

#### Rs 64,900 per person\*

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#### 9 DAYS SWAT, GILGIT-HUNZA AND KAGHAN - MOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS

**Day 1 Rawalpindi-Islamabad– Takht-i-Bahi – Mingora/Saidu Sharif, Swat:** Depart early on the M-1 motorway and then on to the Swat Express way. Stop on the way to visit Takht-i-Bahi composed of the ruins of Buddhist monasteries and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After visiting the site continue to Swat. On arrival, check-in to the hotel for overnight.

**Day 2 Swat:** Begin the sightseeing tour of Swat with the Swat Museum, established in 1959 by the Wali-e-Swat. After the museum, visit the Saidu Baba Mosque, built in memory of the former King of Swat, the archaeological sites of Butkara I, and Saidu Stupa. Another 4 km away one reaches Ghaligai Rock Buddhas, facing the river Swat. In the afternoon we will visit Murghazar, the old white palace, then continue to Mingora Bazaar before returning to the hotel.

**Day 3 Swat –Gilgit:** Today will be an exciting but long 12 to 13-hour drive on the Karakoram Highway (KKH), also known as the Sharah-e-Resham (Silk Road). On the way we will pass the famous Nanga Parbat (at 8126m the 9th highest peak in the world), the confluence of the Indus and Gilgit Rivers, as well as see the point where the 3 highest mountain ranges in the world (Himalayas, Karakoram and Hindu Kush) meet. Upon arrival, check into the hotel.

**Day 4 Gilgit-Karimabad, Hunza:** Visit Gilgit by first going to the Kargah Buddha rock, the Bazaar, Chinar Bagh, and then continuing on to the Chinese cemetery. After the visit take a scenic drive on the KKKH to Hunza. pausing at Rakaposhi view point to see the longest uninterrupted mountain flank on earth (6000m). Continue the drive to Karimabad and visit the 800-year-old Baltit Fort (today a wonderfully restored museum), the Altit Fort and the women's work shop where they make wooden furniture and handicrafts. Return to the hotel for overnight.

**Day 5 Karimabad-Nagar-Karimabad:** 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 late afternoon drive to Dhuiker viewpoint for a sunset panorama. Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 5 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 which we will walk through and then commence a 3 hour traversing hike across the Gulkin glacier to Borit Lake. From the lake drive to Passu Village where we check in to the hotel.

**Day 6 Passu – Khunjerab Pass - Gilgit:** From Passu, enjoy views of Tupupdan Sar, Passu Peaks, Shispare and Boyohagur, all above 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 where on arrival, transfer to the hotel.



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**Day 8 Gilgit – Chilas-Babusar Pass-Naran:** Leave early for Naran via Chilas and the Babusar Pass (4173m) and arrive at the spectacular Kaghan Valley. We will pass alpine lakes before coming to the main town of Naran. Arrive and transfer to the hotel.

**Day 9 Naran-Lake-Saif ul Muluk-Islamabad:** Depart in local jeeps early for Lake Saif ul Muluk, which is at the height of 3200m. Guarded by the Himalayas, the crystal clear waters of the lake mirror the azure sky and Malika Parbat (Queen of Mountains) and capture the serene beauty that is awe inspiring. Later on continue your 6 - 7 hour return journey to Islamabad.

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