



FACING NORTH  
TRAVELS & TOURS

DIVERSITY OF NATURE & CULTURE

*Hunza, Islamabad & Lahore*

**Traveling Dates:** November - May

**Product Code:** PK00009

**DURATION: 12 DAYS**

**PER PERSON PRICE: \$2,250**

**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. Lahore is Queen of cities, for ages Lahore has been a brilliant symbol of a gracious way of life. It had been the abode of great people, both in the spiritual as well as worldly realms. Lahore having been the seat of many imperial dynasties possesses interesting historical reminiscences. There is a fascinating and colorful panorama of extraordinary Mosques, Mausoleums, Fort, Gardens and the like. The grandeur of Lahore cannot be solely attributed to its buildings, gardens, monuments and other historical places. Rather it is its atmosphere and ambience, its moods of joy and sorrow, fairs and funs, pains and pleasures, and above all the colorful life of its people which render impetus to the spirit and sole of Lahore.

**START: Islamabad**

**TOUR TYPE: LUXURY**

**FINISH: Islamabad**

**PHYSICAL RATING: N/A**

**PROVINCES COVERED: Federal, Punjab & GB**

**AGE GROUP: 4+**

**THEME: Holiday**

**GROUP SIZE: 12**

## **WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE**

- Serenity of the capital of Pakistan (Islamabad)
- Dawn and dusks in Karakoram and Himalayas
- Heritage of Hunza, Lahore and Sindh
- Brightening moon at Karimabad and all the fields of Punjab
- Serenity of Atabad and Borit Lake
- Culture of different provinces
- Some of the most delicious food country has to offer

## 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.** On arrival to Islamabad Airport, please clear customs and collect your baggage before locating our representative. You will be transferred to your hotel, which is conveniently located 20-25 mins drive off the Airport Terminal. The rest of the day is free to spend as you may wish. Perhaps head out for some Chai (local tea) or do some gear shopping. Your dinner will be served at a fine restaurant, after which you may rest.

**Accommodation:** Serena Hotel

**Activities:** Quick Tour Islamabad

**Transport:** Coaster

**Meals:** Dinner



## Day 2: Islamabad

A beautiful morning surrounded with the tail of Himalayas called Margala hills which surrounds the capital city Islamabad. A perfect brunch will await your presence, we will take it slow today by visiting nearby art galleries and Lok versa museum to dive into the culture and history of the capital. we will move on to experience local street food offered in the twin cities Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Visit Pakistan monument in the evening to experience the culture of the four provinces of Pakistan. Return to hotel rest for a while. Excursion to Monal restaurant which located at the top of Margala Hills providing a stunning panoramic view of the twin cities. Dinner will be served, experience the local cuisines and some high-end local BBQ. Enjoy the view with some hot local tea and deserts. Return to hotel overnight stay.

**Accommodation:** Serena or Marriott Hotel

**Activities:** City Tour Islamabad, local Art Galleries & fine dining experience in the Capital

**Transport:** Coaster

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 3: Islamabad, Gilgit

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 Hunza or Hard Rock

**Activities:** Air Safari, drive to Hunza, Local organic Drinks made with fruit, local street food. Live Local music & Bonfire

**Transport:** 4x4 and Coasters

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 4: Karimabad, Baltit & Altit Fort

This day, 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. On our way back we will stop at a local food stall where we will be given a food demonstration of local food and some insights of their local spices which helps the locals to stay longer than the normal age. We will walk all the way back to Karimabad bazar, excursion to Altit Fort, another stunning piece of architecture and history. Tour of Altit fort. There is a small hidden café in Altit called Khabasi Café which is operated by females only, an amazing initiative taken by Prince Agha Khan to uplift women empowerment. Try some of the local food and feed demonstrations by the locals. Evening walk in Altit royal gardens, return to Karimabad, some free shopping time. Transfer to hotel, rest for a while. Tonight, we will go to a local house which is turned into a local food experience place, all the traditional local food will be served with traditional live music. Rest till the next morning.

**Accommodation:** Serena Inn or Hard Rock

**Activities:** Karimabad heritage walk, Baltit and Altit fort tour, Altit royal gardens & food Demonstrations at khabasi Café

**Transport:** mostly walking and Coasters

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 5: Atabad Lake, Gilgit, Passu & Borit Lake.

After morning breakfast will be served with local fresh fruit juices, we will take a tour to a local handicraft workshop to see how the locals craft musical instruments, cutlery and other handicrafts made by wood. Short demonstrations will be given by the locals to carve the wood into cutlery. we will leave for Atabad lake, crossing some mind-blowing tunnels leading us to one of the largest lakes of Pakistan. Water sports at Atabad Lake, sight-seeing at Gulmit village.

