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YOUR GILGIT-BATLISTAN HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

Capturing the history, culture & natural beauty of Beautiful Gilgit-Baltistan - 13 days / 12 nights



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GILGIT-BALTISTAN

Gilgit-Baltistan is, perhaps, the most spectacular region of Pakistan in terms of its geography and scenic beauty. It is strategically close to the heart of Central Asia and is the hub of the world's greatest mountain ranges. **The Karakoram, The Himalaya, The Hindukush, and The Pamir** radiate out from this centre like spokes on a wheel. These mountains have carefully guarded Pakistan's frontiers with China, India, Afghanistan and across the narrow Wakhan corridor. Rich in history, culture and natural beauty the area has been visited for centuries by travellers; both modern day tourists and ancient travellers from the Silk Road. It also remained for many years a focal point of political and military rivalries amongst the Russian, British and Chinese empires.

This experience through Gilgit-Baltistan has been tailor made for those travellers wanting to immerse themselves in the culture, history and natural heritage of the region. The journey takes you through the Karakoram mountain range along the famous Karakoram Highway from Gilgit to as far north as the Khunjerab Pass and to the south into Baltistan. You will be dazzled with stunning landscapes, a vast amount of award winning historical & religious sites, amazing architecture, some of the friendliest people and most welcoming hospitality in Pakistan.

You are sure to leave with a suitcase full of magical moments & stories and a yearning to return!

YOUR HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE WILL TAKE YOU TO:

- ✓ Gilgit
- ✓ Karimabad (incl. Altit, Baltit & Ganish)
- ✓ Gulmit
- ✓ Borith
- ✓ Husseini
- ✓ Shigar
- ✓ Khaplu
- ✓ Saling
- ✓ Thalley Valley
- ✓ Skardu

THE FACTS

- ✓ Officially named Gilgit-Baltistan in 2009 (formerly Northern Areas)
- ✓ Gilgit is the capital of Gilgit-Baltistan and Skardu is the capital of Baltistan
- ✓ Population of approximately 1 million
- ✓ The six languages of Gilgit Baltistan are Urdu, Balti, Shina, Burushaski, Wakhi & Domaaki the language of black smiths & musicians.
- ✓ Contains the highest mountains in the Karakoram, including the worlds 2nd highest mountain, K2.
- ✓ The building of the Karakoram Highway in the late 1970's opened up Gilgit Baltistan to the outside world

THE TRIVIA

- ✓ Gilgit's ancient name was *Sargin*, later to be known as *Gilit*, and it is still called *Gilit* or *Sargin-Gilit* by local people.
- ✓ Baltistan in the 16th Century the area was referred to as "Little" Tibet
- ✓ During the restoration of Baltit Fort by the Aga Khan Cultural Services Pakistan – the fort was dismantled into thousands of individual pieces of stone & wood and rebuilt. Amazing!
- ✓ In the late 19th century Hunza became embroiled in the Great Game, the rivalry between Britain and Russia for control of the northern approaches to India.
- ✓ In the local Balti language, Deosai is called *Byarsa*, meaning 'summer place'
- ✓ There are more than 50,000 pieces of rock art (petroglyphs) and inscriptions all along the Karakoram Highway in Gilgit-Baltistan
- ✓ Gilgit-Baltistan is home to five of the 8,000 m peaks and to more than fifty peaks above 7,000 meters.

OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO:

1. Consider coming in time to see the famous Shandur Polo Tournament – the highest polo field in the world!
2. Visit Hunza & Shigar in April during the cherry blossom season – you will be blown away by the beauty or visit in autumn (November) – incredible colours!
3. Purchase locally made Hunza honey & homemade apricot jam – a great gift to take home!
4. Try a slice of local Hunza walnut cake (seriously delicious)
5. Pluck fresh apricots from the abundant trees – they just don't get any fresher!
6. Put your hiking boots & stretch your legs - this is a walker's paradise. Experience the 3 day trek between Shigar Fort Residence and Khaplu Palace & Residence.
7. Delight in a Royal Palace High Tea at Khaplu Palace and experience the local delicacies of Baltistan in style!

NAME: Capturing the culture, history & natural beauty of the Beautiful Gilgit Baltistan – a journey through Gilgit, Hunza & Baltistan
LENGTH OF TIME: 13 days / 12 nights with options to extend and the option of staying 2 nights at the Islamabad Serena Hotel
BEST TIME TO TRAVEL: Anytime from April through to November!

