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6 DAY TAGAPHARI (RAKAPOSHI) AND DIRAN BASE CAMP TREK

Located in Nagar Valley, the Minapin or Tagaphari trek has very easy access from the Karakoram Highway. A short and easy trek leading to the base camps of above 7000m mountain peaks, this trek offers sweeping views of Rakaposhi (7788m) and Diran (7266m). The lateral moraine has frequent avalanches sweeping down between the ridges of these two peaks

Day 01 Gilgit – Ghulmet Rakaposhi Glacier hike –Minapin: Drive towards Hunza on the KKH pausing at Rakaposhi view point. The North Face of Rakaposhi is the longest un-interrupted rise on the planet (6000m), starting from the river bank to the crest of Rakaposhi. After a snack, we trek up towards the Japanese base camp alongside the Rakaposhi Glacier (max 4 hours to go up and 2 hours to descend to). Return in the late afternoon and continue the drive to Minapin (2010m), one of the prettiest villages in Nagar Valley. Overnight in a local lodge/guest house

Day 02 Minapin to Hapakun (3-4 hours, 5.8km, 800m ascent): Set off from Minapin following the path of the Minapin River. The trail turns south, crosses a footbridge and rises 183m on switchbacks before easing off and entering a juniper forest. Continue along the trail, rising gradually to the huts at Bang-i-das, along a clear stream. The trail follows the stream and forks to the grassy meadow of Hapakun (2810m) bordered by stands of fir trees. Overnight in camp

Day 03 Hapakun to Tagaphari (3-4 hours, 3 km, 450m ascent): This morning continue on a trail perpendicular to the water channel which climbs through dusty switchbacks to a verdant bowl. The trail traverses a rocky cliff above the spectacularly broken Minapin Glacier to Tagaphari (3260m). Once a muddy lake, it is now a level pasture, where cows and oxen graze. There are good grassy camp sites along the meandering stream and a small seasonal spring lies at the base of the rocky slope towards the head of this small valley. Overnight in camp

Day 04 Optional trek Diran Peak Base Camp (9-10 hours, 12 km, 450m ascent and descent): Tagaphari to Diran Base camp is a challenging and **strenuous round trip trek** requiring traversing the heavily crevassed Minapin glacier. The trail sharply descends to the glacier for 2 to 3 hours and then requires an immediate climb and traverse across the glacier which takes 3 hours one-way. The Diran Peak base camp is at 3700m, and there is a small green meadow that marks the spot. After a short rest, return along the same route. For those that do not wish to take this strenuous hike, there are small side trips one can take. Overnight in camp

Day 05 Tagaphari to Minapin (5-6 hours, 8.8 km, 1250m descent): Our return journey follows the same trail through Hapakun meadow to Minapin. Overnight in Minapin lodge/ guest house

Day 06 Minapin to Gilgit (or Gulmit): This morning leave Minapin to rejoin the Karakoram Highway to Gilgit, where on arrival one will be transferred to one's lodging establishment. Alternatively, one can continue to Gulmit and join the Patundas Meadow trek in Upper Hunza.

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