Excursion to Borit lake, lunch will be served at Borit lake. Try out some of the authentic local food made of Yak meat (local mountain cow), after lunch local mountain tea will be served which is a cure of many illnesses. Evening walk towards Passu glacier to witness the beautiful sunset, excursion to Atabad lake. Transfer to Luxus Atabad, rest for a while. At night BBQ will be arranged with local traditional music and Bonfire. Enjoy your night. Rest till tomorrow.

**Accommodation:** Luxus Atabad

**Activities:** A Local handicraft workshop demonstration, Atabad lake, Passu cones, Local Yak meat food experience, local tea and Borit lake.

**Transport:** Coaster

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## **Day 6: Passu Glacier Walk, Borit lake & Sost dry port.**

Our day will start with a majestic view of Atabad Lake and Passu cones in the background, breakfast will be served, enjoy the beautiful morning a perfect view. Today we will keep it relaxing and will enjoy the mountains afternoon we will visit a local carpet workshop which is marvel of fine art. The workshop is operated by the females to promote women empowerment. All the carpets are handmade and stitched. Demonstration and tour of the workshop will be given. For lunch we will visit Moksha resort where a couple will cook local food with spices organically grown in their gardens. Spend your evening at the cozy Moksha resort, perhaps just read a book and embrace the mountains and its calmness. At evening we will return to hotel. dinner will be served, bonfire and local live music will be arranged, overnight stay.

**Accommodation:** Gilgit Serena

**Activities:** Local Carpet workshop tour and demonstration, organic food experience, Gulmit village walk, Leisure.

**Transport:** Coasters

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## **Day 7: Gilgit, Hoper Valley**

Early morning breakfast will be served, Departure to Gilgit. Through our journey we will first visit Hopper valley known as Nagar 1, tour of the valley, visit Hopper glacier, the only glacier where the valley is higher than the glacier. Later we will visit local restaurants to try out food cooked with local spices. Visit apple orchards, perhaps some picking of fruits. Excursion to Gilgit. Check in at hotel. leisure in the evening or visit local shops within the hotel to by gemstones and local handmade shawls and clothes. Dinner will be served at a restaurant or hotel, overnight stay.

**Accommodation:** Gilgit Serena

**Activities:** Hopper valley, local food with local spices, Hopper glacier walk, leisure at serena Gilgit, shopping of gemstones and local handmade cloths in Gilgit.

**Transport:** Coasters

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## **Day 8: Islamabad, Saidpur village and Monal**

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Transfer to airport, flight to Islamabad, flying over the majestic Himalayas and Karakorum range. Arrival at Islamabad check in at hotel, short tour of Saidpur village, explore the remains of the village and preserved artifacts. Perhaps after few days in the north we will head towards a fine dining restaurant to surprise our taste buds with some scrumptious food. Visit local art galleries or a local art event depending on the time. Free time in Islamabad or rest and leisure in hotel. Dinner will be at a fancy restaurant in Islamabad. Overnight stay in Islamabad.

**Accommodation:** Serena Hotel

**Activities:** Flight safari, Saidpur Village, Lokvirsa Museum and Monal.

**Transport:** Flight, Coaster

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 9: Kalar Kahar (khewra Salt Mines) & Lahore

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Departure to Kalar Kahar to visit the second Largest salt mines in the world, which will take us approximately 2 hours to reach by motorway. We will enter the mine via small train which will take us deep in the mine, art of molding salt into monuments and mosques can be seen inside, tour of the mine. return back, we will head back to the road, excursion to Lahore which will take us 2 hours to reach. In between we will stop at the rest area for lunch. Excursion to Lahore, crossing few rivers. Transfer to hotel. rest for a while. Lahore is well known in Pakistan for its amazing taste of food and variety. We will visit Bundu Khan for amazing BBQ experience, later visit a Lakshmi Chowk for some amazing deserts like Gulab Jamun, Jalebi & Rabri which is made from Milk. Return to Hotel, rest till tomorrow.

