

MOUNTAINEERING, SKI

SPANTIK EXPEDITION

(7,027 M)

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Ascent to Spantik, one of the most accessible 7,000 m peaks in the Karakoram.



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Expedition to Spantik (7,027 m) in the heart of the Karakoram. A complete program from Islamabad with flight to Skardu, approach through the Arandu valley, and several days of acclimatization and rotations between base camps before the summit push.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

JULY, AUGUST



PRICE

From 3.990€ /person

Group discounts





Highlights

- SPANTIK 7,027 M, ONE OF THE MOST ACCESSIBLE 7,000 M PEAKS
- ALMOST 4 WEEKS, GOOD ACCLIMATIZATION AND SUMMIT MARGIN
- FULLY EQUIPPED BASE CAMP AND LOCAL SUPPORT STAFF
- TREKKING THROUGH ARANDU VALLEY AND GLACIER TO THE BASE CAMP.

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	N° days	Price per pers.
✘ No private group options available, only open groups				

Travel only with your family or friends.

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Open groups

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Program	Dates	Nº days	Seats available	Starting point	Price
Expedición Spantik	15 Jul 2026	29	12	Pakistan	3.990€

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Included

- Expedition fees and permits
- Domestic flights in Pakistan
- All ground transport according to the program
- Porters to carry equipment to and from base camp
- All hotel nights in Islamabad, Skardu, and Arandu
- Individual tents for each member at base camp
- Bath, dining, shower, and kitchen tents at base camp
- National park fees
- Fixed ropes on the route (according to agreed program)
- Salaries for base camp staff.

Not Included

- Round-trip international flights to Islamabad.
- Pakistan visas.
- Additional nights in Islamabad outside the programme.
- High-altitude tents (available for hire).
- Food and gas at high camps.
- High-altitude porters (can be booked separately).
- Personal expenses (drinks, snacks, laundry, etc.).
- Tips for high-altitude porters, porters, kitchen crew, and drivers.
- Any services not mentioned in the "Included" section.

Optional additional costs

- High-altitude porter for 1 person: €1,400 (does not include tent, food, shared climbing equipment, or tips).
- Shared high-altitude porter for 2 people: €1,100 (split between two people; same conditions as above).



Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ISLAMABAD

Reception at Islamabad international airport and transfer to the hotel. General expedition meeting, safety information, personal equipment check, and explanation of the plan for the coming days. Welcome dinner in the city.

Accommodation: Hotel in Islamabad

Meals: Lunch, welcome dinner.

DAY 2: ISLAMABAD – SKARDU OR CHILAS

Early transfer to the airport for the flight to Skardu, weather permitting. If the flight is cancelled, we begin the overland drive towards Chilas. A travel day with views of the mountains of northern Pakistan.

Accommodation: Hotel in Skardu or Chilas

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 3: ARRIVAL IN SKARDU AND PREPARATIONS

Those arriving overland complete the Chilas–Skardu journey. In Skardu, we organise equipment, fine-tune our mountaineering kit, and meet the local team. Free afternoon for shopping and exploring the town.

Accommodation: Hotel in Skardu

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 4: SKARDU – ARANDU

Overland transfer from Skardu to the Shigar Valley and the village of Arandu. The landscape becomes wilder, with narrow valleys and steep slopes. We set up camp, distribute loads, and get ready for the start of the glacier approach.

Accommodation: Camp in Arandu

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 5: TREKKING ARANDU – BOLOCHO

We begin the trek, following the edge of the glacier. Progress is gradual—ideal for starting the acclimatisation process. Lunch en route, then arrival at Bolocho camp with views of the first snow-covered peaks of the Karakoram.

Accommodation: Camp at Bolocho

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 6: TREKKING BOLOCHO – SPANTIK BASE CAMP

Final approach day to base camp over mixed rock-and-ice terrain. On arrival, the camp is already set up with sleeping tents, a kitchen, and a dining tent. We organise gear and hold a dedicated briefing for the climbing phase.

Accommodation: Spantik Base Camp

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 7: REST AND ORGANIZATION AT BASE CAMP

Active rest day at base camp. We check equipment for the high camps, prepare loads, and do short acclimatisation walks around base camp. We review weather updates and discuss rotation strategies.

Accommodation: Base Camp

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAYS 8–23: ACCLIMATIZATION AND ASCENT PHASE

Time for rotations between base camp and the high camps. We establish Camp 1, carry loads, and spend a night at Camp 2; then move up to Camp 3 and secure the route along the south-east ridge. The summit window is chosen based on weather and the team's condition. After the summit attempt, we make a controlled descent, passing back through all camps.

Accommodation: Base camp and high camps

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at base camp.

DAY 24: DESCENT BASE CAMP – LOWER CAMPS

We begin the return from base camp to the lower camps. Parts of base camp are dismantled, loads are distributed among the porters, and we descend down the glacier to lower ground.

Accommodation: Intermediate camps

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 25: LOWER CAMPS – ARANDU

We continue trekking back to Arandu. As we lose altitude, temperatures rise and we leave the glaciated terrain behind. The porter support for the approach finishes in Arandu.

Accommodation: Camp in Arandu

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 26: ARANDU – SKARDU

Overland transfer back to Skardu. A day to rest at the hotel, enjoy a hot shower, and have an informal celebration marking the end of the mountain phase. Free time for shopping or a visit to the bazaar.

Accommodation: Hotel in Skardu

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 27: SKARDU – ISLAMABAD / VIA CHILAS

Skardu–Islamabad flight, weather permitting. If flying isn't possible, we return overland via Chilas. The coordination team will manage any necessary changes to ensure a safe arrival in Islamabad.

Accommodation: Hotel in Islamabad or Chilas

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 28: ISLAMABAD – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE

Arrival in (or final return to) Islamabad, depending on the option taken. Free time until the transfer to the international airport for your outbound flight. Final expedition debrief and farewell to the group.

