

BALTISTAN SAFARI AND TREK

- DURATION – 23 days
- DEPARTURE – Flexible
- PRICE pp
2pax/NZD5020 3>4pax/NZD4450; 5>6pax/NZD4230
(prices current at the time of publication (09/02/2009))
- INCLUDES – **Lahore, Islamabad, Skardu, Deosai Wilderness NP, Rupal base camp trek, Gilgit, Chitral, Kalash Valleys.**

Get right off the beaten track on this safari across Deosai wilderness National Park in Pakistan's 'little Tibet', Baltistan. Make a fully supported trek of moderate difficulty to the Mt Nanga Parbat Rupal face base camp. Discover the cultural melting pot of Chitral and visit the fascinating Kalash tribes people of the Hindukush foot hills. Best time to visit June to September

Day 1 Arrive to Lahore

Met at airport and transfer to Hotel

Day 2 Sightseeing in Lahore

Full day to explore Lahore including Lahore Fort, Bad Shahi Mosque, the Mall and an evening visit to the Pakistan/Indian border at Waga for the border closing ceremony.

Day 3 Drive to Islamabad.

Half day drive via the GT road to Islamabad. Afternoon for sightseeing in Islamabad.

Day 4 Fly to Skardu

Transfer to airport for 45min flight to Skardu. If the weather is clear spectacular views of the great peaks of the Baltoro and K2.

Day 5 Skardu

Today we can explore Skardu Pakistan's most western extension of "little Tibet" We will also visit the nearby town of Khaplu, the 2nd largest kingdom in old Baltistan.

Day 6 Drive to Chota pani

Drive (2hrs) to our river side camp at Chota Pani. Camp

Day 7 Chota Pani

This morning explore around Chota Pani area, this afternoon drive to Bara pani a large river on the Plateau. Camp

Day 8 To Tarashing

A 4hr drive to Tarashing a small town in the Astore District. Tarashing is regarded as the gateway to Nanga Parbat. Camp

Day 9 Trek Tarashing to Herrligkoffer base camp

Trek 10km / 5 hours. First part of our trek is through the lush meadows to the snout of the Tarashing Glacier. Continue another 2 – 3 hours to the base camp close to the Bazhin Glacier with views of Nanga Parbat, Rakhiot and Chongra Peaks. Camp.

Day 10 Trek to Tupp return to Herrligkoffer.

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Day 11 To Tarashing

Return to Tarashing, then 1 hr drive to Rama Lake.

Day 12 To Gilgit

Follow the Indus River down valley to the KKH and to Gilgit.

Day 13 Drive to Karimabad,

Half day drive north along the KKH to Karimabad nestled below the 7,388m Ultar Peak.

Day 14 Karimabad

Leisure day in Karimabad - visit Baltit Fort, the local bazaar and just enjoy the mountain views. For the energetic a more strenuous walk to Ultar meadows above Karimabad. Visit Eagles Nest this evening for spectacular sunset views.

Day 15 Drive to Gilgit,

Spend the morning in Karimabad, after lunch head back down the KKH to Gilgit.

Day 16 Drive to Phandar Lake

Follow the Gilgit River towards the Shandur Pass. Overnight at Phandar Lake.

Day 17 Drive to Mastuj

Continue to the Shandur Pass (3718m), site of the annual polo tournament. Stop for a walk around the lake on the Pass before heading down into the Chitral Valley and Mastuj.

Day 18 Drive to Chitral

Continue down the Chitral Valley with Tirish Mir (7708m) coming into view as you approach Chitral town. (5hrs)

Day 19 Chitral

Morning visit Chitral town and the bazaar. This afternoon drive to Bamburete in the Kalash Valley.

Day 20 Bamburete

Full day to explore the mountain village and wander up the valley.

Day 21 to Chitral

Head back to Chitral. Afternoon time to relax or walk around the town.

Day 22 to Islamabad

Transfer to airport for flight to Islamabad.

Day 23 Depart

Transfer to airport for departure flight