

PROPOSAL FOR ESTHER BEAUMONT AND PARTY

Private tour to Pakistan

April 26 - May 07, 2025
 Led by Local Guide



Departing flight · Thu, Apr 24

9:45 PM · Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Travel time: 10 hr 15 min · Overnight 

3:00 PM⁺¹ · Istanbul Airport (IST)

Turkish Airlines · Economy · Boeing 777 · TK 8
 Often delayed by 30+ min

5 hr 25 min layover · Istanbul (IST)

8:25 PM⁺¹ · Istanbul Airport (IST)

Travel time: 5 hr 25 min · Overnight 

3:50 AM⁺² · Islamabad International Airport (ISB)

Turkish Airlines · Economy · Boeing 777 · TK 710

PIA

Departure · Sat, Apr 26

10:15 AM · Islamabad International Airport (ISB)

Travel time: 1 hr

11:15 AM · Skardu International Airport (KDU)

Pakistan International Airlines · Economy · Airbus A320 · PK 451

Saturday, April 26

Arrive in Islamabad (**PAKISTAN**) -
 Skardu - Khaplu



Upon arrival in **Islamabad** at 3:50am, you will continue your journey by flying to **Skardu** leaving at 10:15am, over the most spectacular mountains of the Karakoram and Western Himalayas. The flight to Skardu is the most reliable one, and on a clear day, you will see Nanga Parbat up close. It's a great opportunity for photography, and we will secure a window seat for everyone.

Upon arrival at 11:15am, freshen up at *Concordia Hotel*, then visit the **K2 museum**, have lunch, and take a short stroll through **Skardu Bazaar**. Then, continue the drive to **Khaplu** and transfer to *Khaplu Fort*, for check-in. It was the residence of the Raja of Khaplu, which was built in the 18th century. The architecture of this fort is a blend of Tibetan and Mughal styles. It was recently restored by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture and is now owned by the Baltistan Heritage Trust and operated by Serena Hotel as Khaplu Fort Residence. Dinner and overnight at the *Fort*. **(L,D)**

10:15 AM

Islamabad (ISB)

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Skardu (KDU)

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Sunday, April 27

Khaplu (Machulo Village)



Enjoy breakfast and then begin the drive to **Machulo Village**, a beautiful village with the magnificent Masherbrum peak, which stands at 7,821 meters in the Karakoram range. If the weather is clear, we may see the peaks. Return to the *Hotel* for lunch and have some rest. Keep an eye out for a polo match at the nearby polo ground. Polo here is freestyle and quite thrilling to watch. It's also a great opportunity for photography. Dinner and overnight at the *Fort*. **(B,L,D)**

Monday, April 28

Khaplu - Gilgit



After breakfast, begin the drive to **Gilgit** along the Indus River Gorge, stopping for lunch at Shangri-La Resort. Visit the junction point of three mountain ranges: the Western Himalayas, Karakoram, and Hindukush mountain ranges. Also have a beautiful view of **Nanga Parbat** from several viewpoints. Continue the drive for 40 minutes to Gilgit town, and upon arrival, transfer to *Serena Hotel* for check-in and lunch, followed by some rest. In the evening, enjoy a short walk in the vicinity of the *Serena Hotel*, followed by happy hour at Didar's home near Serena. Dinner and overnight at the *Hotel*. **(B,L,D)**

Tuesday, April 29

Gilgit - Hunza



Begin the drive to **Hunza** on the Karakoram Highway. Stop at the Rakaposhi viewpoint to see the stunning **Rakaposhi mountain**, which is 7,788 meters high. Take a short break to see the oldest settlement of **Ganish**. Ganish is an interesting small settlement built around a small watchtower within a walled area. There are several small houses and four small wooden and stone mosques around a courtyard. It is the oldest settlement, and all travelers and traders passed through this village, which has an ancient inn and a checkpoint to verify their credentials and collect taxes from traders. Continue the drive to Karimabad for lunch, then continue to **Duikar** and walk up to the vantage point with a panoramic view of Central Hunza and the snow-capped peaks in every direction. Transfer to *Serena Hunza* (Garden view Hotel across from the fort) for check-in. At 6:00 pm, enjoy happy hour and a talk about the history of Hunza, its culture, and beliefs. Dinner at Khabasi restaurant and overnight at the *Fort*. **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, April 30

Hunza



After breakfast, begin the day with a visit to the 900-year-old **Altit Fort** and the settlement around it, then drive to **Baltit Fort** for a visit. Baltit and Altit forts were residences

of the local ruling family, the Mirs of Hunza. One family ruled here for almost 900 years. The architecture of both forts is a blend of Tibetan styles, with some parts added during the British colonial period. In recent years, both forts have been restored by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture and turned into heritage museums. Have lunch at Didar's home and then head to explore **Karimabad Bazaar**. Return the *Fort* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Thursday, May 01

