

TREKKING

K2 BASE CAMP & GONDOGORO TREK

Explore the Baltoro Glacier in the Karakoram
Range of Pakistan



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Trek to K2 Base Camp via the Baltoro Glacier and the Gondogoro La pass in Pakistan's Karakoram. Spectacular valleys and glaciers, views of K2 and other giants. A demanding itinerary for experienced trekkers, with authentic local culture.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST



PRICE

From 2.580€ /person

Group discounts

Trekking

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Highlights

- ARRIVE TO K2 BASE CAMP
- CROSS GONDOGORO
- THE 5,585 M ROUTE: EXPLORE THE KARAKORAM
- TREKKING IN SMALL PRIVATE GROUPS

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	N° days	Price per pers.
7	Standard	01 Jun 2026 - 31 Aug 2026	21	3.120€
4	Standard	01 Jun 2026 - 31 Aug 2026	21	2.920€
2	Standard	01 Jun 2026 - 31 Aug 2026	21	2.950€

Travel only with your family or friends.

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Open groups

Share the experience with other travelers

Program	Dates	N° days	Seats available	Starting point	Price
K2 Base Camp & Gondogoro Trek	05 Jul 2026	29	0	Pakistan	2.350€

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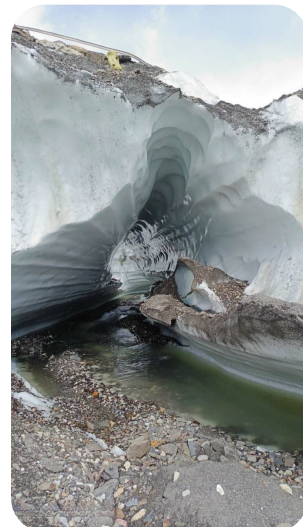
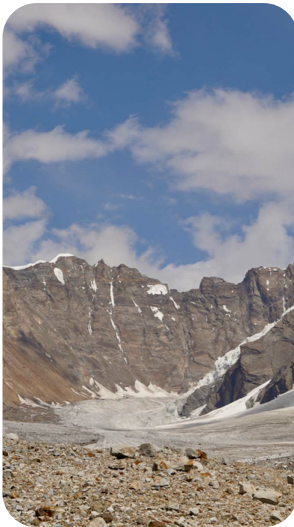


Included

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 nights hotel in Islamabad (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)• 1 night at the hotel in Chilas (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)• 2 nights in Skardu (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)• Group pickup on arrival and transfer to the airport on group departure• Air-conditioned van from Islamabad – Skardu-Gilgit-Islamabad• Flight tickets Islamabad-Skardu• Organization of transport for briefing and information sessions• Sightseeing tour of the capital Islamabad• Jeeps from Skardu to Arandu• Meals (during the trek: breakfast, lunch, and dinner served)• Carrying member's personal equipment, food, and camping gear, etc.• Insurance for all porters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Porter service for 16 kg of member's personal gear (over 16 kg will be charged separately to the member on site according to porter rates per kg)• Guide, cook, and assistant, cook's salary, camp food, transport, and insurance• Dining tent, kitchen tent, camping tent, mattress for the tent, toilet, chairs, tables• Complete cooking utensils (dishes)• Tips for handling luggage at airports and hotels• Fees: (CKNP, bridge crossings, cable crossings, camping)• Reconfirmation of international flight tickets• Assistance with customs procedures• Technical advice and equipment |
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Not Included

- International flight tickets
- Emergency helicopter rescue fees
- Climbing equipment for members
- Personal insurance for members
- Sleeping bag and all personal expenses such as phone calls, fax, email charges, liquor or soft drinks
- Room service, tips for personal services, items of purely personal nature
- Any unforeseen expenses (such as route blockage, additional hotel stay, or if members stay longer at base camp) will be paid by members according to the number of base days.
- Any service not described in the “Included Section”



Itinerary

DAY 1 : Arrival to Islamabad

Arrival in Islamabad. Transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon.

Accommodation: 3-star hotel

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 : Flight to Skardu

In the morning, transfer to the airport and a 1-hour flight to Skardu. In case of bad weather, ground transport to Chila by jeep will be provided.

Accommodation: 3-star hotel

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 3 : Skardu Free day

Free day in Skardu or drive from Chilas to Skardu (8-10 hours)

Accommodation: 3-star hotel

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 4 : Drive to Askole

Jeep drive from Askole to Askole, 3,000 m (6-7 hours). The last settlement on our route.

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 5 : Trek to Johla

Trek to the Dumurdo River crossing at Jhula, where traditionally a rope bridge supported by a wooden basket was used. Nowadays, a wooden bridge has been built to facilitate crossing.