**Accommodation:** Luxus Resort Hotel

**Activities:** Khewra Salt Mines, Slat mine tour & salt museum, Lakshmi Chowk for desserts.

**Transport:** Coasters

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 10: Lahore city tour

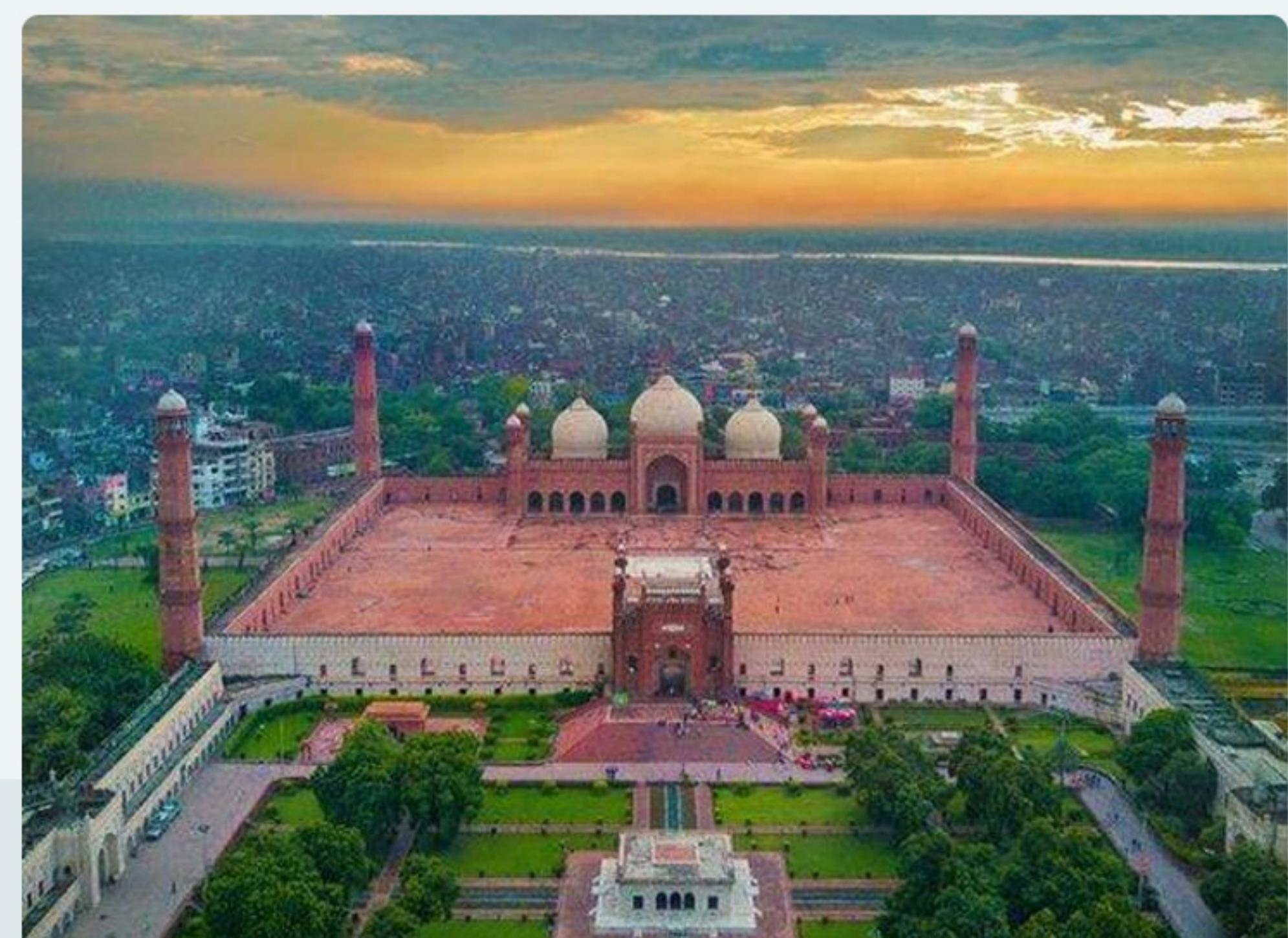
Breakfast will be served at the hotel. we will head towards SCAFA which is one of the best culinary school in Pakistan, meet and greet with the director of SCSFA Ms. Alisha. A food demonstration will be organized where the chefs will cook the fusion of Pakistani food. Lunch will be served around 1pm. We will head towards the Walled city of Lahore. We will start our tour from Delhi gate Lahore, we will mostly walk through the ancient walled city, our first sight will be Shahi Hammam where we will take the tour of ancient royal baths. Excursion to the next sight which is Wazir Khan Mosque where beautiful paintings have been carved and engraved on walls, a true marvel of art which makes the mosque so unique. After the mosque we will direct ourselves to some local street food like smoked corns, Falooda and other unique food stalls are available which is a must try. Our next sight is spice bazar situated next to the mosque, here we will learn about the spices of the subcontinent and experience their beautiful colors and smell. We will move towards the Lahore fort tour of the beautiful ancient mosque visiting Badshah-e-Majid, Red Fort, Lahore Fort and Sheesh Mahal which is coated with beautiful glass which reflects making is one of a kind mahal in the world, ancient art can be explored in the Mahals Dinner will be served at the Haveli Restaurant with a great view of Badshah-e-Majid. Overnight stay in Lahore.

