

**Karakoram & Gilgit Wilderness Adventure (10 days, 9 nights)
Pakistan**

Day	Start Place	Morning plan	Afternoon plan	Evening plan	End Place	Accommodation
1	Islamabad Pakistan	8 am - Start of trip Travel to Batakundi on the Karakoram Highway (9 hours)	Scenic drive through through the Indus Valley on the Karakoram Highway, known as the world's 8 th wonder. Stop and exploration at Naran, an alpine town in famed the Kaghan Valley.	Arrival in Batakundi Explore and overnight at Chillas, a tranquil town on the Karakoram Highway, surrounded by rugged mountains, river views, and a rich cultural heritage	Batakundi Pakistan	Guesthouse
2	Batakundi Pakistan	Travel to Raikot bridge on the Karakoram Highway (2 hours) At Raikot Bridge, transfer to 4-by-4 vehicle and continue to Tatu Village (2 hours) Arrival in Tatu Village Explore Tatu Village -- a small, picturesque village in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan	Hike from Tatu Village to Nanga Parbat's Fairy Meadows (Option of having mules and porter available) (3 hours, 6 kilometres, Elevation gain: 300 metres) Arrival at the Nanga Parbat Fairy Meadows, a stunning alpine meadow at the base of the mighty Nanga Parbat, the world's 9th-highest mountain	Set up of tent and camping equipment at Fairy Meadow OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT FAIRY MEADOW	Nanga Parbat Fairy Meadows Pakistan	Camping
3	Nanga Parbat Fairy Meadows Pakistan	Visit to local towns and villages along the route of the Nanga Parbat Base Camp Hike from Nanga Parbat Fairy Meadows to Biyal Camp (Option of having mules and porter available) (2 hours, 3 kilometres, Elevation gain 75 metres)	Explore local villages along the hiking routeé Along the way, enjoy stunning views of the Nangaparbat Mountain, the world's 9th tallest mountain, as well as of surrounding glaciers and lush green forests. Learn how to play cricket, and enjoy a local friendly game with locals.	OVERNIGHT AT BIYAL CAMP	Biyal Camp Pakistan	Camping
4	Biyal Camp Pakistan	Hike down to Fairy Meadows back to national park main entrance (3 hours, 8 kilometres, Elevation loss 300 metres)	Enjoy the views of lakes and mountains at Fairy Meadows. Travel to Gilgit (3-4 hours)	Arrival in Gilgit Homestay in Gilgit Experience life in the Gilgit highlands with a homestay in a local home	Gilgit Pakistan	Homestay
5	Gilgit Pakistan	Visit to the Junction Point of Three Mountain Ranges, the meeting point of the Karakoram, Himalayas, and Hindu Kush ranges. Visit Gilgit Bazaar, known for its woolen traditional attire.	Travel to the Hunza Valley in the Karakoram Range, known for its unique natural environment, culture and food. (3 hours) Stop and explore the villages of the Brusho and Shinaki people, two distinct nationalities with their own unidque and distinct identities and languages.	Arrival in Karimabad, capital of the Hunza region.	Karimabad Pakistan	Guesthouse
6	Karimabad Pakistan	Visit to the 12 th -century Altit and the UNESCO World Heritage 14 th -century Baltit Forts, both built out of wood in Himalayan and Tibetan architectural styles.	Travel towards the Passu Cones – sharp, jagged mountain peaks in Hunza Valley, renowned for their beauty. Along the way, pass through the Pakistan-China Friendship Tunnels, built by China. Short hike around the Attabad Lake, which came into existence in 2010 after a huge landslide. Pass through the Passu suspension bridge and visit non-polar glaciers Return to Karimabad		Karimabad Pakistan	Guesthouse
7	Karimabad Pakistan	Continue traveling on the Karakoram highway and travel towards Gilgit. (3 hours) Stop at Ganish Bridge and the 8 th -century ancient Rock Carvings "The Manthal Buddha"	Explore the Shaltar glaciers, one of the largest non-polar glaciers in the world, surrounded by towering peaks, including the Shaltar Peak Cross the Danyore Suspension Bridge Visit the Kargah Buddha, a 7th-century rock carving of Buddha	Arrival in Gilgit Homestay in Gilgit Experience life in the Gilgit highlands with a homestay in a local home	Gilgit Pakistan	Homestay
8	Gilgit Pakistan	Travel towards Skardu on the Jaglot-Skardu Road (JSR), known as one of the most scenic highways in the region (4 hours)	Arrival in Skardu Visit to the Skardu Shangrilla Resort, also known as "Heaven on Earth", is one of the most famous and picturesque resorts in Skardu and holiday spots for Pakistani politicians. Visit to Upper Kachura Lake, and enjoy boating and zipline experience (for an additional fee)	Explore the town of Skardu, known for its breathtaking landscapes, high-altitude mountains, serene valleys, and rich cultural heritage, and serves as the main gateway to the Karakoram Mountains Homestay in Skardu Experience life in Skardu with a homestay	Skardu Pakistan	Homestay
9	Skardu Pakistan	Travel towards Kharpocho Fort (3 hours) Hike (30 minutes) and explore the Kharpocho fort, a 16-th century fort overlooking the Indus and Skardu valleys.	Travel to Shigar valley (1 hour) Vist to Shigar valley and Blind Lake, a serene, crystal-clear lake surrounded by mountains Visit the desert sand dunes of the Shigar Valley, and have a desert Safari experience with opportunity to ride ATVs and bikes (for an additional fee)	Return to Skardu (2 hours) Homestay in Skardu Experience life in Skardu with a homestay	Skardu Pakistan	Homestay
10	Skardu Pakistan	Travel from Skardu to Islamabad by flight, if available (1 hour) Alternatively: Travel to Gilgit by road (4 hours) Travel from Gilgit to Islamabad by flight, if available (1 hour)	Arrival in Islamabad, Pakistan SHORT TOUR OF ISLAMABAD (Time Permitting)	6pm – Tour Ends	Islamabad Pakistan	