Distance: 20.7 km / Elevation gain/loss: +500 -400 m / Duration: 6-7 h

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 6 : Trek to Paiyu

The trek to Paiyu, a green oasis along the Braldu River under the shadow of Paiju Peak (6610 m), involves a series of ascents and descents along the right bank of the river. This route offers stunning views of the southern Baltoro, the imposing Cathedral peaks, and a distant view of the K2 triangle. We will camp at Paiyu with the impressive Cathedral towers as a backdrop.

Distance: 16.6 km / Elevation gain/loss: +600 -375 m / Duration: 5-7 h

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 7 : Acclimatization Day

Free day in Paiyu (3600 m) to rest and acclimatize, with time to enjoy the surrounding scenery.

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

Day 8 : Trek to Khoburtse

We will start the hike to Urdukus early in the morning, heading towards Khuburtze. This journey involves a gradual ascent along the southern edge of the Baltoro glacier, mainly following the lateral moraine ridge. For the first time, we will step onto the glacier, initially crossing its left side before moving to the right amid large crevasses. The route is manageable since the glacier is covered with rocks and sediment, making crampons unnecessary. Along the way, we will enjoy stunning views of Paiyu Peak, Chorichi, the Trango group including the iconic Trango Tower (6,363 m), and Uli Biaho (6,417 m). We will set up our camp at Khuburtze (4,200 m), with breathtaking views of the Trango Towers, Uli Biaho, and the distant Broad Peak (8,051 m), the 12th highest mountain on Earth.

Distance: 10.8 km / Elevation gain: +700 m / Elevation loss: -300 m / Time: 6 h

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 9 : Trek to Urdukus

Short stage with the aim of acclimatizing above 4,000 meters, we will reach the impressive glacier balcony where Urdukas is located. A day to continue enjoying views towards the Trango Towers.

Distance: 5.1 km / Elevation gain: +400 m / Elevation loss: -160 m / Time: 3-4 h

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 10 : Goro II

We will continue walking on the icy Baltoro Glacier, now through its central section. The first hour involves navigating challenging lateral crevasses, but the path becomes smoother and easier midway. Along the way, we will cross two lateral glaciers descending from the north face of Masherbrum (K1, 7,821 m), with views of Gasherbrum IV (7,925 m) and Broad Peak in the distance. We will stop for lunch at Goro I before arriving at our camp at Goro II, located in the center of the glacier at 4,500 meters, where we will spend the night on the ice.

Distance: 12.4 km / Elevation gain: +500 m / Elevation loss: -275 m / Time: 4-5 h

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 11 : Trek to Concordia

After an early breakfast, we will embark on a 5 to 6 hour hike along the Baltoro Glacier towards Concordia, a major junction of the Baltoro, Abruzzi, and Godwin Austen glaciers at 4,700 meters. Along this spectacular route, the iconic peaks of the Karakoram reveal themselves like a natural gallery. To the left, we will see Mustagh Tower (7,776 m), followed by Crystal Peak (6,252 m) and Marble Peak (6,256 m), while to the right lies Mitre Peak (6,025 m). As we approach Concordia, the magnificent pyramid of K2 dominates the view. We will camp at Concordia with an impressive view of some of the world's highest peaks.

Distance: 13.0 km / Elevation gain: +520 m / Elevation loss: -220 m / Time: 5-6 h

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 12: Trek to the K2 Base Camp

Depending on the weather and physical condition, the day offers several options. We can leave early to hike to one of the base camps, such as Broad Peak (4800 m) or the more distant K2 Base Camp (5100 m). Starting after breakfast, we will navigate through crevasses and small meltwater streams on the Godwin-Austen glacier, reaching Broad Peak base camp in about three hours, with views of K2, Mitre Peak, and Bride Peak. Continuing for another three hours along the rocky moraine, we will arrive at the K2 Base Camp, the traditional base for climbers. Alternatively, we can take the day to rest in Concordia, enjoying the stunning views of the surrounding peaks.

Accommodation: Tent camp

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DÍA 13 : Regreso a Concordia

Hike back to Concordia and rest

Accommodation: Tent camp

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 14 : Trek to Ali Camp

We head southeast, traversing the upper Baltoro Glacier toward the confluence with the West Vigne Glacier, following a less traveled route adorned with erratic rocks. Conditions vary depending on snow; from June through late August, we generally walk on stable ice, making the hike easier. In case of snow or large crevasses, we may use crampons and ropes for added safety. After more than five hours, we reach Ali Camp, a high moraine site named after Ali, a local porter who first crossed Gondogoro La. Here, under the watchful presence of K2, we settle in to spend the night early, preparing for the main challenge of the following day.

