

Autumn Visit to Northern Pakistan

[10 Days 9 Nights]



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INTRODUCTION

The main destination of this trip, Hunza region, is probably most famous for the longevity of its people, due to their simplicity and natural diet, along with the unpolluted fresh mountain air. The Tibetan traders referred to the beauty of this paradise the "Shangri-La". In this northern part of Pakistan lies a mountainous region containing some of the world's most incredible scenery, a fascinating mixture of different ethnic population and some magnificent landscapes.

Hunza is on the ancient trading route to Kashgar in the Chinese province of Xinjiang. The construction of the Karakoram Highway to link Pakistan and China provides a unique experience to traveller, as it opens up a spectacular overland route that passes through some of Pakistan's most beautiful mountain areas.

Let us embark on this mysterious adventure together.

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE COMING TO PAKISTAN:

- 1. The weather in the mountainous region is unpredictable. We may have to meet with bad weather, hence face unexpected situations such as flight cancellation or road closure. In this case, we will have to adapt the itinerary/ accommodation on the spot.
- 2. This tour is only suitable for adult who is into adventure. Tour members also need to have strong physical fitness, no underlying diseases (asthma, high blood pressure, heart disease) and enough equipment to withstand the cold temperature, strong wind and high altitude.
- 3. Some parts of the itinerary require a certain level of physical fitness to complete:
 - a. On the 3rd, 4th and 5th days, we will hike from Tattoo village to Fairy Meadow [3300m] (one-way 3 hours), Fairy Meadow to Beyal Camp [3550m] (round trip, total 6 hours), and from Fairy Meadow back to Tatto village (one-way 3 hours).
 - b. Alternatively, you can choose to ride a horse instead of hiking and hire porters to carry the daypack.
- 4. Good sturdy shoes and weather-proof warm jacket are must bring items.
- 5. The remote regions of Northern Pakistan have very limited facilities and power outages are frequent. We will arrange comfortable accommodation for everyone to ensure basic hygiene and safety.

6. Estimated temperature during time of visit:

a. Islamabad city: 20°C/35°C b. Fairy Meadow: -5°C/15°C c. Hunza valley: 5°C/20°C

TOUR'S BUCKET LIST



- Enjoy the most beautiful scenery of
 Northern Pakistan throughout the entire
 journey
- O2 Journey along the KKH, the Karakoram
 Highway, also known as the 8th wonder of the world
- Witness the spectacular scenery of the Hunza Valley that consists of high mountain peaks, huge glaciers, crystal clear lakes
- **O4** Experience beautiful autumn of Northern Pakistan
- O5 Hike/ Horse riding to Fairy Meadows and Beyal Base Camp (nickname Killer Mountain)
- Jeep safari across sand dunes on the Sarfaranga Cold Desert
- 67 Excursion to the Khunjerab National Park and Khunjerab Pass, the highest border between Pakistan and China
- **08** Cross the Hussaini Hanging Bridge, known as the most dangerous bridge in the world
- **09** Boating in lake Attabad, a stunning turquoise blue lake created by landslide
- 10 Experience the culture of ethnic minority communities of Hunza Valley
- Explore the city of Islamabad and Rawalpindi
- Visit the iconic Faizal Mosque, the fifth largest mosque in the world

DETAILS

- Departure: October (According to the announcement on the FB page and website.)
- Number of tour members in a group: 12-20 pax
- Tour leader: Organizer will make arrangements and adjustments according to the schedule of all tour leaders under Bucket List Ticked and the entry and exit policies of various countries

Tour dates & Tour fee: Refer to FB page and website

Remark:

- Tour leader will inform tour members the details of flight, tour members will need to buy their own air tickets, as well as follow up the status of the ticket.
- Deposit is needed for seat reservation. First-come, first-available.

