



NORTHERN PAKISTAN TOUR – 2025

Fairy Meadow is a lush green plateau, at 3300 m, offering a breath-taking view of Majestic Nanga Parbat (The Killer Mountain) even more beautiful in white snow. Many people have called it the "Heaven on Earth". These lush, green meadows and forests look more beautiful in snow lie at the base of Nanga Parbat at the western edge of the Himalayan range in Pakistan. Fairy Meadows is a very peaceful and relaxing place to enjoy the mountain atmosphere and hospitality of the local people. The name Fairy Meadows is part of the legend that Fairies have their heaven on this lush green plateau. Hermann Buhl, the Austrian climber who made the first ascent of Nanga Parbat in 1953, named it Fairy Meadow due to its wonderful scenery.

Nanga Parbat at 8,125 meters is the 2nd highest Peak in Pakistan and the 9th highest in the world. It also forms the western end of Himalayan range, joining the Karakorum Range by the Indus. The Raikot face of Nanga Parbat offers excellent area for a first trek in this mighty play-ground of mountaineers. The trek offers plenty of flexibility, as we stay at Fairy Meadows - taking excursions to Nanga Parbat's base camp, Juniper Pass and also some interesting walks around Fairy Meadows with commanding views. Those who prefer a quite relaxing day could stay at camp and get mesmerized by the views.

HUNZA is the last district of Pakistan bordering China and the Wakhan Corridor of Afghanistan in the chain of the Karakorum. Before 1974, Hunza was a princely state. The heritage left by the Mirs (rulers) of Hunza are still visible through the forts in Karimabad and Aliabad.

SHIMSHAL is a remote valley about 3 hours east of Passu. The valley has its largest adventure area in Hunza region and is a major attraction for tourists. It is a famous valley in Pakistan as most of high-altitude porters and mountaineers come from there (ex: Rajab Shah, first Pakistani to summit the five 8000m peaks of Pakistan; Samina Baig, first muslim lady to summit Mount Everest). Shimshal is also famous as it kept its traditional Wakhi culture and community-based system.

Rakaposhi-7788m is one of the highest and challenging peaks in the Karakoram Mountain range, it is located in Nagar valley in northern Pakistan. The hike to its base camp is a moderate one which provides a stunning view.

I propose you to join **Climax Adventure Pakistan** to discover the famous and the less famous of Hunza district. As our team is from this region, you will be able to understand the Wakhi culture, enjoy their healthy food, discover villages where tourists don't often go, discover some community-based systems that you probably don't expect and – the most important for us – travel in a peaceful and safe environment.

Total days: 16

Accommodation: 13 nights

Minimum participants: 04

Mountain Ranges: Karakoram, Himalaya and Hindukush

Grade: Moderate

PROPOSED TOUR ITINERARY

Day-1: ISLAMABAD- 550M

You will be picked up from Islamabad airport and transfer to the guesthouse in Islamabad (40 mins)- check in and free time. Later explore Islamabad and stay there.

Day-2: ISLAMABAD- SKARDU - 2300M – GILGIT--1500M

You will land in Islamabad airport early morning and then take the domestic flight from the same airport and same terminal to Skardu town. The tickets will be arranged by us. It is 1h flight.

Pickup from Skardu airport and drive to Gilgit (4h). Free time in Gilgit to take rest and stay there.

Day-3: GILGIT-FAIRY MEADOWS-3330M

Drive to Raikot. It is around 1h30 drive, we will be driving on the main Karakoram highway.

We can stop at the Junction point of the three greatest mountain ranges (the Karakoram, Himalaya and Hindukush) and then at Nanga Parbat viewpoint.

Shift in 4x4 jeep at Raikot then drive to Tattu, it is around 1h30 on unpaved road. The road is bumpy and a bit scary but safe.

We will start the hike to Fairy meadows after the jeep drops us at Tattu. The hike is around 3h, it is a moderate hike.

Reach at the meadow, check in and free time to walk around and enjoy your time. Enjoy the sunset view over Nanga Parbat-8126m and other peaks in its surroundings. Overnight in wooden huts.

Day-4: FAIRY MEADOWS – BASE CAMP- 4000M

Today we can do the hike to the base camp via Beyal camp and the viewpoint. The hike to Beyal camp is quite easy through a jungle, it will take us around 1h30 then another 40 minutes to the viewpoint.

We can continue hiking to the base camp, we can settle our camps and then walk around to enjoy the view. Overnight camping at the base camp.

Day-5: BASE CAMP - HUNZA- 2500M

Start descending to Tattu via Fairy Meadows (4h) then take a jeep to Raikot (1h30). Shift the car and drive to Hunza valley via Gilgit (4h).

We can take short stops at the Old Silk route and Rakaposhi viewpoint.

Reach Hunza, check in and free time to walk around. You can explore the Bazaar and experience the local food. Stay in Hunza.

Day-6: HUNZA- 2500M

Visit Baltit Fort (It is 10 mins steep walk), you can enjoy the valley view from the top of the fort.

Visit Altit fort & Royal Garden (5 mins drive from Baltit)-Enjoy a cup of tea at Kha Basi Café in Royal Garden and enjoy the view-the café is running by the local ladies.

Drive to Duekar for sunset and to enjoy the viewpoint of all the high mountains & the valley (Rakaposhi-7785m, Diran Peak-7200m, Spantik/Golden Peak-7027m, Ultar Peak-7388m and Miara glacier)-it is 25 mins

drive from Baltit. Stay in Hunza. transfer to Islamabad airport and fly to Gilgit (1h)-Pick up from Gilgit airport and drive to Hunza valley (2 hours)

Walk in Karimabad Bazaar to explore it a bit, we can try the famous walnut cake with a cup of tea at the Café of Hunza.