Day	Destination / Drive time	Accommodation Details	Activities & Highlights	Optional Experiences Plus Our Top Tips!	Visual Reflection
1	Gilgit (50 minute scenic flight)	Gilgit Serena Hotel (GSH) (Full board) – Standard Room Click here for more information Supplement: Upgrade yourself to a deluxe room or really spoil yourself and take one of the two suites.	Get your camera’s charged and ready for a journey of awe inspiring scenery. Stretch your legs & breathe in the fresh mountain air along the water channel high above the city of Gilgit – an easy walk with incredible views over the entire valley (2 to 3 hour walk). There is the option to drive for those that prefer a less demanding journey. Victory monument of Taj Mughul - an Ismaili ruler from Badakhshan who came to Gilgit Baltistan during the midst of 13 th century AD. 7th century Kargah Buddha rock carving – The local legend about the Buddha tells of a man devouring an ogress called Yakhshini who lived at Kargah.	Top Tip #1: Ask for a seat on the right hand side of the plane for best photo opportunities. Top Tip #2: Learn a few words of Shina – the local language. Hello <i>Assalamu Alikum</i> Goodbye <i>Khuda yar</i> How are you? <i>Jek Hall ban</i> Thank you <i>Ju nu</i> How much is it? <i>Anu Kachak kay han</i> Explore the local bazaar – Chinese & handicraft markets or watch a spot of Polo – Game of the Kings! Ask for the timings of the local matches or plan your trip around the famous annual Shandur Polo Tournament! See our Shandur Polo Experience for more details.	 View of Rakaposhi from SGH  Gilgit Valley

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2	Karimabad – Central Hunza (2 ½ hour drive)	<p>Hunza Baltit Inn (Full board) – Standard Room Click here for more information</p> <p>Supplement: Upgrade yourself to a deluxe room or really spoil yourself and take one of the three luxury tents.</p>	<p>Journey along the famous Karakoram Highway (KKH) with its breathtaking scenery. As you travel you will follow the path of the ancient southern Silk Road and learn about high mountain agriculture?</p> <p>60km from Gilgit you will pass the point at Chalt where two continental plates collide! The Indian Subcontinent plate collides with the Asian Plate.</p> <p>Soak up the magnificent valley of Karimabad over a delicious lunch of local delicacies at the Baltit Inn cafe.</p> <p>Be transformed back 700 years and explore the royal seat of the ruler of Hunza – the Tibetan influenced UNESCO award winning Baltit Fort</p> <p>Walk the cobbled streets of the old settlement of Baltit. Be welcomed by local Hunza hospitality (something they are famous for) in some of the oldest homes in Hunza. Hear tales of life prior to the opening of the Karakoram Highway.</p>	<p>Top Tip #3: Request room number 301 & 302 (they are the bigger ones) or alternatively request one of the luxury tents – they have fantastic views & offer more privacy!</p> <p>Top Tip #4: Learn a few words of the local Central Hunza language Burushashki. The locals will really appreciate it.</p> <p>Hello <i>Assalamu Alikum</i> Goodbye <i>Khuda Say Hawala</i> How are you? <i>Bey Hall bi la</i> Thank you <i>Ju Na</i> How much is it? <i>Goosai baroomar bi</i></p> <p>Top Tip #5: Support local Hunza enterprises and purchase local dried fruit & nuts, honey, handicrafts, carpets and a whole lot more.</p>	 <p>Incredible vistas along the KKH</p>  <p>Traverse the old Silk Road!</p>

SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE BOOKS TO READ BEFORE OR DURING YOUR TRIP:

- ✓ *Language Hunting in the Karakoram* by E.O Lorimer
- ✓ *Karakoram in Transition: Culture, Development, and Ecology in the Hunza Valley* by Hermann Kreutzmann
- ✓ *The Making of a Frontier: Five Years' Experiences and Adventures in Gilgit, Hunza, Nagar, Chitral, and the Eastern Hindu-Kush* by George Algernon
- ✓ *Cooking in Hunza* by Marta Luchsinger, Julie Flowerday, Marvile Paley & Matthieu Paley. The book is available at the Gilgit Serena Hotel, Hunza Baltit Inn, Altit Fort
- ✓ *The Great Game* by Peter Hopkirk
- ✓ *Pakistan Trekking Guide: Himalaya, Karakoram and Hindu Kush* by Isobel Shaw
- ✓ *Empires of the Indus* by Alice Albinia,
- ✓ *Where the Indus is Young: Midwinter in Baltistan* by Dervla Murphy
- ✓ *A taste of Baltistan: Famous for Balti-Style Cooking* by Sabiha Khokhar
- ✓ *A History of Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan* by Parvez Dewan
- ✓ *The Big Game of Baltistan and Ladakh: A Summer in High Asia* by Frederick Edward Shafto Adair and Stuart Hill Godfrey

