

# LUXURY HOME FRAGRANCES

Taking you on sensorial adventures of Pakistan





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Luxury lifestyle products aimed to remove ignorance about cultures & topics misrepresented by the mainstream media





# 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.

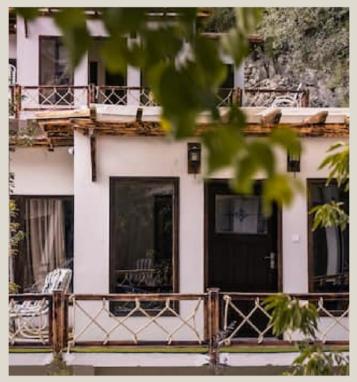
I wanted people from around the world to experience and enjoy some of the great holidays I have enjoyed in Pakistan with my family.

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.





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# **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, cricket 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 30 years experience on the ground & 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 several awards related to best Pakistan Experience service provider by SME news (2023 & 2024), best customer service & Adventure Tour Agency of the Year for 3 years running by Prestige Awards (2022 - 2024).

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.

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# TREKKING EXPEDITIONS



	TREK GRADE	DEPARTURE DATES	PRICE
K2 CLASSIC (BALTORO K2 BASE CAMP) 5150M 19 NIGHTS / 20 DAYS 13 NIGHTS CAMPING	STRENUOUS	1. 28/06/24 - 17/07/24 2. 21/07/24 - 10/08/24 3. 11/08/24 - 30/08/24 4. 20/08/24 - 08/09/24 5. 06/09/24 - 25/09/24 6. 13/09/24 - 02/10/24	£4,000 pp (Twin Room & Tent)  £4,400 pp (Single room & solo tent)
FAIRY MEADOWS & BALTORO K2 BASE CAMP TREK) 5450M 24 NIGHTS / 25 DAYS 15 CAMPING NIGHTS	FIRST PART IS EASY BUT SECOND PART IS STRENUOUS	1. 23/06/24 - 17/07/24 2. 17/07/2024 - 10/08/24 3. 06/08/2024 - 30/08/24	£4,600 PP (Twin Room & Tent)  £5,000 PP (Single Room & Solo Tent)
K2 CIRCULAR TREK (BALTORO K2 & GONDOGORO LA) 5450M 19 NIGHTS / 20 DAYS 12 CAMPING NIGHTS	STRENUOUS	1. 28/06/24 - 17/07/24 2. 21/07/24 - 10/08/24 3. 11/08/24 - 30/08/24 4. 20/08/24 - 08/09/24	£4,100 PP (Twin Room & Tent)  £4,300 PP (Single Room & Solo Tent)

- Group Sizes are based on a maximum of 12 passengers
- All treks are led by local trekking guides
- Best time to trek these peaks are Mid June to Mid September
- For further details contact us on info@xperiencepakistan.co.uk or 0203 150 1444

### K2 CLASSIC (ISLAMABAD - ISLAMABAD 20 DAYS)

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DAY	PROGRAM	ALTITUDE	OVERNIGHT
1	Upon arrival in Islamabad, domestic flight to Skardu	2250M	HOTEL
2	Reserve Day in case no flight operates	2250M	HOTEL
3	Final Preparations	2250M	HOTEL
4	Drive to Askoli (6 hours)	3100M	TENTS
5	Trek 1: Askoli - Jhula (5 hours)	3200M	TENTS
6	Trek 2: Jhula - Paiju (6 hours)	3600M	TENTS
7	Trek 3: Paiju - Khuburtse (5 hours)	4000M	TENTS
8	Trek 4: Khuburtse - Urdukus (5 hours)	4240M	TENTS
9	Trek 5: Urdukus - Goro - II (6 hours)	4500M	TENTS
10	Trek 6: Goro II - Concordia (5 hours)	4678M	TENTS
11	Trek 7: Rest Day		TENTS
12	Trek 8: Concordia - K2 Base Camp and back to Concordia	5050M	TENTS
13	Trek 9: Concordia - Goro (6-7 hours)		TENTS
14	Trek 10: Goro (Biango) - Urdukas (5 hours)		TENTS
15	Trek 11: Urdukas - Bardumal (7 hours)		TENTS
16	Trek 12: Burdumal - Jhula - Askoli (8 hours)		TENTS
17	Drive from Askoli to Skardu		HOTEL
18	Flight to Islamabad or drive to Chilas / Naran		HOTEL
19	Reserve day or drive to Islamabad from Chilas / Naran		HOTEL
20	Departure from Islamabad		

