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The Amazing Adventures of North Pakistan with Lahore

23 Day Itinerary
Skardu, Hunza, Chitral, Swat,
Peshawar, Islamabad & Lahore

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GILGIT-BALTISTAN OVER VIEW MAP



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LET US HELP YOU CREATE A LIFE CHANGING HOLIDAY



The company came into fruition in 2018 as my desire to put Pakistan on peoples radar for the right reasons. I wanted to show people Pakistan through my eyes as I know the country has a plethora of beauty, culture, culinary delights & hospitality to offer those seeking something off the beaten track.

It is also my way of giving back to the people of Pakistan & doing my bit as a Pakistani overseas, which is why a strong emphasis of my itineraries involve working with local boutique hotels and local businesses so that the common man / woman in Pakistan benefits from the tourism I bring in. This also provides you with the most authentic holiday.





OUR SERVICE

Apart from flights, we take care of everything. Our specialism lies in the creation & development of authentic, cultural holidays in Pakistan from the North to the South, whether its food, nature, culture, history or golf you enjoy, we have it all covered.

Once you arrive at the airport in Islamabad or Karachi, you become our guests and our responsibility. We have everything covered from hotels, transportation to all the excursions & guides, so you can just focus on taking pictures, chatting to the locals & basically having a great time. All of our guides have over 20 years experience on the ground and great knowledge about the sites they take you to but also off the beaten track activities like watching truck art being painted on the trucks.

We are proud to be recognised for this & have won 5 awards related to best Pakistan Experience service provider by SME news, best customer service & Adventure Tour Agency of the Year for 3 years running by Prestige Awards.

It's your holiday so our team go above and beyond, our goal is to ensure that we make it the most memorable experience for you & that you leave the country as brand ambassadors of Pakistan, telling the world how welcoming & culturally rich Pakistan is.

THE AMAZING ADVENTURE OF NORTH PAKISTAN

Pakistan's northern region is blessed with sky rising mountains and in their laps lays the fascinating mountainous valleys with exotic cultures whose people are warm-hearted, with smiling faces and friendly attitude. Settled in mountain gorges along mighty rivers these valleys' landscape is equally alluring with thrilling road drives. With mesmerizing mountain scenery, awe-inspiring adventurous road along the mighty rivers and exotic cultures, this magical journey has been designed to thrill you, charm you. We embark on this spectacular cultural voyage at Islamabad, the political and administrative city of Pakistan. Driving towards north, we stop at Taxila to visit ancient Buddhist Civilization's remains, one of the alluring archaeological sites in the world.

We drive through the beautiful Naran valley to Gilgit, the administrative town of Gilgit Baltistan. The smiling, welcoming and friendly inhabitants of Hunza truly make your stay at home. Views from fairy tale like Baltit Fort, the old residence of Mirs of Hunza standing atop Karimabad, the former capital of Hunza Valley are incredibly beautiful. A walk along Barbar irrigation channel with striking views of Karakoram Mountains adds more essence to your journey.

The beautiful Attabad Lake with its unique blue colour, Gulmit valley surrounded by high mountains and glaciers, and the most scenic Phander valley and its mesmerizing Phander Lake is an experience of lifetime. Crossing Shandur Pass, the highest polo-ground in the world, we will reach Mastuj and then Chitral. Chitral with the unique Kailash Valley (known as the Wearers of Black Robes) – a remaining minority of approximately 3500 people living in three isolated but beautiful valleys known as Bumburet, Rambur and Berir. The people of Kailash have a rich culture and are very headstrong about their identity. These people stand out from the remaining tribes, cultures and communities due to their distinct traditions, religious practices and festivals. After visiting Swat and Peshawar, our trip will conclude in Islamabad, the federal capital of Pakistan.