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3	Central Hunza	<p>Hunza Baltit Inn (Full board) – Standard Room Click here for more information</p> <p>Supplement: Upgrade yourself to a deluxe room or really spoil yourself and take one of the three luxury tents.</p>	<p>Visit the oldest settlement in the Hunza valley – Ganish. Some 1000 years old and the recipient of many UNESCO awards for the superb heritage conservation & development work completed by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture through their Historic Cities Programme.</p> <p>The Sacred Rocks of Hunza – famous archeological site recording 2000 years of travels along the Silk Road to and from China. The inscriptions are in Kharaoshti, Brahmi, Gupta, Sogdian & Tibetan and depict many an Ibex.</p> <p>Explore the very first fort and birthplace of the Hunza Kingdom - Altit Fort and its surrounding settlement of Altit Khun. Another award winning heritage asset that has been restored with thanks to the Aga Khan Cultural Services, Pakistan.</p> <p>Enjoy traditional Hunza food in Altit Fort’s ancient Kha Basi garden café - abundant with apricot trees.</p> <p>Head to the charming hamlet of Duikar – watch the sunset over Rakaposhi, Golden Peak, Diran, Lady Finger & Ultar peaks.</p> <p>After dinner talk on the history of music in Hunza & the music community of Mominabad.</p> <p>To be followed by a local classical music performance.</p> <p>Hear some of the local folk stories under the stars!</p>	<p>Pre breakfast walk to Queen Victoria’s monument – 2 hours return.</p> <p>Top Tip #6: In Ganish ask about the ancient refrigeration system that preserves one their most precious food stuffs – butter!</p> <p>Top Tip #7: Order a local dish called Baling-e-decherum (Crushed walnut pancakes with freshly ground walnuts and cooked on the fire!)</p> <p>Top Tip #8: Whilst on a tour of Altit Fort enquire about the Hunza Women’s Social Enterprise (WSE). A direct outcome of the restoration and rehabilitation of Altit Khun & Altit Fort. WSE – known as ‘CIQAM’ meaning green in Burushaski stands for progress and prosperity, employs over 90 under privileged women who have been trained in 7 different skill areas including carpentry, masonry, electrification, plumbing, surveying & furniture design.</p> <p>For the more energetic you can hike up to Duikar from Altit Fort. (1 ½ hours walk)</p>	 <p>Traditional Hunza Food - apricots, walnuts & buckwheat are key ingredients</p>  <p>Musicians from Hunza playing the Surnai.</p>  <p>A female carpenter from the Women’s Social Enterprise supported by the Aga Khan Cultural Services, Pakistan</p>

