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Pakistan

Taking you on a life changing
adventure in Pakistan

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Group Tour Dates:

5th Feb 2024, 22nd Dec 2024, 3rd Feb 2025 &
20th Dec 2025

MAP OF PAKISTAN



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.

I wanted people from around the world to experience and enjoy some of the great holidays I have enjoyed in Pakistan with my family.

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, 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.

15 DAY FEMALE ONLY TOUR OF SOUTHERN PAKISTAN

Embark on this spectacular voyage at Islamabad, the political and administrative city of Pakistan. Guarded by Karakoram giants, Hunza Valley nestles itself in the lap of snow-capped mountains which makes it a tourist delight. The enchanting Hunza's beauty reaches its peak in the apricot and cherry blossom in spring, the valley turns green in summer and leaves change their colours to red, yellow and orange in the autumn season. The magical Karimabad (Baltit), the formal capital of Hunza Valley has a charm of its own, encircled by breathtakingly beautiful snow-capped peaks, lush green fields, fruit orchards, and the singing Hunza River, the feeling of being here is unmatched. Views from a fairytale like Baltit Fort, the old residence of the Mirs of Hunza standing atop Karimabad are incredibly beautiful. A walk along the Barbar irrigation channel with striking views of Rakaposhi, Diran Peak and Golden Peak add more essence to your journey. The beautiful Gulmit valley surrounded by high mountains and glaciers, and the Passu village known for Passu Glacier, Batura Glacier and Passu Cones are worth visiting. The smiling, welcoming and friendly inhabitants of Hunza truly make your stay at home.

In the second part of the trip, we will explore Baltistan. In the extreme north of Pakistan, Skardu is an epitome of beauty, serenity, and wilderness. It is located amidst an impressive landscape; towering mountains, deep gorges, cascading waterfalls, creeping glaciers, and quiet lakes constitute this rugged beauty. This tour takes us to heaven on earth. Skardu is the gateway to the world's highest peaks, which include K-2, Broad Peak, Gasherbrum I, Gasherbrum II, and hundreds of peaks over 6000 metres high. Encircling the heart-shaped Kachura Lake is surrounded by fruit-laden orchards and flower-filled gardens, and the breath-taking view presents a heavenly atmosphere. The Kharpocho Fort looking down the hills, the crystal clear water of Satpara Lake, the impressive Shigar and Khapulo Forts, and the Deosai, which is the second highest plateau in the world: let's explore beautiful Baltistan, also known as "Little Tibet."

Finally, we will visit Lahore, the cultural capital of Pakistan. Overall, Lahore is a city of steeped in history, culture, and natural beauty. From its magnificent Mughal-era architecture to its lush gardens and bustling bazaars, Lahore has something for everyone. The city is a testament to the rich cultural heritage that is why Lahore is known as "the Cultural Capital of Pakistan". Lahore is a must-visit for anyone interested in history, culture, and natural beauty. With its vibrant colors, exquisite designs, and warm hospitality, Lahore is a city that will capture your heart and leave you with memories that will last a lifetime.

PROPOSAL COST - 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

Group Size	Based on Twin / Double Sharing
2	£4090 PP
4-6	£2790 PP
8	£2290 PP
Single Supplement	£710 PP

COST INCLUDES:-

- Hotel Accommodation based on single room for each passenger
- Meals (Breakfasts)
- English speaking tour guide
- Air-conditioned private car throughout the trip
- domestic airfare between islamabad - gilgit & skardu - islamabad with 20kg check in baggage and 7kg carry on baggage
- 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

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DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN KARACHI:

On arrival in Karachi today you will be met and transferred to your colonial era restored Beach Luxury Hotel, located by Karachi Creek.

DAY 2 - CITY TOUR OF KARACHI

After breakfast, proceed for a city tour of Karachi, including Karachi Museum, which contains an important collection of items relating to Pakistan's Cultural heritage. Some other galleries display Indus Civilization artifacts, Gandhara Civilization Sculptures, Islamic Art, Miniature Paintings, Ancient Coins and Manuscripts documenting Pakistan's Political History. There is also an interesting Ethnological Gallery with life size statues of different ethnicities living in the four provinces of Pakistan. Then visit Mausoleum of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, one of the most impressive landmarks in Karachi which refers to the tomb of the founder of Pakistan, This monument is situated at the heart of the city which was completed in 1960s. Continue on to visit the Shrine of Abdullah Shah Ghazi. Born in Medina in 720 AD and widely revered throughout Pakistan, he is considered the patron saint of Karachi. In the late afternoon, we will go on a “crab fishing” tour on a local fishing vessel. We set sail from the Kemari port in a traditional, decorated fishing boat and enjoy the crisp sea breeze as you sail away from the buzz of the city. Once you leave the congestion of the port and enter clear waters, the gentle, lapping waves with the soft music on deck is enchanting. The captain drops anchor after about 45 minutes or so in order for the crew to prepare your food. It's a treat to watch the crew dexterously cook the freshly caught crabs live and serve them within minutes. You will enjoy a piping hot meal of crab masala, crab lollipops, crab cutlets, prawn masala, potato cutlets/french fries, tomato chutney, naan and parathas, along with chilled cold drinks and mineral water. While dining, you can enjoy the hubbub of the port from afar. Return to the port after enjoying 2 to 3 hours on the boat, and take the vehicle back to the hotel.

