

## Rs 42,900 per person\*

Sindh: WAP +92 346 2324819 email <a href="mailto:bhamjee@thomascook.pk">bhamjee@thomascook.pk</a> Rest of Pakistan: WAP +92 300 8567321 email irfan@waljis.com

## 6 Days Rush Tour to Gilgit-Hunza via the Kaghan Valley and Returning on the Fabled Karakoram Highway (Shahrah-E-Resham)

Day 1 Islamabad – Naran with Saif-ul-Muluk Lake: Depart early for Naran, the main town of Kaghan. Later visit in local jeeps Lake Saif ul Muluk (3200m). Guarded by the Himalayas, the waters of the lake mirror the azure sky and Malika Parbat (Queen of Mountains) and capture the serene beauty that is awe inspiring. Return to the hotel in late afternoon for overnight.

Day 02 Naran - Karimabad (Hunza): Start early on this long driving day to the famous Babusar pass (4173m). Enjoy the breath taking views before descending to Chilas on the famous Karakoram Highway, where there are petroglyphs (rock carvings) left by Buddhist Monks. Before arriving at Gilgit, see the meeting point of the great mountain ranges: the Karakoram, the Himalaya and the Hindu Kush. Bypassing Gilgit continue the scenic drive northwards and pause at Rakaposhi to view the North Face of Rakaposhi which is the longest un-interrupted mountain flank on earth (6000m). Continue the drive to Karimabad and check in to the hotel.

Day 3 Baltit – Altit sightseeing: Visit the 800 year old Baltit Fort, the stronghold of the Ayasho Dynasty, (today a wonderfully restored museum) and explore the local tourist market. Proceed then to the neighbouring 'twin' village of Altit. Here we will 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.

**Day 4 Karimabad - Gulmit – Passu - Gilgit:** Drive to Gulmit, and visit the village and see local women weaving carpets and making several other traditional handicrafts. In the afternoon, drive to Passu village to enjoy fabulous views of mountains exceeding 7000 meters before heading to Gilgit. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 Gilgit sightseeing: Visit the Kargah Buddha rock carving, Gilgit Bazaar with its kaleidoscopically arrayed shops, and then on to the Chinar Bagh (Garden). From here see Asia's longest vehicular suspension bridge and visit the Chinese cemetery. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 12 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).

## **END OF OUR SERVICES**

\*PRICE BASED ON MINIMUM 6 PERSONS ON TRIPLE OCCUPANCY BED & BREAKFAST BASIS
IN STANDARD HOTELS