

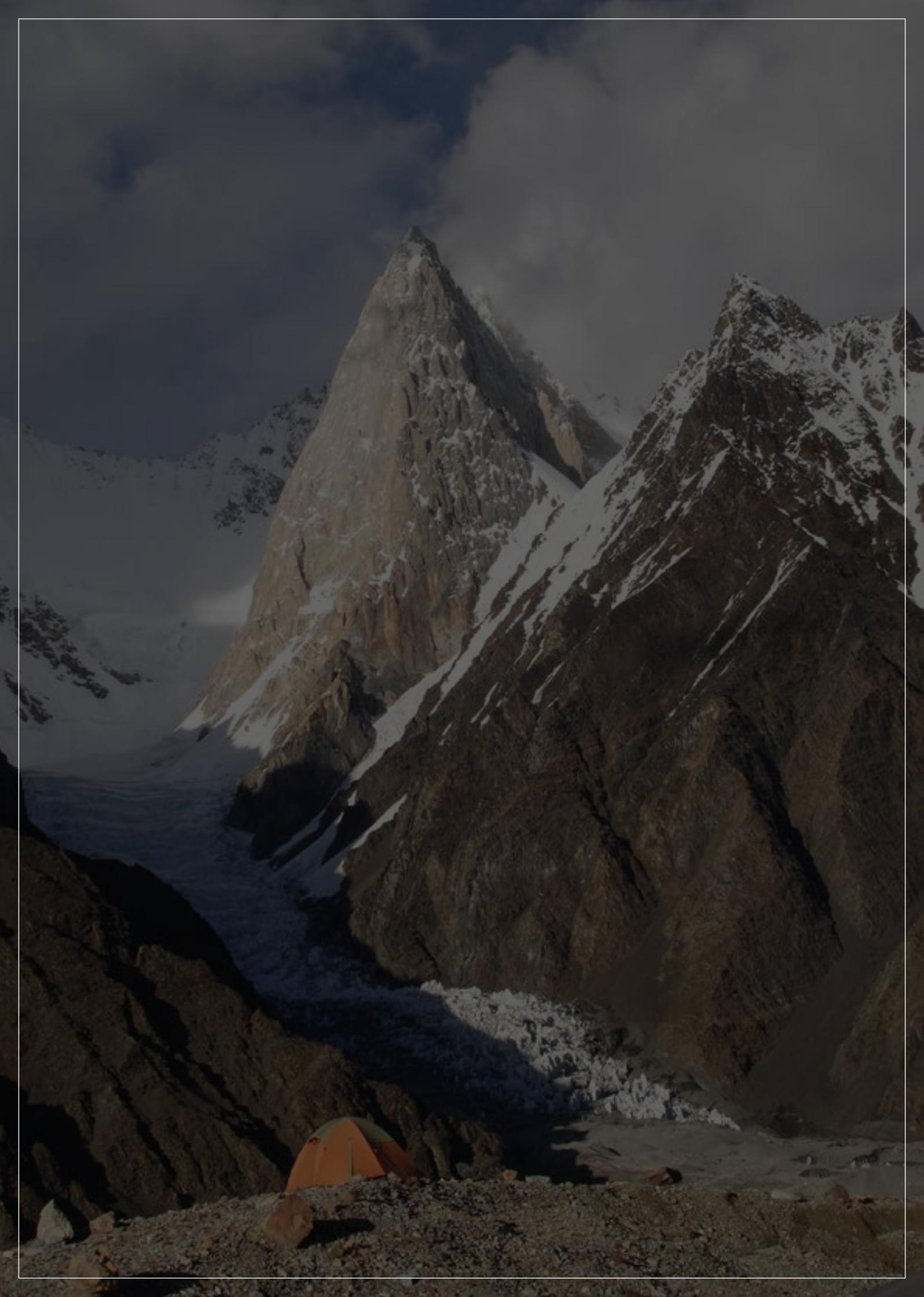


K2 BASE CAMP TREK

5,585M / 26,361FT



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Dates: July 11 to August 1, 2026

Duration: 22 days

Departure: ex Islamabad, Pakistan

Price: From US\$9,500

▲ Trek amongst the world's classic 8,000m peaks. Photo: Mike Roberts

In 2026, Adventure Consultants is organising an trek into the heart of Pakistan's Karakorum Mountains, exploring the Baltoro Glacier region through to K2 Base Camp, at the foot of the 2nd highest mountain in the world. This is a remote and rewarding high-altitude trekking experience, including an egress via the renowned Gondogoro La.