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4	Gulmit & the Gojal Valley - Upper Hunza (Full Day Trip)	Hunza Baltit Inn (Full board) – Standard Room Click here for more information Supplement: Upgrade yourself to a deluxe room or really spoil yourself and take one of the three luxury tents.	An early start today! Travel by boat across Attabad lake – created in 2010 by the devastating landslide. This 26km long lake offers an amazing experience with breathtaking scenery. First stop Gulmit in the Gojal Valley - surrounded by mountains, glaciers & Attabad lake. Al Aryn community School - the first school in Pakistan to focus on preserving the linguistic heritage of the area teaching the local Wakhi language. Meet the students and learn why this school is so innovative. Visit the old winter residence of the ruling Mir of Hunza , now home to a women's carpet weaving initiative. Lunch at the picturesque Borith Lake with views of Ultr Peak (6,735m). Afternoon walk to view Passu Glacier . Journey back to Karimabad.	Top Tip #9: Language time - learn a little bit of Wakhi before you arrive. The locals & school children will really appreciate it. Here is a start: Hello <i>Assalamu Alikum</i> Goodbye <i>Ye bafe borni</i> How are you? <i>Cheez holi</i> Thank you <i>Shoboshe</i> How much is it? <i>Yem mi Xhomrer</i> Top Tip #10: Responsible Giving - If you have any spare books or magazines (English or Urdu) the library & students of Al Aryn school would be hugely appreciative. They also need sports equipment such as cricket bats, footballs, netballs, basketballs etc. Top Tip #11: For the more energetic head up to the site and ruins of Ondra Fort and walk across the Gulkin / Black Glacier to Borith Lake (3 hour trip incl. 1 ½ hours hike) Top Tip #12: Bring something warm & water proof – on the return trip the wind on the lake picks up and it can be very chilly and sometimes wet.	 Attabad Lake – created in 2010  Girls from Al Aryn School, Gulmit wearing traditional Hunza hats.
5	Gilgit (2 ½ hour's drive)	Gilgit Serena Hotel (GSH) (Half board) – Standard Room Click here for more information Supplement: Upgrade yourself to a deluxe room or really spoil yourself and take one of the two suites.	Visit the Sharma Carpet Centre – a wonderful social development project for special men in Hunza and the Hunza Carpet Centre. Traditional lunch at Hidden Paradise Restaurant with the famous Hunza food i.e. Lutfi Ali. Lutfi will cook up a storm for you and share with you over lunch the history of food in the Hunza valley . Drive back to Gilgit along the Karakoram Highway . Evening of leisure.	Full day to day. No time for anything else. Top Tip #13: Stock up on apricot kernel oil from the Hunza Bazaar – known for its therapeutic properties it is rich in natural vitamins (especially Vitamins A and E essential for our skin), linoleic, oleic and other essential fatty acids, minerals and other nutrients. Locals take a spoonful of apricot oil every day in the winter to keep them warm and to help their joints through the harsh winter climate.	 Sharma Centre for Special Men, Hunza  Ladies hard at work weaving carpets

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6	Shigar (8 hours drive)	<p>Shigar Fort Residence (Full board) – Heritage Boutique Hotel, <i>Heritage Room</i> Click here for more information</p> <p>Supplement: Upgrade yourself to the royal suite – enjoy the privacy of your own roof top terrace that gets the best views of Shigar Valley & the towering mountains.</p>	<p>Big travel day today (9 hours!) - Start early! Travel further down the KKH and branching off to enter Beautiful Baltistan!</p> <p>This spectacular drive twists and turns as you are perched above the might Indus River.</p> <p>The River ascends from 3,500ft at the Gilgit River junction to 7,000ft when it reaches Skardu and is surrounded by towering mountain peaks at elevations of over 20,000ft.</p> <p>Carry on into the magnificent Skardu valley which spreads along a million years old glaciated lake, with its sand dunes, verdant agriculture and charming vernacular buildings.</p> <p>Welcome to the unique historical residence of Shigar Fort Residence - superbly restored by Aga Khan Cultural Service Pakistan. Located on the legendary route to the world's second highest mountain K2, the original Shigar Fort Palace was known as Fong-Khar, which in the local Balti language means, 'Palace on the Rock'</p> <p>Experience the original architecture of this 17th Century Raja Fort Palace and previous home of the 20th ruler of the Amacha Dynasty.</p>	<p>Top Tip#14: In the summer month we recommend that you start this drive early as in the afternoons streams can flood the road.</p> <p>Top Tip #15: Spend some time in the car learning your next local language – Balti. Hello <i>Assalamu Alikum</i> Goodbye <i>Khudai fakring</i> How are you? <i>Lakbmo yota ju</i> Thank you <i>Baksobish</i> How much is it? <i>Xam la yo</i></p> <p>Top Tip #16: Halfway to Skardu - stop at Stak for a delicious bowl of local mutton soup.</p> <p>Top Tip#17: A sun hat, sunglasses and sunscreen is essential to protect you from the sun and its glare.</p>	 <p>Scenes from the KKH</p>  <p>Typical architecture of Baltistan. Influences from Tibet & Kashmir.</p>
7	Khaplu (2 ½ hour's drive)	<p>Khaplu Palace & Residence (Full board) – Heritage Boutique Hotel <i>Deluxe Heritage Room</i> Click here for more information</p>	<p>Welcome to Khaplu – a town which characterizes the particularly rich and diverse cultural and architectural heritage of Baltistan. Arrive in time for a late lunch.</p> <p>Take a guided historical tour of the beautifully restored Khaplu Palace Residence.</p> <p>Spend the afternoon soaking in the historical & cultural beauty of Khaplu Palace.</p> <p>Early evening talk on the history of Khaplu and its strategic importance in Baltistan.</p>	<p>Top Tip #18: Take your pic at the junction of two powerful rivers – where the Indus River meets the Shyok River. A great moment to capture!</p>	 <p>Khaplu Royal Palace & Gardens.</p>

