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**11 DAYS IN SWAT, FAIRY MEADOWS, GILGIT AND HUNZA**

**Day 1 Islamabad - Mingora/Saidu Sharif, Swat:** Depart early on the M-1 motorway and then on Swat Express way to Chakdara and on to Saidu Sharif. In the afternoon you will visit Mingora Bazaar, which is the commercial center worth visiting, for there you will find emeralds for which Swat is famous and Murghzar white palace. Return to your hotel for overnight.

**Day 2 Madyan - Bahrain excursion:** Drive to the twin towns of Madyan and Bahrain. North of Saidu Sharif is the charming town of Madyan, lying at an elevation of 1650 meters. The town borders the Swat River, and trout fishing is a favorite pastime. Further up is the town of Bahrain, whose natural beauty and fabulous wood carving makes it a must. After spending leisurely time in these lovely towns, return to Mingora/Saidu Sharif for overnight at your hotel.

**Day 3 Swat - Besham - Chilas:** Drive to Chilas via Shangla Pass (approx. 2100m) connecting Swat Valley with Kohistan District and the Northern Areas of Pakistan. On reaching Besham, proceed further up on the Karakoram Highway, a marvel of modern engineering and winding over 700 kms through breathtaking mountain terrain, through the towns Pattan and Dassu before reaching Chilas, our overnight stop (driving time approx 10-12 hours). Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 4 Chilas – Fairy Meadows:** We leave Chilas and shortly thereafter at Raikot Bridge transfer to local Jeeps for a two hour ride to Tatto which is the starting point of the three hour trek to Fairy Meadows. Fairy Meadows is right in front of Nanga Parbat (the world's ninth highest peak). Upon reaching Fairy Meadows check in to the lodge/tented camp for overnight.

**Day 5 Fairy Meadows:** After breakfast take an hour trek to Beyal camp or base camp of Fairy Meadows. There is a basic lodge there where one can stop for a lunch and then return to Fairy Meadows for the overnight at the lodge/tented camp.

**Day 6 Fairy Meadows – Chilas - Gilgit:** Start your descent early to reach Tatto and catch the Jeeps to Raikot Bridge. Upon reaching Raikot Bridge, our vehicle is available to take you to Gilgit. In the afternoon visit the Kargah Nullah as well as visit the bazaar filled with Chinese goods. If we are lucky, we may be able to witness a local polo match. Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 7 Gilgit – Karimabad, Hunza:** From Gilgit, we begin a scenic drive northwards and after an hour of driving, pause at Rakaposhi to view this North Face of Rakaposhi which is the longest un-interrupted mountain flank on earth (6000m). Continue the drive to Karimabad and in the afternoon visit the 800 year old Baltit Fort, the stronghold of the Ayasho Dynasty, (today a wonderfully restored museum) and explore the local tourist market. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 8 Nagar Excursion and Ganesh and Altit sightseeing:** Early today drive to Hopper and enjoy the views of the stunning landscape of both the Nagar valley and Hunza Ultar mountain range. At Hopper Village view the Buwaltar Glacier to which one can take a short walk. Return to Karimabad, en-route visiting Ganesh Heritage Village one of the oldest settlements of Hunza. In the afternoon visit Altit Village. Here explore the restored Altit Fort and the women's work shop. In the evening drive to Dhuiker viewpoint for a sunset panorama. Overnight at the hotel



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**Day 9 Karimabad - Gulmit - Passu:** Begin with a dawn drive to the Duikar summer settlement to have a breathtaking view of sunrise over the lofty peaks of Hunza. Thereafter, drive to Gulmit in Upper Hunza, along the banks of the newly, but tragically formed Attabad Lake, on a road link that has been recently restored by a 7.9 km long tunnel system. Gulmit is a peaceful and serene village that formerly served as winter capital of the Hunza Kingdom. Here one will walk through the village and commence a traversing hike to Borit Lake, across the the Gulkin glacier (approx 3 hours). From the lake drive to Passu Village where we will check in to the hotel.

**Day 10 Passu – Khunjerab Pass - Gilgit:** From Passu, enjoy views of Tupupdan Sar, Passu Peaks, Shispare and Boyohagur, all exceeding 7000 meters. Drive today to the Khunjerab Pass (Pak - China Border) at an elevation 4,693m or 15,397 feet. Here in this National Park reside, amongst other animals, the snow leopard, Himalayan Ibex, Marco Polo sheep and the Golden Marmot. After enjoying the vistas, we take the return drive to Gilgit, pausing at the foot of Rakaposhi Peak for tea. The view of this North Face allows one to see the longest un-interrupted mountain flank on earth (6000m), starting from the river bank. Upon arrival at Gilgit, transfer to the hotel.

**Day 11 Gilgit - Islamabad:** After an early start, depart for your return journey to Islamabad via the KKH (12-16 hours depending on road condition) or via Naran (12-14 hours) or by air (airfare not included in the price).

**\*Price based on minimum 6 persons on Triple Occupancy Bed & Breakfast basis  
in Standard Hotels**