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Day 1: Drive on the Karakoram Highway

Start your journey with an adventurous road trip heading towards the stunning valleys of northern Pakistan. Drive on the beauty of the Karakoram Highway, known as the world's 8th wonder.

Morning:

8 am – Tour starts

Travel on the scenic Karakoram Highway to Batakundi (9 hours).

Afternoon:

- Scenic drive through through the Indus Valley on the Karakoram Highway, known as the world's 8th wonder.
- Stop at Naran, an alpine town in the Kaghan Valley, for exploration and breathtaking views.

Evening:

Arrive in Batakundi, a town surrounded by rugged mountains and rivers.



Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Batakundi

Day 2: Batakundi – Fairy Meadows

Continue your journey to one of the most stunning alpine meadows in the world, Fairy Meadows, located at the base of the mighty Nanga Parbat, the 9th-highest mountain in the world.

Morning:

- Travel to Raikot Bridge on the Karakoram Highway (2 hours).
- Transfer to a 4x4 vehicle and continue to Tatu Village (2 hours).
- Explore the picturesque Tatu Village in the Gilgit-Baltistan region.

Afternoon:

- Begin the trek from Tatu Village to Fairy Meadows (3 hours, 6 km, elevation gain: 300m).
- Arrive at Fairy Meadows, a lush alpine pasture with incredible views of Nanga Parbat.

Evening:

- Set up tents and enjoy an evening surrounded by majestic peaks and serene nature.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Camping at Fairy Meadows



Day 3: Fairy Meadows – Biyal Base Camp

Immerse yourself in nature as you hike through the breathtaking scenery of Fairy Meadows toward Biyal Camp, closer to Nanga Parbat Base Camp.

Morning:

- Begin the hike from Fairy Meadows to Biyal Camp (2 hours, 3 km, elevation gain: 75m).
- Visit local villages and towns along the trekking route.

Afternoon:

- Explore the hiking trail with panoramic views of Nanga Parbat, glaciers, and forests.
- Enjoy leisure activities like cricket with the locals, making your adventure memorable. Explore local villages to gain insights into life in this remote region.