DAY 3 KARACHI - HYDERABAD

Departing Karachi after breakfast this morning, you'll drive on to the city of Hyderabad today. The journey takes you by way of the World Heritage site at Makli Hill, home to one of the largest necropolises in the world, and the Shah Jahan Mosque at Thatta, built during the golden age of Mughal architecture. Overnight at Indus Hotel Hyderabad.

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DAY 4 HYDERABAD - LARKANA - SUKKUR

From Hyderabad the adventure continues through the north-west regions of Sindh province, towards the historic city of Larkana. Stops en route at the shrines of the famous Sufi saints of Lal Shabaz Qalander and Abdul Latif Bhittai provide a chance to discover more about these revered mystics, philosophers and poets, before continuing on to one of the largest and oldest settlements of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation, Mohenjo-daro. The site at Mohenjo-daro (Mound of the Dead) was abandoned as far back as the 19th century BC. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, you'll have a chance to visit the Mohenjo-daro Museum, before continuing the drive on to Sukkur. On arrival, if time allows, there may be a chance to visit the local market this evening.

Overnight at Hotel One.

DAY 5 SUKKUR - RAHIM YAR KHAN

In the morning visit Sukkur city largely located on the west site of the Indus River, with the town's Rohri occupying the opposite bank. There are several minor attractions, but we will visit Sukkur Barrage constructed in 1932 during the British Raj era, and then visit the Lansdowne Bridge constructed in 1889 that spans the Indus River between the cities of Sukkur and Rohri, and then head onto Rahim Yar Khan, a city situated in Punjab Province.

Overnight at Hotel one.

DAY 6 - RAHIM YAR KHAN - CHOLISTAN - BAHAWALPUR

Following breakfast drive towards Bahawalpur, and on the way visit the remote and barren landscapes of the Cholistan Desert to pay a visit to the imposing setting of Derawar Fort. Built by the Rajput Bhati, the fortress dominates the desert around it, with 40 towering bastions that stand over 30 metres in height. A visit to the fort and the royal tombs of the Bahawalpur Nawabs is followed by a desert camel ride, before going to Bahawalpur.

Overnight at Hotel One.

DAY 7 BAHAWALPUR - UCH SHARIF - MULTAN

In the morning visit Uch Sharif which was believed to have been founded by Alexander the Great in 325 BC at the confluence of the Indus and Chenab Rivers during his invasion. Though Uch is now a relatively small city, it is renowned for intact historic urban fabric, and for its collection of shrines dedicated to Muslim mystics from the 12-15th centuries that are embellished with extensive tile work, and were built in the distinct architectural style of southern Punjab. Visit Tomb of Bibi Jawindi one of the five monuments in Uch Sharif, which was built in 1493 representing the debris of an ancient fortress. Departing the city after the visit, you'll then proceed towards Multan, located on the banks of the Chenab River. You'll also be able to spend some time exploring the Old Bazaar.

Overnight at Faletti's Grand Hotel.

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DAY 8 - MULTAN - LAHORE

Multan (Madinat-ul-Auliya) is known as the City of Saints, largely due to the abundant number of Sufi shrines that lie scattered across the city. In the morning you will visit some monuments like shrines of Shah Rukn-i-Alam, Bahauddin Zikria and Shams Tabraz etc. Here we will also visit one of the workshops making the world renowned Multani Blue Tile. From Multan the journey takes you on to the capital of the Punjab next, as you drive to Lahore. Time permitting, stop en route at the famous archaeological site at Harappa, to discover the remains of a Bronze Age fortified city whose origins have been dated back to 2600 BC.