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8	<p>Khaplu</p>	<p>Khaplu Palace & Residence (Full board) – Heritage Boutique Hotel <i>Deluxe Heritage Room</i> Click here for more information</p>  <p>Sunset from Toqsikhar, Khaplu</p>	<p>It's time to stretch your legs – climb to Toqsikhar, panoramic view point and ancient seat of Yabgo rulers where ruins of the 400 year old castle are visible. (2 hour return walk)</p> <p>For the more energetic continue on walking along the high ridge and carry onto Hanjor Broq – an alpine pasture dwelling of lush green fields, domestic livestock and spectacular views of Khaplu. (2 hour walk). Those who don't walk can take the vehicle to Hanjor Broq. For lunch be treated to Chef Abba's gourmet picnic in a picturesque location.</p> <p>Visit the imposing historic Khaplu Khanqah, and learn about Nurbakshisium.</p> <p>View the UNESCO award winning 300 year old mausoleum of the saint "<u>Astana Mir Muhammad</u>" - one of the finest in the area. <i>Astana's</i> are among the most fascinating structures in Baltistan. They are places of eternal rest for saintly persons.</p> <p>A fascinating evening's talk on the work of AKCSP in Khaplu & Baltistan.</p>	<p>Witness the game of the kings when the locals of Khaplu jump on their horses for a chukka or two of authentic Polo.</p> <p>For horse riding enthusiasts consider an afternoon or all day horse riding trip on the local polo ponies.</p> <p>Top Tip #19: Wander through the stone walled terrace lined streets of Khaplu.</p>  <p>Astana Mir Muhammad, Khaplu</p>	 <p>Polo – the games of the Kings!</p>  <p>Khaplu Khanqah, Khaplu</p>
9	<p>Khaplu</p>	<p>Khaplu Palace & Residence (Full board) – Heritage Boutique Hotel <i>Deluxe Heritage Room</i> Click here for more information</p>	<p>Macholo Valley - vernacular architecture and spell bounding landscape. A photographers dream.</p> <p>Take a short walk to see one of Central Asia's largest Buddhist Stupa's and rock carvings.</p> <p>Enjoy a magnificent picnic lunch by the Shyok River surrounded by towering mountains and overlooking Khaplu. Devour deliciously cooked trout from the local trout farm and other BBQ treats.</p> <p>Afternoon at leisure.</p>	<p>For those wanting to travel further afield take an all day trip up the Hushe Valley which is featured in Greg Morteson's book Three Cups of Tea.</p> <p>Locals believe that the Hushe Valley was the ancient route to Yarkand an important stop on the silk road. Hushe is also a mountaineer's paradise from where it only 3 days hiking to reach K2 base camp. It is also home to the best views of the majestic Mashebrum Peak towering 7,821 meters.</p> <p>Top Tip #20: Live like royalty and experience Khaplu Palace's Royal High Tea. Try the traditional Balti Tea - Payoo Chai. You will never forget it!</p>	 <p>The ideal spot for Royal High Tea</p>  <p>Picutre Perfect Picnic Spot – Saling</p>

