Majestrek

K2 Base Camp & Concordia · 15 days

Where the Glaciers Meet



From £3,000

per person, all-inclusive from Islamabad, minimum 4 travelling.

Overview

The classic Karakoram trek, up the Baltoro Glacier to Concordia, where K2, Broad Peak and the Gasherbrums stand around a single meeting of glaciers. After a night in Skardu, you travel to Askole and walk for ten days, with a rest day at Paiju, two nights at Concordia and a day out to K2 Base Camp. It is a serious trek for fit, experienced walkers.

Day by day

Day 1: Arrive in Islamabad

You're met at Islamabad International Airport and taken to your hotel. Later, visit the Faisal Mosque and Daman-e-Koh at sunset, or have dinner in Saidpur Village.

Day 2: Fly to Skardu

Weather permitting, fly to Skardu with views of Nanga Parbat from the plane. A walk up to Kharpocho Fort helps with acclimatisation, followed by a full kit check and trek briefing.

Day 3: Travel to Askole

Travel by 4x4 through the Shigar and Braldu valleys to Askole, the last permanent village on the way to K2, usually 6 to 8 hours. Depending on conditions, you may start walking before Askole.

Day 4: Askole to Jhola

The porters load up and the trail passes the snout of the Biafo Glacier, one of the longest outside the polar regions. A suspension bridge over the Braldu brings you to camp at Jhola, about 5 to 8 hours.

Day 5: Jhola to Paiju

Walk through a gorge lined with granite spires, with Trango Towers and Cathedral Peak in view on clear days, about 6 to 7 hours. The Baltoro Glacier comes into sight as you reach Paiju.

Day 6: Rest day at Paiju

A day to rest and acclimatise while the porters bake bread for the days ahead. A gentle walk towards Paiju Peak helps with the altitude.

Day 7: Paiju to Urdukas

Onto the Baltoro Glacier, crossing moraine with Trango Towers and Uli Biaho in the distance. Pass Liligo and Khoburtse to Urdukas, a camp perched above the ice with wide views.

Day 8: Urdukas to Goro II

Follow the medial moraine of the Baltoro, with Masherbrum (7,821 m) filling the southern skyline, about 6 to 8 hours. Camp at Goro II, near the confluence of the Baltoro and Younghusband glaciers.

Day 9: Goro II to Concordia

Climb through moraine into Concordia, ringed by K2, Broad Peak, Gasherbrum I to IV, Mitre Peak and Sia Kangri, about 5 to 7 hours. Watch the sunset on K2 from camp.

Day 10: K2 Base Camp and Broad Peak Base Camp

Set off early across the Godwin-Austen Glacier to Broad Peak Base Camp, then on to K2 Base Camp and the Gilkey Memorial, before returning to Concordia. You can upgrade to an overnight at Broad Peak Base Camp, adding a day.

Day 11: Concordia to Urdukas

Retrace the Baltoro past Goro II to Urdukas, seeing the peaks from new angles on the way down.

Day 12: Urdukas to Paiju

Walk down past Khoburtse and Liligo, leaving the ice behind and returning to the trees at Paiju.

Day 13: Paiju to Jhola and back to Skardu

Walk down the Braldu gorge to meet the jeeps and travel back through the Shigar Valley to Skardu. Hot showers and a celebration are waiting.

Day 14: Fly to Islamabad

Weather permitting, fly back to Islamabad, with views of the Himalaya and Nanga Parbat. The afternoon is free, with a celebration dinner in the evening.

Day 15: Spare day in Islamabad and fly home

This day is held in reserve in case weather delays the Skardu flight. If everything has run to plan, visit Taxila or walk in the Margalla Hills before your transfer to the airport.

Slower pace: a 19-day version, with extra acclimatisation days, is available on request.

What's included

- Return flights between Islamabad and Skardu
- A boutique hotel in Skardu (two nights) and two nights in Islamabad
- Ten nights' camping with sleeping tents and mattresses
- All meals, from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 15
- Private 4x4 with an experienced driver, jeeps to the trailhead, and all airport transfers
- Professional English-speaking guide throughout
- A full camp crew, including cook, porters and pack animals, with a mess tent and a private toilet tent at every camp
- Personal baggage of up to 12.5 kg each carried on the trek
- Trekking and environment permits, park fees and any scouts required
- Satellite phone with the group (subject to government approval)
- The spare day in Islamabad

Not included

- International flights
- Pakistan visa
- Travel insurance, which must cover trekking at altitude and emergency evacuation
- Tips
- Sleeping bag and personal trekking gear