An imposing peak in a superbly dramatic landscape, the peaks of the Karakorum soar high above the border of China and Pakistan. The trek takes us deep into the heart of the world's highest peaks including 8,000m giants K2, Gasherbrum 2 and Broad Peak.

Team members will gather in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, where we will have a briefing and gear checks. We then fly to the mountain village of Skardu, our parting point from civilisation (or if the weather is unsuitable to fly, we will drive). We will be accommodated in a hotel in Skardu for two nights while we make final preparations to the trek equipment, and for those wanting to explore the local area an optional visit of Kharpochu Fort and Buddha.

Jeeps will take us to the road end at Tongal, followed by a 2-hour walk to Askoli, the last village in the valley. Askoli is the beginning of the trek to Base Camp and each night we camp out as we travel up the valley, with our Balti porters providing entertainment and colour to the otherwise stark and barren countryside.

Our expedition cooks will provide wholesome and high quality food along the trek and at K2 Base Camp.

The route follows the true left side of the Baltoro Glacier passing spectacular scenes such as the Trango Group, Muztagh Tower, Gasherbrum 4 until we arrive at Concordia where the majestic K2 dominates the skyline. The highlight of the trek soon comes with our arrival at K2 Base Camp, where we spend a free day exploring and absorbing the grandeur of the Karakoram.

The return journey retraces our steps to Concordia before heading towards Ali Camp. If conditions allow, a challenging crossing of the Gondogoro La pass leads to Huispang and then Saicho, eventually reaching Hushe, where jeeps drive us back to Skardu. We also include an optional visit to Taxila, one of the most significant archaeological and historical sites in Asia.



▲ Looking up towards K2. Photo: Daniel Born

TRIP DATES & ITINERARY

Dates: July 11 to August 1, 2026

Day 1 Arrive in Islamabad, gear check and briefing

Day 2 Half day city sightseeing tour

Day 3 Fly from Islamabad to Skardu

Day 4 Day in Skardu, packing and sorting gear, optional visit to Kharpochu Fort and Buddha

Day 5 Travel to Askoli

Day 6 Trek Askoli to Jhula (3,200m), approx 5-6hrs

Day 7 Trek Jhula to Paiju (3,600m), approx 7-8hrs

Day 8 Trek Paiju to Khuburtse (4,000m), approx 6hrs

Day 9 Trek Khuburtse to Urdukas (4,240m), approx 4hrs

Day 10 Trek Urdukas to Goro-II (4,500m), approx. 6 hrs

Day 11 Trek Goro-II to Concordia (4,687m), approx 5hrs

Day 12 Trek Concordia to K2 Base Camp (5,050m), approx 5hrs

Day 13 Free day to explore around K2 Base Camp

Day 14 Trek K2 Base Camp to Concordia, approx 5hrs

Day 15 Trek Concordia to Ali Camp (5,000m), approx 5-6hrs

Day 16 Cross Gondogoro La to Huispang (5,650m), approx 9hrs

Day 17 Trek Huispang to Saicho (3,300m), approx 5-6hrs

Day 18 Trek from Saicho to Hushe (3,000m) 3-4hrs, then jeep drive to Skardu, 6hrs

Day 19 Spare day for bad weather

Day 20 Fly from Skardu to Islamabad

Day 21 Spare day for flight delays or half day trip to Taxila from Islamabad

Day 22 Departure from Islamabad



A porter on the Baltoro Glacier. Photo: Daniel Born

THE ADVANTAGES OF TREKKING WITH ADVENTURE CONSULTANTS

Adventure Consultants is renowned for the quality of its service and strategy applied to their expeditions and treks. Our reputation is attributed to meticulous planning and experienced logistics coordination. We have a philosophy of investing in every expedition to offer our trekkers the best possible experience.

We employ strong and specialised Trek Leaders and local staff, who are some of the most pre-eminent in the industry. We pride ourselves on operating with small teams, the best back-up and support available. This includes nutritious and ample quantities of food, comfortable base camp facilities, reliable communications systems and the necessary medical back up.

Many of our trek members come to us because they have seen us in action on a previous trip and decide to opt for our level of service and proven experience. Others return because they know we do our very best to make expeditions and treks safe and successful.

