



# The Amazing Adventures of North Pakistan 17 Day Itinerary

2024 Prices please allow for 15% increase for 2025

## MAP OF PAKISTAN





## MAP OF GILGIT BALTISTAN



- 14 Day Tour covers Chilas, Gilgit & Hunza
- 16 Dat Tour covers the above plus Fairy Meadows
- 17 Day Tour covers Chilas, Gilgit, Hunza & Skardu
- 19 Day Tour covers Chilas, Gilgit, Hunza, Fairy Meadows & Skardu
- 27 Day Tour covers the above & Hindukush Valley, which includes Chitral



## 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.

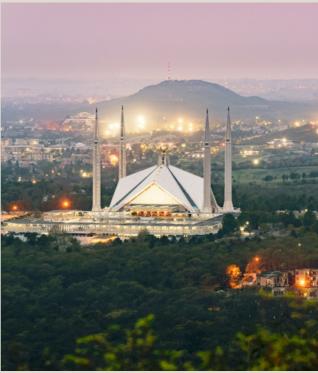
I wanted people from around the world to experience and enjoy some of the great holidays I have enjoyed in Pakistan with my family.

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 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.

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 17 DAYS

Group Size	Based on Semi-Deluxe Hotels	
1	£6370 PP	
2	£4221 PP	
4	£3510 PP	
Single Supplement	£729 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
- 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)
- porterage 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 - HILL VIEW HOTEL, Offto Resorts

A full list will be provided upon payment of a deposit



#### **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-NARAN**

Islamabad-Taxila: 32 kms/45 minutes' drive
Taxila - Naran: 225 kms/5.5 hours' drive
Drive to Naran visiting Taxila en-route.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Taxila Museum
- Julian Buddhist Stupa & Monastery
- Dharmarajika complex and stupa,

#### **DAY-3 NARAN-ASTORE**

Naran - Astore: 160km / 7 hours drive

Today's highlights include;

- Lulusar Lake
- Babusar Pass
- Stop at Thalichi The Nanga Parbat View Point



#### DAY-4 ASTORE- DEOSAI PLATEAU -SKARDU

Astore- Skardu: 160 kms/7 hours' drive Drive to Skardu via Deosai Plateau.

#### Today's visits/activities include

- Sheosar Lake
- Bara Pani
- Deosai plateau
- Chota Pani
- Great spot for photography of fauna and flora
- Sadpara Lake
- Manthal Buddha (optional)

#### DAY-5 SKARDU

Full day tour of Skardu. Overnight stay in Skardu Today's visits/activities include

- Upper Kachura Lake
- Kachura Choq
- Visit Katpana Desert
- Kharpocho Fort
- Sarfaranga Cold Desert

#### DAY-6 SKARDU-GILGIT-KARIMABAD HUNZA

Skardu-Gilgit-Karimabad Hunza: 290 kms/7 hours' drive.

Drive to Karimabad Hunza via Gilgit.

#### Today's highlights include;

- Stop at Nanga Parbat view point
- Visit the Unique place in the world where three great mountain ranges; the Himalaya, the Karakoram and Hindu Kush meet.
- Stop at Rakaposhi View Point Ghulmet.



#### DAY-7 CENTRAL HUNZA & NAGAR

We will spend day exploring the unique culture of central Hunza and its hospital people.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- 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-8 NAGAR & UPPER HUNZA

Karimabad- Hopar: 18 kms/1.5 hours' drive

Hoper-Atta Abad Lake: 21 kms/50 minutes' drive

In the morning visit Hopar Nagar then continue to upper Hunza. Visit Atta Abad Lake, Gulmit, Hussaini Bridge & Passu. Overnight stay at Atta Abad Lake.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Ganish Cluster the oldest settlement of Hunza Valley
- Hopar Nagar from where you have an excellent view of Golden Peak, Ultar Peak, Hunza Peak & Lady Finger.
- Dong Rock Inscriptions
- Atta Abad Lake
- Gulmit Village
- Hussaini Bridge
- Passu Cones/Passu Cathedrals

#### **DAY-9 UPPER HUNZA - GILGIT**

Atta Abad Lake-Gilgit: 135 km/2.30 hrs drive

In the morning, hike to Passu Glacier View Point (4-5 hours). After lunch drive to Gilgit.

Today's highlights include

- Hike to Borith Lake
- Hike to Passu Glacier View Point



#### **DAY-10 GILGIT-PHANDER**

Gilgit - Phander: 170 kms/6-7 hours' drive

Drive to Phander visiting Kargah Buddha and stopping at other attractions on the way.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Kargah Buddha
- Phander Lake

#### **DAY-11 PHANDER - MASTUJ**

Phander - Mastuj: 92 kms/4-5 hours' drive

Drive and biking to Mastuj via Shandur Pass. Overnight stay in Mastuj.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

• Shandur Pass- the highest polo ground in the world

#### DAY-12 MASTUJ - CHITRAL

Mastuj- Chitral: 120 kms/4 hours' drive

Drive from Mastuj to Chitral. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Half day sightseeing & overnight stay in Chitral.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Tirich Mir View Point
- Shahi Mosque
- Chitral Bazaar

#### **DAY-13 CHITRAL-KAILASH**

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

In the morning visit Chitral Gol National Park. After lunch drive to Bumburet via Rambur. Overnight stay in Bumburet.