PROPOSAL COST BASED ON 23 DAYS

Group Size	Based on Semi-Deluxe Hotels	Based on Standard Hotels
1	£10,150	£8,310
2-4	£5,470 PP	£4,575
4-8	£4,680 PP	£3,195
Single Supplement	£995	£650

COST INCLUDES:-

- Hotel Accommodation based on single room for each passenger
- Meals (Breakfasts)
- English speaking tour guide
- Air-conditioned private car throughout the trip
- air conditioned transportation throughout the trip
- entrance fees to the archaeological sites and museums
- tips at hotels / restaurant
- mineral water (1 bottle of 1.5l per day)
- portorage at hotels

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:-

- International flights
- All items of personal nature such as telephone calls, mini bar and other Beverages
- Lunches & dinners
- Other than above mentioned
- Day use rooms if incase of flight delayed or cancellation
- Tips for Guide & Drivers
- Early Check in

Examples of semi-deluxe hotels used:

SEMI-DELUXE - Luxus Hunza, Offto Resorts

STANDARD. - Famree Resort

A full list will be provided upon payment of a deposit

THE AMAZING ADVENTURE OF NORTH PAKISTAN - 23 DAYS

DAY-1 ISLAMABAD

Arrival at the Islamabad International Airport, transfer to hotel. City tour of Islamabad.

Today's visits/stops/activities include

- Shah Faisal Mosque
- Lok Virsa (Folk Heritage) Museum
- Pakistan National Monument
- Daman-e-Koh (Islamabad View Point)
- Golra Sharif Rail Museum
- External view of Parliament House, President House, Prime Minister House & Supreme Court of Pakistan

DAY-2 ISLAMABAD-TAXILA-ISLAMABAD

Islamabad-Taxila: 32 kms/45 minutes' drive

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Taxila Museum
- Julian Buddhist Stupa & Monastery
- Dharmarajika complex and stupa,
- Truck painting workshop
- Raja Bazaar Rawalpindi

DAY-3 ISLAMABAD - SKARDU

Flight from Islamabad to Skardu (1 hour), half day tour of Skardu & surrounding attractions

Today's visits include

- Upper Kachura Lake
- Kachura Choq
- Shangri-La Resort
- Visit Katpana Desert

DAY-4 SKARDU

Full day tour of Skardu. Overnight stay in Skardu

- Manthal Buddha Rock
- Kharpocho Fort
- Sarfaranga Cold Desert
- Shigir Fort
- Amburiq Mosque Shigir

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DAY-5 SKARDU

Day excursion to Deosai National Park or Khaplu. Drive back to Skardu for overnight stay.

Skardu-Khaplu: 111 kms/3 hours' drive one-way

Skardu-Sheosar Lake: 83 kms/3 hours' drive one-way

KEY ATTRACTIONS-KHAPLU

- Indus Shyok River meeting point
- Khapulo Fort
- Chaqchan Mosque

OR

KEY ATTRACTIONS-DEOSAI NATIONAL PARK

- Deosai plateau
- Sadpara Lake
- Chota Pani
- Bara Pani
- Sheosar Lake
- Great spot for photography of flora and fauna

DAY-6: SKARDU – KARIMABAD HUNZA

Skardu – Karimabad Hunza: 290 kms/6.5 hours' drive

Drive from Skardu to Karimabad Hunza via Gilgit. Overnight in Karimabad.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Drive along the River Indus
- Nanga Parbat viewpoint
- Visit the unique place near Juglot, where three great Mountain ranges; the Karakoram, the Himalaya & Hindukush meet
- Kargah Buddha
- Rakaposhi View Point Ghulmet

DAY-7: CENTRAL HUNZA

Day at leisure to enjoy the natural beauty of Hunza without any activity. Overnight in Karimabad Hunza.