Evening:

- Overnight camping under the stars at Biyal Camp.

Accommodation: Camping at Biyal Camp.



Day 4: Biyal Camp – Fairy Meadows – Gilgit

Conclude your trekking adventure with a scenic descent from Fairy Meadows and travel to Gilgit, the heart of Gilgit-Baltistan.

Morning:

Hike back to Fairy Meadows and the park's main entrance (3 hours, 8 km, elevation loss: 300m).

Afternoon:

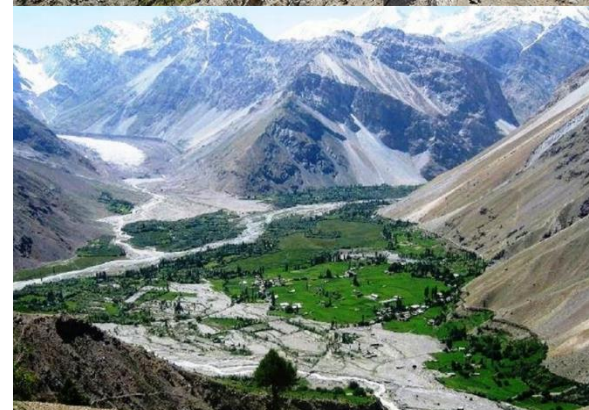
Travel from Fairy Meadows to Gilgit (3–4 hours), enjoying the beautiful landscapes along the way.

Evening:

Immerse yourself in local life with a local homestay in Gilgit, surrounded by mountain views and local hospitality.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Homestay at Gilgit



Day 5: Gilgit – Karimabad (Hunza Valley)

Journey into the heart of the Hunza Valley, known for its breathtaking natural beauty, vibrant culture, and welcoming communities.

Morning:

- Visit the Junction Point of Three Mountain Ranges, where the Karakoram, Himalayas, and Hindu Kush meet.
- Explore the vibrant Gilgit Bazaar, famous for its woolen traditional attire.

Afternoon:

- Travel to Hunza Valley in the Karakoram Range (3 hours)
- Stop at villages of the Brusho and Shinaki people, renowned for their distinct identities and traditions.

Evening:

Arrive in Karimabad, the capital of Hunza Valley.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Karimabad



Day 6: Hunza Valley & Passu Mountains

Discover the architectural marvels, jagged peaks, and serene lakes of the Hunza Valley.

Morning:

- Visit the Altit Fort (12th century) and Baltit Fort (14th century), both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Appreciate the unique Himalayan and Tibetan architectural styles.

Afternoon:

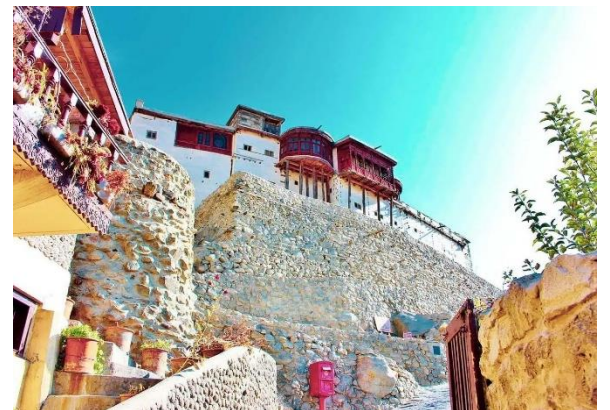
- Travel toward the Passu Cones, sharp jagged peaks of the Hunza Valley.
- Stop at Attabad Lake, formed by a massive landslide in 2010, for a short hike.
- Cross the Passu Suspension Bridge, a local landmark and engineering feat, and visit nearby glaciers.

Evening:

Return to Karimabad for the night.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Karimabad



Day 7: Hunza Valley – Gilgit

Continue along the Karakoram Highway, exploring ancient rock carvings and glaciers before arriving in Gilgit.