Distance: 10.9 km / Elevation gain/loss: +460 -100 / Time: 5-6 h

Accommodation: Tent camp

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

Day 15: Crossing the Gondogoro Pass

The challenging day starts early, with team members waking up around 1 a.m. After breakfast, we put on harnesses and crampons and set off across the West Vigne glacier, initially staying on the lateral moraine to avoid crevasses. At the base of Gondogoro La, we assess conditions: depending on the weather and snow, we may proceed roped as a single unit or unroped on the lower slopes. Fixed ropes assist us through the steep sections beneath huge seracs. Upon reaching the summit at dawn, we are rewarded with spectacular views of four 8,000-meter peaks: K2, Broad Peak, and Gasherbrum I and II. After taking photos and resting briefly, we begin the descent, carefully managing loose rocks and using fixed ropes as necessary. Once the slope eases, we follow a scenic trail along the Gondogoro valley above the Trinity glacier, finally arriving at the oasis-style camp at Khuspang (4,600 m), with patches of grass and small pools.

Distance: 11.6 km / Elevation: +710 -950 / Duration: 8-10 hours

Accommodation: Tent camp

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 16 : Trek to Shaicho

The descent from Keuspaang to Saicho takes you through varied terrain, from rocky slopes to glacial moraines, gradually leaving behind the imposing views of Laila Peak and the high Karakoram. This section is less technical but still requires sure footing, as the trail can be rocky and uneven. The journey to Saicho offers beautiful views of the surrounding valleys, and the altitude decrease makes breathing easier, enhancing the enjoyment of this scenic hike to Saicho (3350 m). This campsite, located beside a glacial river at the confluence of the Charakusa and Gondogoro valleys, offers a refreshing “oxygen-rich” change of air and views of K7, ensuring a peaceful night’s rest. The difficulty level is moderate; suitable for hikers with basic experience, although the rocky terrain calls for caution.

Distance: 16 km / Elevation: +500 -1250 / Time: 6-8 h

Accommodation: Tent camp

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 17: Trek to Hushe and drive to Skardu

After breakfast, we'll depart along the left bank of the Hushe River on an easy trail for our final day of trekking, a triumphant walk to the village of Hushe. Upon arrival, we'll camp near the fields, surrounded by children who will welcome us with smiles and high-fives. This joyful arrival marks the memorable end of our adventure through the Karakoram mountains, an experience we'll carry with us for years.

Distance: 9.3 km / Elevation: +100 -320 / Time: 3-4 hours

We'll be picked up by jeeps and drive along the Hushe and Shyok rivers. This scenic route takes us through small farmland and mountain villages until we finally reach the suspension bridge over the Shyok River. From Khaplu, the road smooths out, allowing us to pick up speed as we follow the Shyok River to its confluence with the Indus. We arrive at our partner hotel in Skardu, where a hot shower and a hearty meal await us—our first comforts in over two weeks. A free afternoon gives us time to relax and reflect on the unforgettable trek to K2 Base Camp.

Accommodation: 3-star hotel

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 18: Contingency day

For such a long route, it is necessary to reserve a day for contingencies. This way, if we need to stop and rest for a day or if we encounter bad weather, we can finish the route without problems. Rest day in Skardu.

Accommodation: 3-star hotel

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 19: Fly to Islamabad or drive to Chilas.

Flight to Islamabad. In case of bad weather, early morning departure to Chilas. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and check-in. Overnight at the hotel in Chilas.

Accommodation: 3-star hotel

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY 20 : Contingency day

Contingency day due to flight cancellation. In case of flight cancellation: After breakfast, we will depart from Chilas to Islamabad via the Babusar Pass. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and accommodation at the Islamabad hotel.

Accommodation: 3-star hotel

Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

Day 21: Flight back home

Transfer to the airport and flight back from Islamabad to home city. We hope you have enjoyed this great adventure.

Accommodation: 3-star hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial Deposit: To secure your spot, a 30% deposit of the total trip cost is required at the time of booking.

Final Payment: The remaining amount, equivalent to 70% of the total, must be paid no later than 60 days before the departure date.

Extras: Additional trip costs such as insurance, flights, or other optional services must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation Insurance: The client may purchase trip cancellation insurance to be eligible for a full refund of amounts paid (subject to insurance terms).

The final user may cancel the contracted trip, having the right to a refund of amounts paid, except for the indicated penalties, but must also pay the Agency the amounts specified below once the trip is confirmed. If the trip does not take place due to not reaching the minimum required number of participants, the client may keep a credit for future trips or request a full refund of the booking.

Cancellation Policy 3:

FULL REFUND UP TO 24 HOURS AFTER PURCHASE

- Up to 60 days before the trip: 100% refund of the trip cost.
- Up to 45 days before the trip: 50% refund of the trip cost.
- For periods shorter than those described in the cancellation policy, no refund will be given for amounts already paid.