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DAY-8 CENTRAL HUNZA

Full day tour of central Hunza. Overnight in Karimabad Hunza.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Baltit Fort
- Karimabad Bazaar
- Walk Along Barbar Water Channel
- Altit Fort
- Altit Cluster/Altit Village
- Sunset from the Eagle's Nest View Point in Duiker

DAY-9 CENTRAL HUNZA & NAGAR

Karimabad – Hoper: 23 kms/45 minutes' drive

Hoper – Atta Abad Lake: 36 kms/1.5 hours' drive

In the morning visit Ganish, the oldest settlement of Hunza Valley followed by Nagar and then proceed towards upper Hunza. Overnight at Atta Abad Lake.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Ganish Cluster- the oldest settlement in Hunza
- Hoper Nagar Valley
- Stop at Ultar & Lady Finger View Point
- Dong Rock Inscriptions
- Atta Abad Lake
- Gulmit Village

DAY-10: UPPER HUNZA

Free day at Atta Abad Lake or day excursion to Khunjerab National Park. Overnight at Atta Abad Lake.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Khunjerab National Park
- Wildlife in Khunjerab National Park area
- Khunjerab Pass (4600m)
- Hussaini Bridge
- Passu Cones/Passu Cathedrals view point

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DAY-11 UPPER HUNZA - GILGIT

Atta Abad Lake-Gilgit: 115 km/2.30 hrs drive

The first half of the day, we will further explore the beautiful valley of upper Hunza. Drive back to Gilgit in the afternoon.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Borith Lake
- Batura Glacier viewpoint (a hike of 2-3 hours)
- Chinese Grave Yard in Danyor (optional)
- Danyor suspension bridge (optional)

DAY-12 GILGIT - GUPIS

Gilgit – Gupis: 109kms/6 hours' drive

Drive to Gupis visiting Kargah Buddha on the way.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Kargah Buddha
- Drive to along Ghizer river
- Beautiful villages along the road

DAY-13 GUPIS - MASTUJ

Gupis – Mastuj: 150 kms / 7 hours' drive

Drive to Mastuj via Phander & Shandur Pass.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Phander Valley
- Phander Lake
- Shandur Pass- the highest polo ground in the world

DAY-14 MASTUJ – CHITRAL

Mastuj- Chitral: 120 kms/4 hours' drive

Drive from Mastuj to Chitral enjoying the beautiful scenery of Hindu Kush Mountains and Valleys. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

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DAY-15 CHITRAL

Free day in Chitral or day excursion to Chitral Gol National Park

DAY-16 CHITRAL-KAILASH

Chitral – Bumburet Kailash: 22 kms/1 hour's drive

In the morning visit Chitral town. After lunch drive to Bumburet via Rambur.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Chitral Bazaar
- Shahi Mosque
- Tirich Mir View Point
- Rambur Valley Kailash

DAY-17 KAILASH

Full day for exploring the unique of Kailash Valley and its people. Short walks along the valley.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Kailash Museum
- Traditional House to explore their way of life
- Sacred places

DAY-18 KAILASH - MINGORA SWAT

Bumburet Kailash – Mingora Swat: 246 kms/7 hours' drive

Drive from Kailash to Swat.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Barikot Archaeological site

DAY-19: SWAT

Explore attractions/places of interest around Swat valley.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Swat Museum-showcasing collections of Gandhara Art
- The Buddhist sacred Area of Budkara
- Jahanabad Buddha Rock

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DAY-20: MINGORA SWAT –TAKHT-E-BHAI- PESHAWAR

Swat- Takht-e-Bhai - Peshawar: 184 kms/4 hours' drive

Drive to Peshawar visiting Takht-e-Bhai and other Gandhara sites on the way.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Barikot Archaeological sites
- Buddhist Monastery in Takht Bhai

DAY-21: PESHAWAR

Full day to explore Peshawar.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Peshawar Museum-collection of Buddhist art work
- Mahabat Khan Mosque built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan
- Qissa Khawani Bazar (The bazar of story tellers)
- Saithi House -The Mughal Central Asian Architecture
- The historic Qila Bala Hissar (Bala Hissar Fort) from outside

DAY-22: PESHAWAR – ISLAMABAD

Peshawar- Islamabad: 186 kms/2.5 hours' drive via Charsadda to eat some fresh fish at a local fishing village

DAY-23: DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport for home bound flight

SOME TESTIMONIALS FROM PREVIOUS CLIENTS



Kathy Montgomery

11th November 2023

...I loved just about everything in my tour, the guide was very knowledgeable & extremely flexible in catering for my needs...thank you Saadia for putting so much effort in planning my itinerary & managing the components. It has been a truly memorable trip in which I have learned so much about the history & customs....