Overnight at the Luxus Grand Hotel

DAY 9 - LAHORE

A full day guided tour of Lahore begins after breakfast this morning. The historic capital of both the Moghul and Sikh empires, the city also played a significant part in the British governance of the Punjab. Home to a remarkable collection of cultural and historic highlights, your tour includes visits to the Lahore Museum, the Badshahi Mosque, Lahore Fort. After lunch visit the Shalimar Garden World Heritage Site (constructed by Empire Shah Jahan in 1647), and then in the evening, visit Wagah boarder for the “Flag Lowering Ceremony”. Return to Lahore and after freshening up at the hotel, go for dinner at the Fort Food Street for a wonderful evening enjoying a meal on the roof top of one of the restaurants situated in restored Haveli’s.

Overnight at the Luxus Lahore.

DAY 10 LAHORE

Begin early in the morning and visit to Wazir Khan Mosque built in 17th century by Sheikh Alim-ud-Din Ansari (known as Wazir Khan), a royal physician who later on became the Governor of Lahore. The mosque is famous for its extensive faience tile work. You may also visit the Famous Shahi Hamam (royal bath) that has been recently won a prestigious award for its fine restoration. We will have the afternoon at leisure, perhaps to visit Anarkali bazaar, the local ladies’ favourite place to shop! Nearby Is Gowalmandi Food Street where one may end the evening trying local delicacies.

Overnight at the Luxus Lahore.

DAY 11 - LAHORE - ISLAMABAD

Morning drive to Islamabad, en-route visiting Rohtas Fort a historical garrison fort located near the city of Jhelum. It was built in the 1540s under Afghan king Sher Shah Suri, to subdue the rebellious tribes of the northern Punjab region, in the 16th century. This fort is about 5 km in circumference. Continue your drive to Islamabad, upon arrival check into the Roomy Signature Hotel.

In the evening, you are free to wander the myriad of shops and restaurants near the hotel.



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DAY 12 ISLAMABAD - TAXILA - TAKHT E BHAI - PESHAWAR

After breakfast drive to Taxila known as the archeological paradise of the Buddhist period, 40 KM from Islamabad and an hour's drive. Taxila was excavated between 1913 & 1939 and includes three city remains, Buddhist monasteries and Stupas. The most popular sites are Taxila Museum, Dharmarajika Stupa from King Ashok period, Julian Buddhist Monastery and the Bhir Mound 600 BC remains. After visiting Taxila, drive to Takht-i-Bahi and visit the unique stupa and monastic site of that comprises this UNESCO World Heritage Site. The relics recovered from here are exhibited in the Peshawar Museum. Immediately after the visit proceed to Peshawar and check in to the hotel. We then visit Qissa Khawani Bazaar where visiting travelers were regaled with stories by professional story tellers. The many teashops that still adorn the bazaar front with their large brass samovars and numerous hanging teapots and teacups are an highlight.

In the evening, sample local Peshawari cuisine, including the famous chapli kebab and kawa.

Overnight stay at Serena in Peshawar

DAY 13 PESHAWAR - ISLAMABAD

We leave Swat and drive to Peshawar, en route stop at Takht-i-Bahi, “Throne of the water spring” an Indo-Parthian archaeological site of an ancient Buddhist monastery in Mardan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. The site is considered among the most imposing relics of Buddhism in all of Gandhara, and has been exceptionally well-preserved. The Buddhist monastery was founded in the 1st century CE, and was in use until the 7th century. The complex is regarded by archaeologists as being particularly representative of the architecture of Buddhist monastic centers from its era. Takht-i-Bahi was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981. After the visit continue your drive to the city of Peshawar and upon arrival check in to the hotel for overnight.

In the evening we will venture into the old bazaar to sample local delicacies such as chapli kebab and kawa.

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After breakfast visit Peshawar Museum whose displays feature aspects of Buddhist Art. The museum also has an ethnological section, coins collection and a recently added Islamic gallery. The ethnological collection includes, besides other display objects, wooden effigies from the ancient Kalash Culture of Chitral. The fabulous collection of coins in gold, silver and copper from the Archaemenian period up to the British era completes the chronological profile of the region indicating its vast history. From here proceed back to Islamabad and on arrival take a short visit of Islamabad city including Lok Virsa Museum, which is rated as one of the finest museums of South Asia. Its nine galleries display country's vast and colorful ethnic diversity, grand history and dazzling heritage. Continue to the Pakistan Monument, whose portraits highlight salient features and significant events through the history of Pakistan. From the nearby Shakar Parian, enjoy splendid views of Margalla Hills, Rawal Lake and the city. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Saidpur; a village artistically preserved featuring some of the finest restaurants of Islamabad.

DAY 14: TRANSFER TO AIRPORT:

This early morning transfer to the airport for your 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 situation so if precautionary measures need to take place these are implemented.

- 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 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 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. 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.

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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