TRAVEL IN PAKISTAN

Pakistan has a history of religious and political conflict that stretches over generations, and certain parts of the country are still extremely unsafe to visit today, particularly those neighbouring the border with Afghanistan and parts of India. Fortunately, Islamabad and the Gilgit-Baltistan areas where we travel on this expedition are currently deemed reasonably safe. Islamabad has seen a steady increase in tourism over recent years and due to the large number of Pakistani elite and foreigners in the city, security is high. The Karakoram area is located in Gilgit-Baltistan province is home to the Shia people, a more liberal branch of Islam, and is reasonably isolated from recent conflict.

Pakistan is an Islamic country, and not immune from acts of terrorism by Islamic extremists that have plagued many countries in recent years. For this reason travel warnings have been issued by a number of Western nations advising against travel to Pakistan. Despite this, our experience of travel in Pakistan over the years has enabled a clean and efficient transition in and out of the Karakoram, and our staff and agents are adept at familiarising you with local customs and courtesies to allow you to understand and appreciate the uniqueness of the country. However, should you have any concerns about security, please contact our office to discuss further.

FOOD

Food will be of the highest standard possible, given the remoteness of the situation. Please inform us if you have any special dietary requirements.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Trek members will be provided with pre-trip medical advice and a medical questionnaire. This information



Stunning views near Skardu. Photo: Mike Roberts



▲ Skardu sunset. Photo: Rizwan Saeed

will be sighted only by the trek leader and our medical adviser and treated with full confidentiality.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Trek members will be sent a list detailing all necessary clothing and equipment to be procured. We will correspond with you prior to the trip to answer your queries and ensure you have met all the equipment requirements.

TREK FEE

The cost of the trek ex Islamabad, Pakistan is based on group size as follows:

US\$9,500 per person for a group of 7 people or more
US\$10,500 for a group of 5–6 people

This will be an inclusive cost and covers the following:

- Islamabad airport transfers
- Pakistani government royalty fees
- All trek organisational requirements
- All trekking permits
- Return flights from Islamabad to Skardu
- 4 nights twin share hotel in Islamabad, including breakfast
- 3 nights twin share hotel in Skardu
- All group equipment for the trek (tents and camping facilities)
- All trek staff, including porter support
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner ex Islamabad

The expedition fee **does not** include the following:

- Air travel to and from Pakistan
- Additional nights accommodation in Islamabad

- Meals (excluding breakfast on the included nights) in Islamabad
- Entry visa for Pakistan
- Personal clothing and equipment including sleeping bag
- Personal/trip cancellation/medical evacuation insurance
- Excess baggage fees over the 20kg trek allowance
- Any rescue costs or early departure from the trek
- Purchases of bottled water, gifts or alcohol
- Personal expenses such as laundry etc.
- Gratuities to guides and local staff

PAYMENT DETAILS

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following bank and account:

Bank of New Zealand
Offshore Branch
42 Willis Street
Spark Central
Wellington
New Zealand

For the account of Adventure Consultants Limited

Account Number: 1000-594771-0000

Account Type: US Dollars

Swift Address: BKNZNZ22

NOTE: All bank transfer charges are for the remitter's account.

We can also accept your deposit and balance payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex) plus a 3% credit card fee.



▲ Trekking near Jula. Photo: Mike Roberts



▲ The impressive Great Trango Towers from Urdukas. Photo: Mike Roberts



▲ Crossing raging waters on the trek. Photo: Mike Roberts

DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of US\$1,000 is payable to secure a place on the expedition.

BALANCE

The balance is payable 90 days prior to the expedition start date.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

An expedition member may then cancel their participation on the following basis:

- Cancellations outside of 90 days will result in the loss of the trip deposit.
- For cancellations made within 90 days of the trip departure date we reserve the right to retain 50% of the balance payment fee.
- For cancellations within 60 days of the departure date a cancellation fee of 100% of the full fee applies.

We strongly recommend you take out trip cancellation insurance via your travel agent if you wish to be covered against cancellation due to medical or personal reasons.

HOW TO JOIN THIS TREK

If you would like to join our K2 Base Camp Trek, please complete our online application form at <https://adventureconsultants.com/world-renowned/why-us/private-custom-booking-form> and submit your trip deposit.

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▲ Sunset from the Baltoro Glacier. Photo: Mike Roberts



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