Accommodation: Not included (depends on flight schedule).

Meals: Breakfast.

Payment and Cancellation Policy

posit: To secure your spot, a 30% deposit of the total amount is required at the time of booking.

Final payment: The remaining 70% must be paid no later than 90 days before departure.

Extras: Additional expenses such as insurance, flights, and other optional services must be paid in full when booking.

Cancellation insurance: The client may purchase cancellation insurance to obtain a full refund of the amount paid (under conditions).

The final client may cancel the booked trip and is entitled to a refund of payments made, less the indicated cancellation fees, but must pay the agency the amounts detailed below after booking confirmation. If the trip does not take place due to not reaching the minimum number of participants, the client may keep the credit for future trips or request a full refund of the booking.

Cancellation conditions 4:

FULL REFUND UP TO 24 HOURS AFTER PURCHASE

100% refundable up to 90 days before the trip.

50% refund up to 60 days before the trip.

No refunds will be made for periods shorter than those indicated in the cancellation condition.

*An administrative fee of 350 € applies

*For already issued bookings, cancellation fees are non-refundable. If other non-refundable fees have been 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.

Equipment List

The list with all the expedition gear and technical material is prepared jointly before the expedition as part of the training process.

FAQs

What physical and technical level do I need for this Spantik expedition?

It is a high altitude expedition to a 7,027 m peak with high camps and glacier progression. The expedition requires a good general physical condition, as you walk carrying weight at altitude and sleep in mountain conditions. Previous experience in winter mountaineering or high mountain routes is also recommended, although it is not essential to have reached very high summits before.

How is the expedition style?

The expedition has fixed ropes on the mountain, and all participants have the right to use them. There are two options for material transport and guiding: the complete self-sufficiency option, where each participant carries their own equipment from base camp, or the option to hire high altitude porters, either individually or shared between two people, to receive help transporting material to high camps and to have a person with great experience in similar mountains and 8000 m to assist you technically throughout. In all cases, local porters will transport heavy equipment to base camp and kitchen staff at base camp allow participants to reserve energy for the technical part of the ascent. From base camp on, each participant is responsible for their own gear. In both cases, progressive high camps will be established to facilitate acclimatization before the summit push.

What equipment should I bring?

Before the expedition, you will receive a complete and detailed list of the required equipment, both technical and personal, adapted to the Karakoram conditions. One of the most important and essential items is a good pair of high mountain boots, suitable for walking on snow and ice for long days. A sleeping bag for temperatures of -20°C or lower is also required; if you do not have one, you can rent it on-site upon request. The technical equipment (harness, crampons, helmet, ice axe, etc.) must be personal use and tested before the trip.

Can this ascent also be done with ski mountaineering?

Yes — the ascent to Spantik also offers the option of doing it with ski mountaineering for the descent, which adds an extra dimension of adventure. During the normal route (southeast ridge), the upper sections present moderate slopes (up to $\sim 40^{\circ}$) on the dome below the summit, allowing skiable descent in favorable conditions. However, like any high mountain + ski expedition, technical equipment adapted for high altitude ski mountaineering is required (lightweight, mixed bindings, adapted boots, climbing skins). You should also be prepared to sleep and move without skis during the first ascent sections, as skiing would be mainly used on the descent or on climbable sections. If you are interested in the ski option, we can detail a “minimum ski mountaineering kit” for Spantik and even offer a supplement that includes a ski guide and additional porters.

How does hiring high altitude porters and their costs work?

The high altitude porter option is an additional cost: €1,400 for one person or €1,100 for two people sharing. It does not include high camp tents, food at high camps, collective climbing gear, or tips, which must be assumed separately by the person or persons who hire it.

What are the heights of the camps and the summit?

The base camp is located approximately between 4,200 and 4,360 m. The high camps are established around 5,100 m (C1), 5,650 m (C2), and 6,295 m (C3). The summit of Spantik reaches 7,027 m.

What is the general itinerary of the expedition?

The program combines travel days to Skardu and Arandu, approach trekking through the valley and glacier to base camp, a long acclimatization phase and rotations between high camps, the summit attempt, and the return by the same route to Islamabad. The total duration is about four weeks.

What type of accommodation is used during the trip?

In Islamabad, Skardu, and when applicable, in Chilas, accommodation is in hotels. In Arandu and during approach and return, you sleep in camps, and in Spantik there is a base camp equipped with individual tents and common tents for kitchen, dining, shower, and latrine.

How are the internal flights Islamabad–Skardu–Islamabad managed?

Domestic flights are included in the base camp package. The operation of these flights depends on weather conditions; if the flight is canceled, the alternative is road transfer via the Karakoram highway (Chilas), adjusting the itinerary as needed.

How do I get to the starting point and what is the nearest airport?

The starting point of the trip is Islamabad, where the international arrival and the first meeting with the team take place. The reference airport is Islamabad International Airport. You will be picked up upon arrival at the airport and transfer from there to the starting hotel is also included in the program.

Is this trip suitable for a first 7,000 m peak?

Spantik is described as one of the "easiest" 7,000 m peaks in the Karakoram, with a classic route along the southeast ridge and a logical progression through high camps. Still, it remains a demanding high altitude expedition ideal as a first contact with a 7,000 m peak and highly recommended for anyone considering the challenge of climbing an 8,000 m mountain as preparation and high altitude test.

How far in advance should I apply for the visa to travel to Pakistan?

It is recommended to process the visa at least 2 to 3 months in advance of departure. Although in some cases it can be issued in a few weeks, it is common that the process includes variable times for review, document verification, or additional requirements. Anticipating avoids unforeseen events and ensures the visa is ready in time for the trip.



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