



## Pakistan North West Frontier

Get out and about on paths less travelled to Pakistan's fabled North West Frontier.

This discovery style journey will commence in Islamabad and take you beyond the icy ramparts of the Karakoram Highway to the forested foot hills of the Hindu Kush by way of Hunza and Shandur Pass. Along the way we plan a village visit and some easy walks in upper Hunza. Then via the Shandur Pass to the Chitral Valley where we will learn something of the intriguing folk who live in the Kalash valleys of the Hindu Kush. We'll be making our way down to Islamabad by way of the historically strategic Lowari and Malakand Passes.

### ARRIVE EARLIER ~ STAY LONGER

Talk to us about things to do if you would like to stay a day or two longer to visit Lahore.

## US\$ 3500

We plan to operate this itinerary in 2019 at a similar time and hopefully at a similar price. We will update this information later in the year.

all inclusive, based on twin share  
Single Room Supplement available

Group will be escorted by our Pakistan partner.



## Trip Details

DURATION - 18 days

AVERAGE TEMP - 10°C - 30°C

ACCOMMODATION STYLE  
- Hotels, guesthouses and camping

SIGHTSEEING STYLE  
- Included

GROUP SIZE STYLE  
- 10

DATES OF TRIPS  
Commence Islamabad  
24/08/2018  
Conclude Islamabad  
10/09/2018

MEALS  
Included

TRAVEL STYLE  
Passenger van

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 - Islamabad

Arrive Islamabad. Transfer to the hotel. Remainder of the day free time. Our itinerary commences with dinner tonight

### Day 2 - to Naran

A full day's drive into the foothills and along the picturesque Kaghan Valley to Naran.

### Day 3 - To Rama Lake

Continue north crossing Babasur Pas into the Indus valley then to Astore and Rama Lake with stunning views of Nanga Parbat and the Karakoram mountains.

## **Day 4 - Rama Lake**

A full day for easy walks around Rama Lake set beneath the ice ramparts of Nanga Parbat to soak up the mountain scenery.

## **Day 5 - to Shigar Fort**

Descend to Astore and climb the switchbacks to the alpine plateau of Deosai National Park enroute to the Indus Valley at Skardu and continue up valley to Shigar Fort.

## **Day 6 - To Skardu**

Time for easy local walks at Shigar before the short drive down the Indus to Skardu. Sightseeing round Skardu this afternoon.

## **Day 7 - To Gilgit**

Get on the road early for the full day's drive following the twists and turns of the Indus to Gilgit.

## **Day 8 - to Karimabad / sightseeing**

A short drive north to the Hunza region and Karimabad. Visit Baltit fort and enjoy some leisure time browsing the craft shops in Karimabad this afternoon.

## **Day 9 - Karimabad**

This morning time to walk on the water race walk around the village. After lunch visit Altit Fort, then continue up to Duikar for spectacular sunset views over the surrounding peaks.

## **Day 10 - to Gulmit / sightseeing**

A short drive north through the newly constructed tunnels passing Attabad Lake formed by a massive landslide in 2010. This afternoon visit Borit Lake and walk to the Passu Glacier outlook.

## **Day 11 - To Gilgit**

No need to get away early for the drive down the Hunza Valley to Gilgit. There are plenty of places to stop en route including the world famous in Hunza, Rakaposhi View restaurant for a cuppa a tea.

## **Day 12 - To Phandar Lake**

Continue by jeep to head up the Giza Valley to Gaukutch, an important trading centre at the confluence of the Ishkoman and Gilgit Rivers. Visit Gupis Fort before continuing to Phandar Lake to overnight.

## **Day 13 - Shandur Pass, to Mastuj**

Continue up valley and over the 3,700m Shandur Pass - time for a walk on the pass, before descending steeply by switchbacks past the spectacular peaks of the Hindu Raj as the road descends into the Yarkhun River to Mastuj.

## **Day 14 - To Chitral**

This morning follow the Yarkhun river down stream passing the stunning icy peaks of Buni Zom and drive to Chitral and after a break continue the short distance to Ayun Fort

## **Day 15 - To Rumbar Kalash Valley**

This morning, drive to Rumbar in the Kalash Valley. After lunch explore the village and soak up some of the local culture. Overnight in simple accommodation.

## **Day 16 - To Bumburet, Kalash and Ayun Fort**

Drive to neighbouring Bumburet Valley to visit the Kalash Museum and cemetery area. We'll overnight tonight at the entrance to the Kalash Valley at Ayun Fort Inn – the once upon a time fort of the Chitrali ruling family.

## **Day 17 - to Islamabad**

A full day's drive via the newly constructed Lowari Tunnel, and over the Malakand Pass back to the plains and along the

Grand Trunk Road to Islamabad.

## Day 18 - Islamabad - depart

This morning we can visit the Rawalpindi bazaar, and this afternoon time for some last minute shopping in the modern department stores adjacent to our hotel. Late afternoon / evening transfer to airport for departure flight.



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