



## Indus Silk Route

Join us on this classic journey from the desert oasis of ancient Kashgar to the heart of the magnificent Karakoram Mountains. Follow the footsteps of trade caravans across the lofty Khunjerab Pass to Pakistan's idyllic kingdom of Hunza then trace the thin ribbon of the Karakoram highway up the Indus river gorges to Pakistan's picturesque "Little Tibet" of Baltistan. Fly from Skardu to Islamabad and conclude in ancient Lahore.

Visit Kashgar, Tashkorgan, Sust, Karimabad, Gilgit, Skardu, Islamabad, Lahore.



Length of trip	<b>19 days</b>
Accommodation	<b>Hotels.</b>
Meals included	<b>Yes</b>
Travel Style	<b>Tourist coach, 1 domestic flight.</b>
Escort	<b>SRA local escort</b>
Sightseeing and entry fees	<b>Included</b>
Maximum group	<b>12</b>
Commences	<b>Kashgar 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012</b>
Concludes	<b>Lahore 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012</b>
COST	<b>NZ\$4,600</b> based on twin share. <i>(prices subject to change)</i>



Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.

— Andre Gide



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## Itinerary at a Glance :

**Fri, 07 September 2012**      **Kashgar**  
Commence Kashgar.

**Sat, 08 September 2012**      **Kashgar**  
Am for sightseeing in Kashgar and PM leisure .

**Sun, 09 September 2012**      **Kashgar**  
This morning head off to the Sunday livestock market. After lunch take a walking tour in the lanes of the old city.

**Mon, 10 September 2012**      **Tashkorgan**  
Full day's drive to Tashkorgan via Karakul Lake and Gez Canyon, spectacular views of the mountains including Mustagata Peak.

**Tue, 11 September 2012**      **To Sost**  
Depart Tashkorgan, complete Chinese departure formalities before heading for the Khunjerab Pass (4934m) and Sost. After completing Pakistan arrival formalities, lunch and check into hotel at Sost. Late afternoon walk to Aliabad village.

**Wed, 12 September 2012**      **To Misgar**  
Today we are making a full day excursion to Misgar village, set in a spring fed meadow on the historic trail from Srinigar to Kashgar. Return to Sost PM.

**Thur, 13 September 2012**      **To Gulmit**  
This morning drive down valley to Gulmit village at the head of the 2010 landslide lake. Sightseeing including easy walks to Passu Glacier viewpoint, Borit Lake and Kamaris Village.

**Fri, 15 September 2012**      **To Karimabad**  
Morning in Gulmit, afternoon take the ferry down the 27km lake and continue by road to Karimabad, sightseeing and photo stops en route.

**Sat, 15**      **Karimabad**  
Walk to Baltit Fort through the old village. Afternoon walk along the water channel path through Karimabad and visit the bazaar.

**Sun, 16 September 2012**      **Karimabad**  
Walk through the village via water races and local roads down to Aliabad (6km). En route visit local carpet weaving centre. Meet bus for return to Hotel. Late afternoon jeep drive to Duiker (Eagles Nest) for sunset views and dinner.

**Mon, 17 September 2012**      **To Gilgit**  
Morning drive to Gilgit, after lunch visit Gilgit bazaar and Kargah standing Buddah.

**Tue, 18 September 2012**      **To Shardu**  
Depart Gilgit for the 170km drive to Skardu, capital of Baltistan. Our route takes us down valley to the confluence of the Hunza and Indus rivers then up the Indus gorges to Skardu.

**Wed, 19 September 2012**      **Skardu**  
Today we can explore Pakistan's most western extension of "Little Tibet" . This morning we will visit the 17<sup>th</sup> century Fort, take an easy trek and explore the town.

**Thur, 20 September 2012**      **Skardu**  
Depart after breakfast for a full day excursion to Satpara Lake and the stunning Deosai Plains wilderness National Park. Return to Skardu Late PM.

**Fri, 21 September 2012**      **Islamabad**  
This morning we have an early flight to Islamabad. Transfer to the hotel and head into the Margalla Hills National Park for views out over the city and short walks.

**Sat, 22 September 2012**      **Islamabad**  
We have a day in the city today to visit the National institute of Folk Art and heritage at Lok Versa Museum, the magnificent Shah Faisal Mosque and Rawalpindi's famous Raja bazaar.

**Sun, 23 September 2012**      **to Lahore**  
This morning we have a leisurely late morning departure for Lahore via the historic Grand Trunk road. Lunch en route at Jehlum.

**Mon, 24 September 2012**      **Lahore**  
Morning sightseeing to Lahore Fort and Badshahi Mosque. Afternoon visit Shalimar Garden and Waggah for sunset border closing. Dinner tonight at CoCo's restaurant in the Diamond market overlooking Bad Shahi Mosque.

Day 16      **Lahore depart**  
This morning visit Lahore Museum and Mall area for last minute shopping. Farewell dinner and late evening depart Lahore.

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CONCLUDE *The Great Silk Road* itinerary on **9th September** and JOIN *Indus Silk Route* in Kashgar on **10th September**



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