Hunza - Khunjerav National Park



After breakfast, begin the drive to **upper Hunza** to explore the **villages of Passu, Gulmit, and Attabad Lake**. Short stop at **Hunza Haldekish** across the Hunza River. On the face of a long rock cliff, there are inscriptions and carvings made by travelers, traders, and invaders on this route. It is like a visitors' book written in various languages such as Kharoshti, Brahmi, and Chinese. These inscriptions were made between the 1st and 10th centuries AD. Continue driving along the Hunza River and stop at **Hussaini Hanging Bridge**, built in the 19th century by the Maharaja Pratap Singh's government of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. Its wooden girders were burned down during the 1947 Gilgit Rebellion and subsequently repaired. Continue the drive up to **Khunjerav National Park** and the **Pakistan-China border**. You may see ibex and marmots along the way. Drive back to the *Hotel* for happy hour, dinner, and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Friday, May 02

Hunza (Hopper Valley) - Gilgit



After breakfast, begin the drive to **Hopper Nagir**, across the Hunza and Nagar rivers. The drive is very interesting and scenic. Upon arrival at Hopper, enjoy some tea/coffee and walk to a very scenic ridge to see hopper glacier laying down in the valley and enjoy the beautiful view of the village and above 7000 meters high glaciers and mountains around us. Enjoy lunch at the Hoper Hilton and then continue the drive to **Gilgit**, and upon arrival, transfer to *Gilgit Serena Hotel* for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, May 03

Gilgit - Shigar



After breakfast, begin the drive to **Shigar**. Upon arrival, transfer to *Serena Shigar Fort Residence* for check-in, enjoy a happy hour, dinner, and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, May 04

Shigar



After breakfast, begin the day by visiting the nearby **mosques** including the **Amburiq Masjid**, situated in

Shigar in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan, and among the oldest and most significant mosques in Baltistan. Constructed by Sayed Ali Hamdani, its design showcases a distinctive blend of Persian and Tibetan influences, typical of the region's historical architecture. Drive around Shigar then return to the *Hotel* for happy hour, dinner, and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Monday, May 05
Skardu - Islamabad



Transfer in the early morning to the airport for your flight to **Islamabad**. Upon arrival, transfer to *Serena Islamabad Hotel* for check-in and after lunch head to visit **Faisal Mosque** in the lap of Margalla Hills, a unique monument in Pakistan. Its design is not traditional, with domes; instead, it is based on a Bedouin tent with four poles in each corner. These four minarets look like four missiles standing at a launching pad. The geometry of this design is very unique. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then head to visit a **marketplace** known as Jinnah Super Market. **Safa Gold** is the best place to look for all kinds of Pakistani outfits for ladies. For men, J. is the best place to look for Pakistani attire. There is a very famous bookstore known as Saeed Bookshop. Return to the *Hotel*, have happy hour and dinner at your choice of restaurant: Pakistani, Panisian (Chinese cuisine), or Moroccan (Al Maghrib) and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

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Islamabad (ISB)

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Flight Details



Tuesday, May 06
Islamabad



Start the day by visiting the **Pakistan National Council of Arts**, where different exhibitions are held. Then visit **Lok Virsa Museum** and **Shakarparian Garden**, a monument to the history of Pakistan. Drive to Monal Restaurant for lunch at the most scenic viewpoint at Margalla Hills. Return to the *Hotel*, for a free afternoon at leisure, enjoy happy hour, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, May 07
Islamabad - USA



Transfer to the airport in the very early morning for your flight back to the USA.



"We reserve the right to change the order of activities/visits or sites due to unexpected events such as flight cancellations or changes of schedule, or any other reasons beyond our control. We will do our best to ensure that any necessary changes when/if needed to meet the needs of our clients".

Tour Cost (Land only) \$6,795.00

Per person in Double occupancy

Single Supplement \$995.00

Price is based on group size minimum of 6 participants



Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- Accommodation in Hotels mentioned or similar.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- Travel by modern & air-conditioned motor coach.
- Sightseeing in each city as per the itinerary.
- Service of Gov't licensed, experienced and English-speaking guides, drivers, any porters needed, any support staff, during the trip (tips are expected).
- Entry fees to Museums, forts and National Park Areas or any taxes, and any other applicable taxes on any service.
- Visa support letter/documents.
- Water on the bus on touring days.

Tour does not include:

- International airfare USA-Islamabad-USA.
- Pakistan Visa (e-visa – currently \$60.00 - subject to change).
- Beverages, with or without meals and meals not mentioned.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on scheduled flights/tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules.
- Gratuities to guide, drivers, porters, and restaurant staff while at lunches and dinners.
- Travel protection insurance (Highly recommended).