**Accommodation:** Luxus Grand Hotel

**Activities:** SCAFA culinary school, Badshah-e-Masjid tour, Minar-e-Pakistan, Red fort and Lahore Food Street.

**Transport:** Coasters

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 11: Wagha Border & Hiran Minar

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. we will start our day at 10 am, today we will explore the art galleries and art Hubs of Lahore, our first sigh is Tulintin square which has been restored as an art Hub where many art galleries and paintings are preserved. Visit Lahore museum which is located next to Tulintin where you can see the old artifacts like letters written by Mohammed Ali Jinnah to Ghandi and other important personalities of that era at the time of partition. Tour of the museum. Move ahead to MM Allam road to ty out some of the best food of city of Lahore. After lunch we will visit local art galleries at MM Allam Road. Excursion to Wagha Border which is at a 45 minutes' drive to witness the Border ritual/ceremony between India Pakistan. Return to hotel rest for a while. Tonight, we will go to a unique restaurant called Baranh, which means twelve, the theme is the 12 gates of Lahore. The restaurant offers true experience of Lahori Food. Enjoy all the verity restaurant has to offer and ending the food experience with scrumptious local desserts.

**Accommodation:** Luxus Grand Hotel

**Activities:** Art gallery tour, Wagha Border & shopping.

**Transport:** Land Cruisers

**Meals:** 3 Meals



## Day 12: Day of Departure

BBreakfast will be served at the hotel. Free time for leisure and shopping in local handicraft shops, malls and marketplaces. Lunch will be served in fancy restaurant in Islamabad. Transfer to Airport with lots of memories to cherish forever.

**Accommodation:** None

**Activities:** Departure to your country

**Transport:** Flight

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

## WHAT IS INCLUDED?



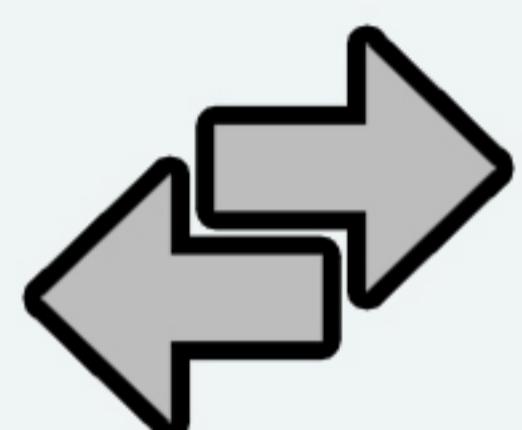
Documentation for  
Visa Application



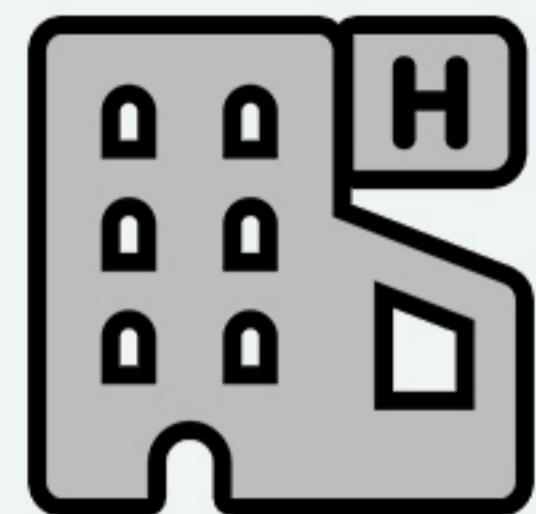
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flight (Isb - Gilgit - Lahore)



Airport meet  
and greet



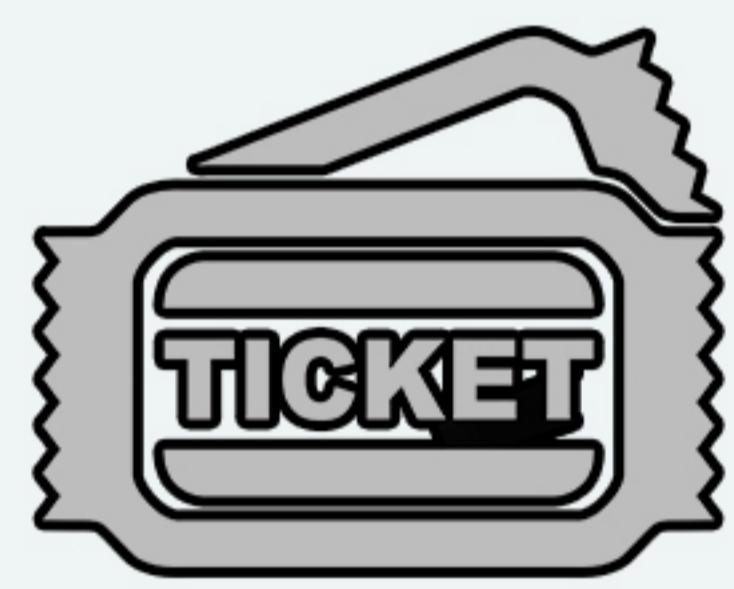
All transfers



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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