Paul & Tara

13th October 2023

One of the best holidays we've had, it was lovely not to see so many other foreigners but what threw us was the hospitality of the people of Pakistan. Peshawar despite being a place advised against travel by the FCO was one of our favourites because of the rich culture and warmth of the people.



Nathan Hale

May, 2023

The service was excellent, due to the flooding in Pakistan in 2022, I decided to postpone my trip to 2023 only 6 weeks before my travel date. Saadia and her team were very accommodating & were able to do this without making a fuss or any penalties....

I love the Trucks in Pakistan and even got to ride in one..

FAQ

- **Is Pakistan safe to travel to?**

In the main Pakistan is a safe country to travel around, there are some random incidents but this is like anywhere in the world these days. On a day to day basis it is safe to get around, especially key cities like Islamabad & Lahore. Like any country one must be vigilant, our team is always aware of the ground situation, so if precautionary measures need to take place these are implemented immediately.

- **What do I need to wear?**

You can wear western clothes as a woman or man. However it must be remembered that Pakistan is a muslim country so clothes should generally be loose, 3/4 arm length sleeves, skirts or dresses should be below the knees. Hair does not have to be covered except when entering places of worship. Shoes should also be taken off when entering a mosque.

For the North areas of Pakistan, it is best to dress with layers, for Islamabad & Peshawar their seasons follow the UK and temperatures do get cold Oct - March so warm attire is recommended.

- **How much money do I need to take?**

Eating out & shopping in the main in Pakistan is cheap, particularly at the moment when the currency is so weak. £3 - £5 will get you a 3 course meal at a very nice restaurant.

- **What's the weather like?**

The weather in Sindh, from Multan down to Karachi tends to be hot all year around. The best time to visit this region is Nov - Feb. The Northern areas of Pakistan get very cold with temperatures dropping below freezing. The best to visit this part is April - October. Islamabad, Lahore & Peshawar tend to have similar seasons to the UK, with the need of a coat or cardigan in the winters.

- **What's the local currency?**

The local currency is Pakistan Rupees, our guide will arrange to take you to a local Bureau De Exchange where you can exchange your currency and get the best rates on the day you arrive. We will also help you get a local SIM which you can use throughout your trip to ensure you remain connected without paying exuberant international charges.

- **Who can I get travel insurance with?**

You can get insurance with Battle Face who cover countries which are off the beaten track.

- **What airlines fly into Pakistan?**

British Airways flies directly into Islamabad. However, Emirates, Gulf, Turkish Airlines, Qatar & Etihad also fly into Islamabad, Karachi & Lahore.

NEXT STEPS

- Give us a call on 0203 150 1444 or email us on info@xperiencepakistan.co.uk if any of the tours are of interest to you or you would like a bespoke tour created for you.
- Deposit of 50% to be paid once happy with the itinerary or we can arrange an instalment plan of 3 payments, if time permits. Final payment would be due 8 weeks before your departure date.
- If interested in a group tour, we only require a £500 deposit to secure your place on the tour, if we are unable to get two people and the tour doesn't go ahead the full deposit is refunded minus any bank charges which would be applicable to international clients.
- The maximum group sizes are 8, if we are able to get 8 the price pp would reduce to that quoted which is based on 2 and the final balance owed would reflect this.
- We would provide you with all the documentation you would need for your visa application which is all done online now and takes 2-3 weeks to process. This would be provided after the 50% deposit payment.
- 3 weeks before your travel date we could create a whatsapp group made up of you, me and the team in Pakistan so that you can greet each other before your arrival in Pakistan. I would be contactable throughout your time in Pakistan, should a need arise for you to contact me, such as any changes in plan to due to ill health or change in interest once in the country. However rest assure that the team are very well versed to help you with all of these aspects.
- For group tours we would create a whatsapp group sooner and arrange a zoom call before your departure so you can meet and greet and compare notes.
- Scan the QR Code & be inspired about the adventure which awaits you.





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We look forward to taking you on
your next adventure



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