Day-7: HUNZA -GULMIT - PASSU- 2600M

Drive to Attabad lake (40 minutes), we can do the 2h of steep hike to Baskochi meadows to enjoy the panoramic view of the lake and then return to the car, drive to Gulmit (10 minutes),

We can visit the old carpet house run by the local ladies in the old town and then drive to Ghulkin village (15 mins)-walk to the viewpoint (10 mins). Enjoy the panoramic view of the valley and Passu cones. We can visit a local house and have a cup of team with local families then drive Hussaini (10 mins), Walk down to the suspension bridge, cross the bridge if you feel doing it and walk a bit on the other side of the bridge then return to the car and drive to Passu for stay.

Day-8: PASSU-SHIMSHAL-3000M

Leave for Shimshal valley (3 hours off road) *on a road which was built from 1985 to 2003 by the hands of Shimshal villagers to disenclave their valley from the rest of the world.*

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We can stop at the hot spring, that is also the viewpoint of Destaghail Sar-7885m and Malangudi glacier along other mountains. Reach Shimshal, check in and free time. Stay in Shimshal.

Day-9: SHIMSHAL-YAZGHAIL GLACIER-3500M

We can do the hike to Yazhail glacier, it is around 5-6h hike, the first 2h is flat then an hour steep hike to reach at the glacier, we can cross the glacier to reach on the other side of the glacier, it will take us around 2h, depending on the condition of the glacier. Enjoy the view of the glacier along few 6000 -7000m peaks around it. Overnight camping.

Day-10: YAZGHAIL GLACIER- YAZGHAIL-400M-SHIMSHAL-3000M

We can try to reach at Yazghail pasture, it is around 2h30 mins steep climb. Enjoy the panoramic view from the top then return to the glacier, we can take break for lunch then continue hiking back to Shimshal in the evening. It will take us around 5h. Stay in Shimshal.

Day-11: SHIMSHAL - HUNZA- MINAPIN-2200M

Drive back to Passu (3h) – We will be driving on the same road, the narrow and bumpy.

Reach Passu town, enjoy the food and the apricot cake from the valley.

walk down to Passu suspension bridge (*one of the longest and scariest suspension bridges in the region*), cross the bridge if you feel doing it and walk a bit on the other side, return to Passu then drive to Borith lake (25 minutes), hike to Passu glacier (45 mins) or another 40 mins steep climb to the second viewpoint, return to the car and drive to Hunza valley, short break and drive to Minapin Nagar (1h). Stay in Minapin .

Day-12: MINAPIN-HAPAKUN- BASE CAMP- 3330M

Minaping Nagar is a small town and the starting point of Rakaposhi and Diran peaks Base camp treks.

Rakaposhi 7788m and Diran Peak 7266m. You can also see Minapin glacier from this trek.

We can hike up to Hapakun campsite, it will take us around 4 hours. Lunch break and free time.

Continue hiking to the base camp. It will be a steep ascend for 1h30 or maximum 2h to reach at the base camp-you will be able to enjoy the views of Rakaposhi, Diran Peak and Minapin glacier. We can hike up to the viewpoint to see few more 7000m peak and return to the base camp. Overnight camping.

Day-13: RAKAPOSHI BASE CAMP -KACHELI LAKE-4100M-DIRAN BASE CAMP-3700M

Today we can either do day tour to Kacheli lake and return to the same campsite, it will take us around 1h30/2h to cross the glacier and another 2h steep ascend to reach at the base camp.

OR we can continue hiking down to Diran base camp and spend the night there. It will be 1h30 from the lake to Diran Base camp.

Day-14: DIRAN BASE CAMP -GILGIT - 1500M

Hike back to Rakaposhi base camp via Minapin glacier, it will be a bit different route then going up. It is around 2h hike. We will continue hiking back to Minapin valley via same route, it will take us around 4h. Shift in car and drive back to Gilgit (1h30). Stay in Gilgit.

Day-15: DEPARTURE FOR ISLAMABAD-500M

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Islamabad (1h)

You can take a taxi to the hotel, check in and then visit Islamabad (*Faisal Mosque, Pakistan monument, Saidpur village and if time you can visit the crowded streets of Rawalpindi*). Stay in Islamabad

Day-16: DEPARTUREHOME 😊

Transfer to the airport and fly back home.

END OF TOUR

PACKAGE COST

04 persons @ USD.2850/ Per person

COST INCLUDES

- ✓ Flight tickets (Domestic) from Islamabad to Skardu/Gilgit and return from Gilgit to Islamabad
- ✓ Transport: private car with fuel and a driver as per itinerary
- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ Accommodation: All nights in an average hotel and camping on sharing.
- ✓ Meals: all meals including refreshments as per itinerary.
- ✓ Porters and kitchen staff on the required treks
- ✓ Camping gear on the required treks
- ✓ Entrance fees of the forts and national parks
- ✓ Trekking permit fees
- ✓ Parking fees

- ✓ Guide

 **NO BAD SURPRISE!**

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International flights
- Medication, evacuation and rescue etc. in emergencies
- Personal insurances of clients and international airfare and airport taxes and extra expenses due to landslides road blocks etc.
- Extras at hotels like drinks, laundry, phone calls.
- Any kind of travel cost (Bus+Jeeps), if anyone leaves trek at any stage due to any reason.
- Anything that is not mentioned in the “Cost Includes” section
- Tips

BOOKING POLICY

75% advance to confirm your booking and 25% 30 days before departure

Cancellation Policy

50% retention if cancellation happen 30 days before the trip

100% retention if cancellation happen 15 days before the trip

Note: You will be able to see the three greatest mountain ranges as well their Junction point. You will be hiking in the two greatest mountain ranges (the Karakoram & Himalaya).