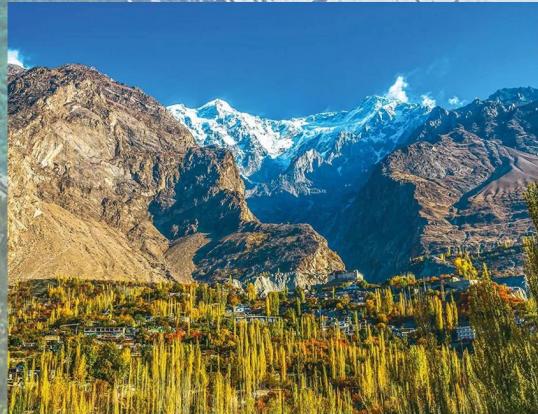
This is a specially designed trip for the travelers who want to have a mix of cultural insight, sightseeing of the majestic landscapes and trekking up to the base camp of one of the mightiest mountains in Karakoram Range, the Nanga Parbat. It is the world's 9th highest mountain elevation 8126m. Moreover, you will be visiting the Hunza Valley, the most popular tourist destination in Pakistan.

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.

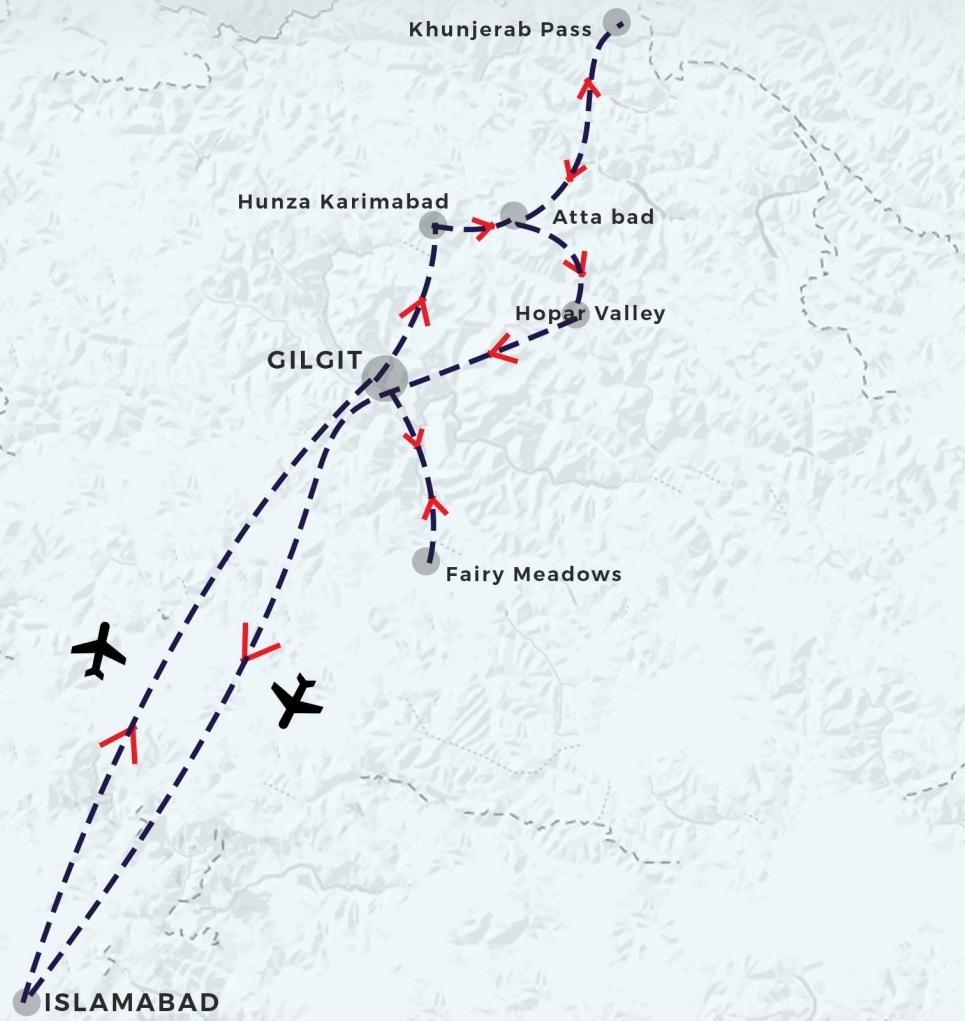
It is recommended that you wear warm clothes, long sleeves and long trousers/skirt/jeans.