## K2 CIRCULAR TREK (BALTORO K2 BASE CAMP & GONDOGORO) 20 DAYS)

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7	Trek 3: Paiju - Khuburts	e (5 hours)		4000M	TENTS
8	Trek 4: Khuburtse - Urd	ukus (5 hours)		4240M	TENTS
9	Trek 5: Urdukus - Goro	- II (6 hours)		4500M	TENTS
10	Trek 6: Goro II - Conco	rdia (5 hours)		4678M	TENTS
11	Trek 7: Rest Day				TENTS
12	Trek 8: Concordia - K2 I	Base Camp and back	to Concordia	5050M	TENTS
13	Trek 9: Concordia - Ali (	Camp (6-7 hours)		5000M	TENTS
14	Trek 10: Ali Camp - Hui	spang - over Gondo	goro La - 5650M (8-9 hrs)	4600M	TENTS
15	Trek 11: Huispang - Shai	tcho (5-6 hours)		3300M	TENTS
16	Trek 12: Saitcho- Hushe	(4 hours)		3000M	TENTS
17	Drive to Skardu (7 hours	s)		2250M	HOTEL
18	Flight to Islamabad or di	rive to Chilas / Nara	n		HOTEL
19	Reserve day or drive to I	slamabad from Chila	as / Naran		HOTEL
20	Departure from Islamaba	ad			

### FAIRY MEADOWS & BALTORO K2 BASE CAMP & GONDOGORO LA TREK

DAY	PROGRAM	ALTITUDE	OVERNIGHT
1	Transfer to hotel. 1/2 day sight seeing	500M	HOTEL
2	Drive to Chilas via Babusar Pass (10 hours)	1265M	HOTEL
3	Drive to Tato (3 hours drive) & trek to Fairy Meadows	3300M	ALPINE HUT
4	Day hike to Nanga Parbat Base Camp & back to Fairy Meadows	3900M	ALPINE HUT
5	After an early breakfast, trek to Tato & drive to Skardu (8-9 hours)	2250M	HOTEL
6	Drive to Askoli (6 hours)	3100M	TENTS
7	Trek 1: Askoli - Jhula (5 hours)	3200M	TENTS
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9	Trek 3: Paiju - Khuburtse (5 hours)	4000M	TENTS
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16	Trek 10: Shagring - Gasherbrum BC (6-7 hours)	5050M	TENTS
17	Trek 11: Rest Day		TENTS
18	Trek 12: Trek to Concordia	5050M	TENTS
19	Trek 13: Concordia - Ali Camp (6-7 hours)	5000M	TENTS
20	Trek 14: Ali Camp - Huispang - over Gondogoro La - 5650m (8-9 hours)	4600M	TENTS
21	Trek 15: Huispang - Saicho (5-6 hours)	3300M	HOTEL
22	Trek 16: Saicho - Hushe (4 hours) & Drive to Skardu	2250M	HOTEL
23	Flight to Islamabad or drive to Chilas / Naran		HOTEL
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25	Departure from Islamabad		

# 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

Winners of London & SE England Prestige Awards for Adventure Tour Agency of the Year







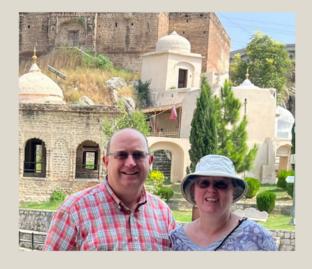
# SOME TESTIMONIALS FROM PREVIOUS CLIENTS



#### 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.. ....

# SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

I am committed to ensure where possible our business follows the guiding principles of the Sustainable Development Goals created by the United Nations to try and bring about equality in the world. Below are the 3 which I am committed to & examples of how we are delivering on these.



#### Working with the Locals

Local Food experience with Chef Aneela in Peshawar

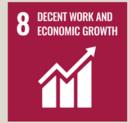


Our tours & experiences are designed in collaboration with local talent to support the local small business owners & economy, especially female entrepreneurs, providing our clients with an authentic experience.



# Supporting the Local Projects in Pakistan

Yasmeen Lari Dosti Village



We are committed to supporting local community projects in Pakistan by donating a portion of every sale. Currently, our focus is on assisting Yasmeen Lari, who is aiding the victims of the devastating floods in Sindh since August 2022.



# Working in partnership to empower communities

Chalfont St Peters Women's & Girls Cricket Team



As an individual who has grown up with a passion for cricket & a strong advocate for the positive impact of sports on mental health, I felt compelled to support the local women's & girls' cricket team when they approached me for sponsorship. I committed funds to aid them in acquiring essential gear. I firmly believe in the power of collaborating with communities to bring about meaningful change in both the UK & Pakistan.

# 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 to access detailed downloadable brochures



# SOME ATTRACTIONS IN PAKISTAN



Derawar Fort Bahawalpur



Ranikot Fort Wall Jamshoro - Sindh



Uch Sharif Bahawalpur



Badshahi Mosque Lahore



Jinnah Mausoleum Karachi



Minar-e-Pakistan Lahore



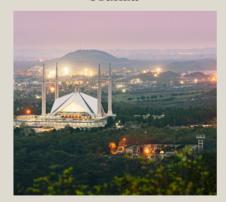
Baltit Fort Hunza



Kachura Lake Skardu



Fairy Meadows Hunza



Faisal Mosque Islamabad



Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Punjab



Wagha Border Lahore