*A management fee of €250 applies

*Cancellation fees for already issued bookings will not be refunded. If there are other non-refundable expenses already issued, these will also not be refunded and will be deducted from the amount to be paid.

*The cancellation cost of issued flights is 100% of the amount.

Packing List

Functional Clothing

- Gore-Tex or waterproof breathable jacket
- Waterproof rain pants
- Warm jacket: down or preferably primaloft (water-resistant)
- Lightweight fleece
- Breathable quick-dry short sleeve shirts
- Thicker stretchy pants for colder days or nights
- Trekking pants
- Shorts
- Thermal shirt and pants set
- Underwear (not cotton recommended)
- Swimwear

Head

- Lightweight running cap
- Wool hat
- Neck gaiter
- Sunglasses

Hands

- Thin fleece gloves and thick waterproof gloves
- Trekking poles (recommended)

Feet

- Thin socks (non-cotton)
- Thick warm socks (non-cotton)
- Lightweight trail shoes and hiking boots (better bring both)
- Mountain sandals with heel strap (optional)

Backpacks

- 20-35L mountain backpack
- Rain cover for backpack
- Small travel bag (for documents and wallet)
- Canvas bag (better than a suitcase)

Accommodation Equipment

- Sleeping bag (3-season)
- Silk liner sleeping bag (optional)
- Ear plugs

Technical Mountain Equipment

- Ice axe
- Crampons
- Climbing harness
- Carabiners (screwlock type x2)
- Climbing helmet
- Harness (120 cm)

Accessories

- Headlamp and spare batteries
- Sunscreen, lip balm, after sun
- Mosquito repellent

Eating/Drinking

- Hydration system minimum 1L (Camelbak, water bottle, flexible bottle)
- Thermos (optional)
- Snacks, nuts, gels, hydration, enough energy bars, protein bars, nut mix, magnesium tablets, recovery supplements

Travel Equipment

- Casual clothes
- Passport, Visa, cash, insurance documentation, vaccination card
- Microfiber towel
- First aid kit and medication
- Thermal blanket
- Mobile phone and GPS watch
- Powerbank, camera, charging cables, headphones, selfie stick...

FAQs

How many days does the whole expedition last?

The program lasts 21 days in total: 16 days of trekking between Askole and Hushe plus 5 days of travel and contingency (internal flights, possible delays, and return home).

What is the best time to do it?

The optimal window is from June to September, when the Karakoram region typically offers more stable temperatures and a lower risk of storms.

What physical and technical level is required?

It is required to be able to face ascents of up to 1,250 m of vertical drop in one day and to walk several consecutive days in alpine terrain; it is classified as a demanding route, "advanced". Some days are interspersed with short hikes or breaks to ensure a good acclimatization and recovery from the trekking days. During the trek we can carry a small backpack with the things we will use during the day. The porters will carry our backpacks to the next camp. We will cross glacier terrain, snowy passes and sleep in tents.

What altitudes do you reach and how do you acclimatize?

The route climbs from Saicho at 3,350 m to Concordia at 4,700 m and up to K2 Base Camp at 5,100 m, with rest days to promote gradual acclimatization.

What does crossing the Gondogoro imply?

The route starts early in the morning (1:00 a.m.) with a harness, crampons, and fixed rope sections to negotiate ice slopes under seracs. The descent requires attention due to the loose rock to the Gondogoro Valley.

Where do you sleep during the trip?

Two nights in Islamabad, one in Chilas, and two in Skardu are in hotels; during the journey, guests spend the night in tents set up by the team, with full board.

What weight of luggage can I hand over to the porters?

Each participant is allowed 16 kg of personal luggage; any excess luggage is payable on-site at the local rate per additional kilo.

What technical equipment is mandatory?

An ice axe, crampons, a harness, a helmet, two safety carabiners, and a 120cm sling ring are included in the high-altitude clothing, a 3-season sleeping bag, and a 20-35L day pack. If you don't have anything else, you can rent it there at very affordable prices.

What are the visa and passport requirements?

You will need a passport that is valid for at least six months and a Pakistani e-Visa; we recommend applying for this three months in advance to avoid any delays.

What are the group sizes and how do solo travelers travel?

Groups range from 1 to 14 people; solo travelers share a tent or hotel at no extra cost, with someone of the same sex.

How are domestic flights and ground transportation managed?

Includes round-trip Islamabad–Skardu tickets and 4×4 jeep travel between Skardu and Arandu/Hushe, plus air-conditioned van service on long road journeys.

Do I need rescue insurance?

Rescue insurance is highly recommended for all active trips. Keep in mind that these insurance policies are specific to each type of activity (hiking, climbing, etc.).



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