Today's highlights include;

- Chitral Gol National Park
- Rambur Valley Kailash



#### DAY-14 KAILASH

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

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Kailash Museum
- Traditional House
- Sacred places

Note: you can alternately take a day trek from Bumburet to Rambur.

#### DAY-15 KAILASH -TAKHT-E-BHAI-PESHAWAR

Kailash - Takht-e-Bhai: 280 kms/7 hours' drive

Takht-e-Bhai- Peshawar: 65 kms/1.5 hours' drive

After breakfast, drive to Takht-e-Bhai. Visit Takht-e-Bhai archeological sites and drive to Peshawar. Overnight stay in Peshawar.

Today's visits/activities/stops include

- Lawari Tunnel
- Takht-e-Bhai archeological

#### DAY-16 PESHAWAR - ISLAMABAD

Visit important places of interest in Peshawar & drive to Islamabad in the afternoon.

Today's visits include

- Peshawar Museum
- Mahabat Khan Mosque
- Qissa Khawani Bazar
- Bala Hissar Fort (external view)

#### DAY-17 DEPARTURE FROM ISLAMABAD

Transfer to the airport for home bound flight



# Group Tour Dates for 2024

### Based on a minimum group size of 2 guaranteed

DATES	TOUR	Number of Days	PRICE BASED ON MIN 2 PAX
18th May - 3rd June 2024	The Amazing North Tour - via Naran incl. Skardu excl, Fairy Meadows	17	£4221 pp
1st - 14th June 2024	The Amazing North Tour - excl. Skardu & Fairy Meadows	14	£3528 pp
19th Aug - 4th Sept 2024	The Amazing North Tour - via Naran excl, Skardu inc Fairy Meadows	16	£3906 pp
7th - 25th Sept 2024	The Amazing North Tour - includes Skardu & Fairy Meadows	19	£4435 pp
5th Oct - 1st Nov 2024	The Amazing Ultimate Northern Tour	27	£5500PP
1st - 14th September	The Shangrila (Hunza) & Little Tibet (Skardu) incl. Lahore & Peshawar	14	£3752 pp
1st - 12th June 2024	The Shangrila (Hunza) & Little Tibet (Skardu) excl. Lahore & incl. Peshawar	12	£3205 pp
17th - 30th Septmber 2024	Glimpses of Pakistan Heritage	14	£3225 pp
23rd Oct - 3rd Nov 2024	Glimpses of Pakistan Heritage - Starts from Lahore excl. Islamabad	11	£2785 pp
2nd - 16th May 2024	Female Only Tour of Northern Pakistan	15	£3260 pp
9th - 23rd Sept	Female Only Tour of Northern Pakistan	15	£3260 pp
18th - 30th Aug 2024	Tribes of Hindukush	14	£3600 PP

# Group Tour Dates for 2025

DATES	TOUR	Number of Days	PRICE BASED ON MIN 2 PAX
18th May - 3rd June 2025	The Amazing North Tour - via Naran incl. Skardu excl, Fairy Meadows	17	£4595 pp
1st - 14th June 2025	The Amazing North Tour - excl. Skardu & Fairy Meadows	14	£3995 pp
19th Aug - 4th Sept 2025	The Amazing North Tour - via Naran excl, Skardu inc Fairy Meadows	16	£4295 pp
6th - 24th Sept 2025	The Amazing North Tour - includes Skardu & Fairy Meadows	19	£4995 pp
27th Sept - 23rd Oct 2025	The Amazing Ultimate Northern Tour	27	£7000 pp
6th - 20th Sept 2025	The Shangrila (Hunza) & Little Tibet (Skardu) incl. Lahore & Peshawar	14	£4100 pp
1st - 12th June 2025	The Shangrila (Hunza) & Little Tibet (Skardu) excl. Lahore & incl. Peshawar	12	£3495 pp
1st - 15th Feb 2025	Glimpses of Pakistan Heritage	15	£3595 pp
4th - 18th Oct 2025	Glimpses of Pakistan Heritage	15	£3595 pp
18th - 28th Jan 2025	Glimpses of Pakistan Heritage - Starts from Lahore excl. Islamabad	11	£2785 pp
14th - 28th April 2025	Female Only Tour of Northern Pakistan	15	£3595 pp
23rd Aug - 6th Sept 2025	Female Only Tour of Northern Pakistan	15	£3495 pp
23rd Aug - 5th Sept 2025	Tribes of Hindukush	14	£3995 pp

# SOME TESTIMONIALS FROM PREVIOUS CLIENTS







#### Kathy Montgomery

11th November 2023

...I loved just about everything in my tour, the guide was very knowledgable & 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.



## **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.