Morning:

- Travel back toward Gilgit via the Karakoram Highway (3 hours)
- Stop at Ganish Bridge and view the 8th-century Manthal Buddha Rock Carvings.

Afternoon:

- Explore the Shaltar Glaciers, one of the world's largest non-polar glaciers.
- Cross the Danyore Suspension Bridge, offering stunning views of the surrounding landscapes.
- Visit the Kargah Buddha, a 7th-century rock carving, a testament to Buddhism once rich influence in the region.

Evening:

Arrive in Gilgit and stay overnight at a local homestay.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Homestay in Gilgit



Day 8: Gilgit – Skardu (Karakoram)

Travel along the stunning Jaglot-Skardu Road, known for breathtaking mountain views, deep valleys, and rugged landscapes, to reach the serene and culturally rich town of Skardu

Morning:

Drive along the scenic Jaglot-Skardu Road (4 hours).

Afternoon:

- Visit the Skardu Shangrila Resort, famously known as "Heaven on Earth," for its serene landscapes.
- Explore Upper Kachura Lake, with an optional zipline or boating experience (additional fee).

Evening:

- Discover the town of Skardu, renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Homestay in Skardu



Day 9: Skardu & surroundings

Explore Skardu's historical and natural wonders, including ancient forts, crystal-clear lakes, serene valleys, and golden sand dunes, offering a perfect blend of adventure, history, and scenic beauty.

Morning:

Travel to Kharpocho Fort (3 hours), a 16th-century fort with panoramic views of the Indus and Skardu Valleys.

Afternoon:

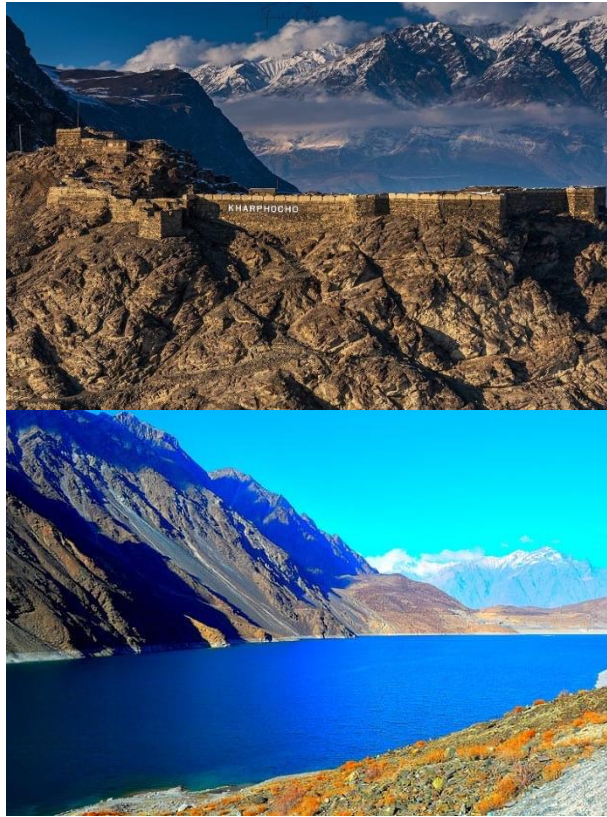
- Visit the Shigar Valley and Blind Lake, a crystal-clear lake surrounded by mountains.
- Experience a desert safari in the Shigar Valley, with optional ATV and bike rides (additional fee).

Evening:

- Return to Skardu for the night.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Homestay in Skardu



Day 10: Return to Islamabad

Conclude your adventure with a scenic journey back to Islamabad, either by flight or road. Reflect on the breathtaking landscapes and cultural experiences from this unforgettable exploration of northern Pakistan.

Morning:

Fly from Skardu to Islamabad (1 hour)

Or

Travel by road to Gilgit (4 hours) and then to Islamabad by flight (1 hour).

Depends on weather & airline schedules

Afternoon:

- Arrive in Islamabad.
- If time permits, enjoy a short city tour.

Evening:

Tour ends at 6 PM.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle, Plane

