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Ultimate K2 Base Camp Trek

Twenty days up the Baltoro Glacier to K2 Base Camp, at a pace that lets you enjoy it.

REGION **Karakoram**	DIFFICULTY **Strenuous**
DURATION **20 days / 19 nights**	MAX ALTITUDE **5,150 m**
STARTS FROM **Islamabad / Skardu**	GROUP SIZE **2 to 12 Trekkers**
BEST SEASON **June to September**	FROM **$1,950**

About this trek

The full K2 Base Camp journey with extra days built in, so the walk up the Baltoro Glacier is never rushed. Twenty days gives time for acclimatization, bad weather and a proper stay at Concordia before you stand at the base of K2.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Arrive in Islamabad

Altitude: 540m · Walking: 0 hrs · Stay: Hotel Islamabad

Airport pick-up, group hotel and expedition briefing.

Day 2 Fly Islamabad to Skardu

Altitude: 2,230m · Walking: 0 hrs · Stay: Skardu Hotel

45-minute flight to Skardu (2,230m); overnight in Naran via the Karakoram Highway if the flight is cancelled.

Day 3 Skardu Preparation & Sightseeing

Altitude: 2,230m · Walking: 2 hrs · Stay: Skardu Hotel

Permit formalities, Kharpocho Fort and Satpara Lake; if the Askole road is open, the team may drive up today.

Day 4 Drive Skardu to Jhola via Askole

Altitude: 3,150m · Walking: 0 hrs (Drive 8 hrs) · Stay: Jhola Camp

141km jeep drive to Askole, the last village of the Shigar Valley, meeting the porter team, and on to Jhola camp (3,150m).

Day 5 Trek Jhola to Paiju

Altitude: 3,420m · Walking: 6 hrs · Stay: Paiju Camp
21km along the Braldu River to Paiju, the green oasis before the glacier.

Day 6 Trek Paiju to Khoburtse

Altitude: 3,795m · Walking: 7 hrs · Stay: Khoburtse Camp
15km onto the Baltoro Glacier to Khoburtse, beneath the Trango Towers.

Day 7 Trek Khoburtse to Urdukas

Altitude: 3,900m · Walking: 4 hrs · Stay: Urdukas Camp
Short 6km climb to the grassy Urdukas terraces above the glacier.

Day 8 Acclimatization Day at Urdukas

Altitude: 3,900m · Walking: 0 hrs · Stay: Urdukas Camp
Rest and acclimatization day with short walks above camp.

Day 9 Trek Urdukas to Goro II

Altitude: 4,295m · Walking: 7 hrs · Stay: Goro II Camp
12km up the centre of the Baltoro; first night camped on the glacier ice.

Day 10 Trek Goro II to Concordia

Altitude: 4,500m · Walking: 5 hrs · Stay: Concordia Camp
12km to Concordia (4,500m), where K2, Broad Peak and the Gasherbrums fill the horizon.

Day 11 Trek to Broad Peak Base Camp

Altitude: 4,800m · Walking: 4 hrs · Stay: Broad Peak Base Camp
6km up the Godwin-Austen Glacier to Broad Peak Base Camp (4,800m), visiting the Gilkey Memorial.

Day 12 K2 Base Camp & Return to Concordia

Altitude: 5,150m · Walking: 6 hrs · Stay: Concordia Camp
The high point: 14km round trip to K2 Base Camp (5,150m), returning to Concordia for the night.

Day 13 Trek Concordia to Goro II

Altitude: 4,295m · Walking: 7 hrs · Stay: Goro II Camp
Begin the walk out: 12km back down the Baltoro to Goro II.

Day 14 Trek Goro II to Khoburtse

Altitude: 3,795m · Walking: 7 hrs · Stay: Khoburtse Camp
14km down-glacier to Khoburtse.

Day 15 Trek Khoburtse to Paiju

Altitude: 3,420m · Walking: 5 hrs · Stay: Paiju Camp
15km back across the Liligo Glacier side to Paiju camp.

Day 16 Trek Paiju to Jhola

Altitude: 3,150m · Walking: 7 hrs · Stay: Jhola Camp
21km along the Braldu River to Jhola, the last camp of the trek.

Day 17 Drive Jhola to Skardu

Altitude: 2,230m · Walking: 0 hrs (Drive 8 hrs) · Stay: Skardu Hotel
141km drive via Askole back to Skardu and a hot shower.

Day 18 Fly Skardu to Islamabad

Altitude: 540m · Walking: 0 hrs · Stay: Hotel Islamabad
Return flight to Islamabad; Karakoram Highway via Naran as the weather backup.

Day 19 Contingency Day, Islamabad

Altitude: 540m · Walking: 0 hrs · Stay: Hotel Islamabad
Buffer day for flight delays, or a free day in Islamabad if you arrived on schedule.

Day 20 Departure from Islamabad

Altitude: 540m · Walking: 0 hrs
Transfer to Islamabad Airport for your flight home.

What's included

- Airport pick-up and drop-off in Islamabad and Skardu
- All ground transport during the trek, including jeeps where the route needs them
- Hotel stays in Islamabad and Skardu, and full-service camping on the trail
- All meals during the trek: breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus tea and coffee
- Licensed local mountain guide and support team throughout the trek
- Porters for group equipment and your personal trek bag
- All trekking permits and paperwork arranged by our team
- First aid kit carried by the guide

What's not included

- International flights to and from Pakistan
- Pakistan visa fee
- Travel and rescue insurance (required for every trekker)
- Tips for guides, porters and drivers
- Personal trekking gear and clothing
- Meals in Islamabad and Skardu outside the trek days, unless stated
- Anything not listed under what is included

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