Term & Condition

- 1.A deposit is required for reservation. The full balance must be paid within the specified time frame, no later than 45 days before departure. Failure to comply may lead to reservation cancellation and deposit forfeiture.
- 2. Cancellation policy:
 - a. Cancellation of reservation must be made in writing to avoid any misunderstanding.
 - b. If no replacement is found, cancellation charges apply based on when we receive notice:
 - i.45 days or more before the date of departure Forfeiture of tour deposit
 - ii. 22 44 days before the date of departure 70% of tour fare non-refundable
 - iii. Within 21 days before the date of departure 100% of tour fare non-refundable
 - iv. No refund for fees already incurred and non-refundable from other relevant authorities, e.g., flight or train tickets
- 3. If there are any unforeseen circumstances or uncontrollable/force majeure (weather, tide, nature factor, traffic delays/cancellations, illness, pandemic, strikes, war or other causes), the company reserve the right to make changes to/cancel itinerary or postpone the tour at any time, no refunds are available.
- 4. Travel Document:
 - a.A tour member must have: An international passport or other recognized travel documents which should be valid for at least 6 months from the date of return to the country of origin; The necessary visa and vaccination and health certificates as required by the various authorities of the countries to be visited.
 - b. The company is not responsible for expenses, reimbursement, or tour price refund if a member is denied entry or deported due to improper documents or other reasons.
- 5. No refund or reduction will be made to any member in respect of airfare, accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours, transport or any other services which are included in the tour fare out not utilized by the tour member due to personal reasons.
- 6. The company reserves the right to cancel or withdraw any itinerary, or any reservation made for a client or decline to accept or retain any person from being a tour member if he is likely to endanger the health or safety, or impair the comfort or enjoyment of others on the tour.
- 7.All members are advised to purchase travel insurance for added protection against various unforeseen events.

For the complete Terms and Conditions, please visit the BucketListTicked website.





DAY 1

Islamabad City Tour

- Arrive in the morning at Islamabad International Airport.
- Visit Faisal Mosque.
- After lunch, check-in at hotel.
- In the evening, drive up Margala Hills for a view of the city over sunset.

Accommodation: 3*
Hotel in Islamabad

Lunch & Dinner

DAY 2

Islamabad - Skardu [2228m]

- After breakfast, we will take the morning flight from Islamabad airport to Skardu.
- Upon arrival, our first destination will be the Upper Kachura lake.
- After enjoying lunch, we will proceed to the Sarfaranga Cold Desert, where an exciting jeep safari awaits us amidst the sand dunes.
- Later, we'll head to the hotel for check-in and conclude the day with a delicious dinner.

If flight is cancelled due to bad weather, we would have to travel by road [600 km] for 12-16 hours to Chilas and skip Skardu

Accommodation: Hotel in Skardu

Fullboard

Land Journey: 100 km, 3 hours

DAY 3

HIKING DAY

Skardu - Fairy Meadow [3300m]

- After breakfast, drive towards Raikot bridge.
- From there, we will be transferred by mountain jeep till *Tatto village*, where the road ends.
- Start our 3 hours hiking to Fairy Meadow.
 (Possible to rent a horse instead of hiking & request porter for carrying)

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- After check-in, walk around Fairy Meadow.

Big luggage are stored and locked inside mini-bus, only carry daypack.

Accommodation:
Mountain lodge in *Fairy Meadow*

[limited hot water supply, limited power]

Fullboard

Land Journey: 200 km, 4.5 hours + 20km, 2hours



DAY 4

HIKING Day

Trekking to Beyal Camp [3550m]

- Early morning after breakfast, we start hiking towards Beyal Camp (per direction 1.5 hours).

(Possible to rent a horse instead of hiking & request porter for carrying daypack)

- At the viewpoint, the glacier and the mountain are just in front of us.
- Back to the lodge then free and easy.

Accommodation:
Mountain lodge in Fairy
Meadow

[limited hot water supply, limited power]

Fullboard

DAY 5

HIKING Day

Fairy Meadow [3300m] - Hunza

- In the morning, we hike back to Tattoo Village [2hours] and continue with mountain jeep towards Raikot Bridge.