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: Karimabad & Rakaposhi viewpoint

After breakfast, depart early morning for Gilgit. Transfer to Airport, flight to Gilgit from Islamabad. Flight is approx. 45 minutes which will leave life impact, the flight will cross some of the high-altitude peaks and highest mountain ranges. Arrival at Gilgit, departure to Hunza valley. 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 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 Gilgit

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

**Transport:** 4x4 and Coasters

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 4: Baltit & Altit Fort

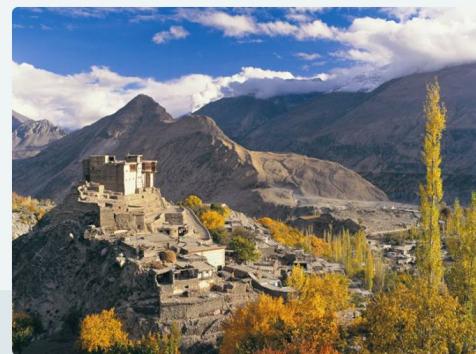
After breakfast, we will explore the culture and traditions of Hunza valley, it has so much to offer. We will start with a short heritage walk from Karimabad bazar to Baltit fort, which is located on the top of Karimabad bazar. We will take a tour of Baltit Fort to know about the history, culture, traditions 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 Inn or Hard Rock

**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 5: 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 6: 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 7: Hoper Valley & small-scale factories

This morning, we will head to Gilgit via 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. We will swiftly depart for Gilgit which is at a drive of 1.5 hours. Transfer to hotel, leisure for the rest of the day.

**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 8: Raikot, Tattu Village & Fairy Meadows

Breakfast will be served at the hotel, departure to Raikot bridge which is approx. 1 hour & 20 mins drive from Gilgit. We will take jeeps from Raikot to Fairy point. Fairy point is the point from where our trek will start to Fairy Meadows. 4 hours of trekking, crossing water streams and forests. Arrival at Fairy Meadows. Lunch will be served. From Fairy meadows, our view will be the widest face of a mountain in the world and 9 th highest peak in the world called Nanga Parbat. Rest for a while, dinner will be served with live music and Bonfire.

**Accommodation:** Raikot Serai

**Activities:** Jeeps safari to Fairy point, trek to Fairy Meadows, local music & Bonfire

**Transport:** 4x4 jeeps & coaster

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 9: Fairy Meadows, Bayal camp & Nanga Parbat Viewpoint

Breakfast will be served at the hotel, day trip to Bayal camp and Viewpoint, 2 hours of trekking crossing beautiful forest & countless water streams. Lunch will be at Bayal camp, excursion to Viewpoint or base camp (optional), return to Fairy Meadows, afternoon walk of Fairy Meadows. Dinner will be served with Bonfire.

**Accommodation:** Raikot Serai

**Activities:** Jeeps safari to Fairy point, trek to Fairy Meadows, local music & Bonfire

**Transport:** Trekking & walking

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 10: Fairy Meadows / Gilgit

A Beautiful morning in fairy meadows with mesmerizing view of Nanga Parbat from your resort, breakfast will be served, sightseeing in Fairy Meadows. We will depart to Chilas, our journey will consist 2.5 hours of trek to fairy point and 2 hours of jeep ride to Raikot. Excursion to Gilgit, transfer to hotel, the remainder of the day will be at leisure or rest. Dinner will be served at nearby restaurant. Rest till tomorrow

**Accommodation:** Gilgit Serena

**Activities:** Long Drive, Photo stops

**Transport:** Coaster 4x4 Jeeps

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 10: Islamabad, Saidpur village

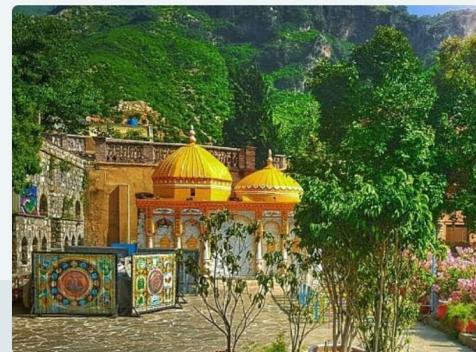
As our tour is coming to an end, we are taking a slower pace to allow you more time at leisure to enjoy the hotel facility. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Islamabad. During the flight, you will see the majestic Himalayas and Karakorum range, an experience 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?



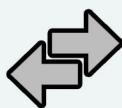
Documentation for  
Visa Application



Roundtrip domestic  
flight (Isb - Gilgit)



Airport meet  
and greet



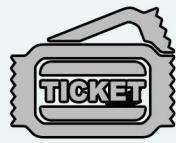
All transfers



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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