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10	Thalley Valley / Shigar (2 ½ hour's drive)	Shigar Fort Residence (Full board) – Heritage Boutique Hotel, <i>Heritage Room</i> Click here for more information Supplement: Upgrade yourself to the royal suite – enjoy the privacy of your own roof top terrace that gets the best views of Shigar Valley & the towering mountains.	First stop is Bara – a small village just 20 minutes from Khaplu. Visit a wool spinning & weaving centre that trains & supports local women. Purchase a local Baltistani topi! Drive up through the Thalley Valley – possibly one of the most spectacular & interesting valleys in Pakistan filled with terraced agricultural fields, local men & women attending to their wheat & potato crops, high altitude yaks & mules and towering jagged mountain peaks. An evening with Royalty! Hear first hand tales of life in Shigar from a member of the royal family.	Top Tip #21: If you have any spare note books and pens the local Thalley School would be hugely appreciative.	 Thalley Valley  Yaks braving the chilly river, Thalley
11	Shigar	Shigar Fort Residence (Full board) – Heritage Boutique Hotel Heritage Room Click here for more information	Relive the history of Shigar Fort with a guided walking tour. Morning trip to the Great Walls of Skardu, Satpara Lake , a 7 th century Buddhist rock carving & Skardu Fort . Late lunch back at the Shigar Fort Residence . Visit the UNESCO award-winning restoration project of the 14 th century Amburiq Mosque & nearby Khilingrong Mosque . Astana of Syed Mir Yahya - the burial place of a Sufi missionary from Xinjiang who promoted Nurbakhshisium in Baltistan during the 17th century and now a place of pilgrimage and reverence for the Balti Nurbakhshi community.	Take an early morning walk to see the ruins of Shigar's first fort, Kari Dong, dating back to the 11 th century.  16th Century mosque dating back to the arrival of Islam in Baltistan, Skardu Fort (Kharphocho Fort)	 Shigar Fort  The architecture of the Astana of Syed Mir Yahya is a blend of Tibetan and Kashmiri styles typical of Balti saintly tombs.

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12	Shigar	<p>Shigar Fort Residence (Full board) – Heritage Boutique Hotel Heritage Room Click here for more information</p>	<p>View the intricately carved Khanqa-e-Moallah and Buddhist ruins from as early as the 5th century;</p> <p>Visit the UNESCO award winning 330 year old Gulabpur Khanqah.</p> <p>A walk through Shigar to see the economic and social development initiatives undertaken by the Aga Khan Development Network’s agencies such as the Aga Khan Cultural Service.</p> <p>The Abruzzi School – the first environmentally sustainable school in the area – named after Luigi Amedeo, Duke of Abruzzi who first attempted to climb K2 in 1909. Meet the principal and students to learn more.</p>	<p>Optional all day trip to see the world’s 2nd highest plateau (4,100m) – the Deosai Plains (6 hour return drive) Or inquire about extending your trip and camp over night.</p> <p>Top Tip #19: When at the Abruzzi School ask about the Abruzzi School Garden Project and see how you can contribute by clicking here</p>	 <p>The magical Deosai Plains</p>  <p>Girls from the Abruzzi School planning a sundial in their new garden!</p>
13	Islamabad (50 minute flight)	<p>Homeward bound! Or perhaps you would like to stay on and continue exploring Beautiful Baltistan with Serena Hotels. How about a trip to the famous high altitude plateau of the Deosai Plains? Or be adventurous and try one of our favourite treks? We can tailor make an experience of a life time that you will never forget. Just let us know!</p> <p>How about staying a night in the Islamabad Serena Hotel. Ask about our city tours!</p>	<p>It is time to leave Beautiful Baltistan!</p> <p>Stop off at the Italian K2 Museum in Skardu before ending up at the airport for your departure.</p>	<p>Top Tip #20: When checking in ask for a window seat on the left hand side of the plane – you will get a fantastic view of Pakistan’s 2nd highest mountain Nanga Parbat (8,126m).</p> <p>Up, up and away!</p>	 <p>The world’s 2nd highest mountain – K2</p>

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TRIPS:

Consider extending your stay to explore more of Beautiful Gilgit-Baltistan.

- ✓ Hopper Valley - add 1 day extra
- ✓ Ghizer Valley - add 1 day extra
- ✓ Ghizer Valley, Mastuj & Chitral - add 5 days extra (Refer to our Hindukush Experience)
- ✓ Interested in trekking look at our recommended hikes in the Karakorum

LET THE PICTURES DO THE TALKING



Awe inspiring scenes along the Karakoram Highway



7th century Kargah Buddha rock carving, Gilgit



700 year old Baltit Fort sitting 200m high on a glacial moraine cliff



Boating on Attabad Lake to Gulmit, Gojal Valley



View from Eagles Nest, Duikar to Golden Peak



Rupikutz & Mamorokutz Mosques of Ganish UNESCO award winning restorations



Satpara Lake, Skardu



Traditional threshing techniques Shigar Valley



Khaplu Palace & Residence



Amburiq Mosque, Shigar



Historical luxury – Shigar Fort Residence!



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