(Possible to rent a horse instead of hiking & request porter for carrying daypack)

- From there, we drive towards Hunza.
- We will stop for lunch in Gilgit and then continue our journey to Hunza.

Accommodation: Hotel in Hunza

Fullboard

Land Journey: 20km, 2 hours + 160 km, 4 hours

DAY 6 Hunza - Nagar Valley - Hunza

- Early morning breakfast, we will set off for Nagar Valley.
- Along the route, we will pass through a picturesque village before reaching the magnificent Hopper Glacier.
- After lunch, we drive back to Karimabad.
- In the village, we will visit the Altit fort as well as the local market (small shopping street).

Accommodation: Hotel in Hunza

Fullboard

Land Journey: 80 km, 3 hours



DAY 7

LONG DRIVE

Hunza - Khunjerab Pass [4733m] - Passu

- Full day excursion to Khunjerab Pass National Park, all the way till the border between Pakistan and China.
- Khunjerab Pass is the highest point on the Karakoram highway.
- This route is a beautiful drive, with views of high mountains of the Karakoram range.
- During our return journey, we will make several stops at different viewpoints to admire the magnificent Passu Cones.
- There will be bon-fire during dinner if weather condition allows.

In the event of significant early snowfall, the route leading to the China Border could potentially be shut down.

Accommodation: Hotel in Passu

Fullboard

Land Journey: 120 km + 65 km, 3.5 hours + 1.5 hours

DAY 8

Passu - Gilgit

- After breakfast today, we will embark on a drive to Hussaini Village, renowned for its suspension bridge and also visit the Rainbow. Adventure Bridge for the breathtaking viewpoint of Passu Cone.
- Next, we will indulge in a boating experience at Lake Attabad.
- After lunch, continue our journey towards Gilgit.

Accommodation: 4* Hotel in Gilgit

Fullboard

Land Journey: 144 km,

3 hours

DAY 9

Gilgit - Islamabad

- After breakfast, we will fly from Gilgit back to Islamabad.
- Upon arrival, we will visit the Pakistan Monument and the local bazaar.
- After lunch, check in, then free and easy around the hotel.

If flight is cancelled due to bad weather, we would have to travel non-stop by road [650 km] for 14-18 hours.

Accommodation: 3*
Hotel in Islamabad

Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 10

Islamabad - Home

- Check out hotel at midnight.
- We will depart to airport for our homebound flight.
- End of this amazing journey.

Accommodation: -

TOUR FEES INCLUDE/ NOT INCLUDE



- Accommodation type of 7 nights in 3*/ 4* hotel and 2 nights in mountain lodge
- Full-board (breakfast, lunch and dinner all included) [dinner not included on last day]
- **Domestic flight from Islamabad to Skardu** (23kg check-in luggage included)
 - **Domestic flight from Gilgit to Islamabad** [save 14 hours road journey of 650km per direction] (23kg check-in luggage included)
- Letter of Invitation (LOI) for application of Pakistan Travel Visa
- Visa application service and fee (15 USD)
- Jeep safari at Sarfaranga Cold Desert
- 4WD jeep return ride from Raikot Bridge to Tattoo village
- Boat ride at Attabad Lake
- Site entrance & Khunjerab national park fees
- All activities mentioned in the itinerary
- Unlimited mineral water bottles
- Daily land transportation for the whole journey
- Professional local guide + BLT photographer + BLT leader throughout the journey



Memories by Tour Leader throughout the whole journey





- Round-trip international flight ticket [around RM4000)
- Horse riding between Tattoo village and Fairy Meadow [both ways around RM120]
- Horse riding between Fairy Meadow and Beyal Base Camp [both ways around RM120]
- Fairy Meadow porter service [around 0.5 USD/kg]
- Tips for guide, driver & porters [around RM200-RM250]
- Snacks and personal shopping expenses
- Travel insurance

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Tour members are responsible for any additional expenses and economic losses that may be incurred in the event of uncontrollable/force majeure and delay of weather, time, flight, road conditions, and various other factors.



