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Pastore Peak Expedition & K2 Base Camp

Twenty-four days to climb 6,209m Pastore Peak, via K2 Base Camp and Concordia.

REGION **Karakoram**	DIFFICULTY **Extreme**
DURATION **24 days / 23 nights**	MAX ALTITUDE **6,209 m**
STARTS FROM **Islamabad / Skardu**	GROUP SIZE **2 to 12 Trekkers**
BEST SEASON **June to September**	FROM **$3,080**

About this trek

A genuine 6,000m expedition that starts as a K2 Base Camp trek: up the Baltoro to Concordia, then on to Pastore Peak, a 6,209m summit above the glacier. Twenty-four days with the camps, carries and summit window a peak of this size demands, led by high-altitude guides.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Arrive in Islamabad

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

Airport welcome, group hotel, expedition briefing and gear check.

Day 2 Fly Islamabad to Skardu

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

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

Day 3 Skardu Sightseeing & Preparation

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

Kharpocho Fort, Satpara Lake and final expedition preparations.

Day 4 Drive Skardu to Askole

Altitude: 3,000m · Walking: 0 hrs (Drive 7 hrs) · Stay: Askole Camp

Seven-hour jeep drive up the Shigar Valley to Askole (3,000m), last village before the Baltoro; meet the porter team.

Day 5 Trek Askole to Jhola

Altitude: 3,150m · Walking: 6 hrs · Stay: Jhola Camp
First walking day along the Braldu River to Jhola camp.

Day 6 Trek Jhola to Paiju

Altitude: 3,420m · Walking: 6 hrs · Stay: Paiju Camp
Up the valley to Paiju, with Paiju Peak ahead and the Baltoro opening up.

Day 7 Trek Paiju to Khoburtse

Altitude: 3,795m · Walking: 7 hrs · Stay: Khoburtse Camp
First day on the Baltoro Glacier beneath the Trango Towers, Cathedral and Uli Biaho.

Day 8 Trek Khoburtse to Urdukas

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

Day 9 Acclimatization Day at Urdukas

Altitude: 3,900m · Walking: 0 hrs · Stay: Urdukas Camp
Rest and acclimatization day before the higher glacier camps.

Day 10 Trek Urdukas to Goro II

Altitude: 4,295m · Walking: 7 hrs · Stay: Goro II Camp
Onto the centre of the Baltoro for the first night camping on the glacier itself.

Day 11 Trek Goro II to Concordia

Altitude: 4,500m · Walking: 5 hrs · Stay: Concordia Camp
Arrive at Concordia (4,500m), the junction of the Baltoro and Godwin-Austen glaciers, facing K2, Broad Peak and the Gasherbrums.

Day 12 Trek to Broad Peak Base Camp

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

Day 13 K2 Base Camp Day

Altitude: 5,150m · Walking: 6 hrs · Stay: Broad Peak Base Camp
Day trek to K2 Base Camp (5,150m), returning to sleep at Broad Peak Base Camp.

Day 14 Trek to Pastore Peak Base Camp

Altitude: 4,950m · Walking: 4 hrs · Stay: Pastore Base Camp
Move to Pastore Peak Base Camp at 4,950m, below the northwest face.

Day 15 Rest & Preparation at Base Camp

Altitude: 4,950m · Walking: 0 hrs · Stay: Pastore Base Camp
Rest day; the climbing team checks equipment and prepares the route.

Day 16 Climb to Camp 1 (5,600m)

Altitude: 5,600m · Walking: 5 hrs · Stay: Camp 1
Steep glacier climb, partly on fixed ropes, to Camp 1.

Day 17 Rotation — Camp 1 to Camp 2

Altitude: 5,600m · Walking: 5 hrs · Stay: Camp 1
Acclimatization rotation towards Camp 2, returning to sleep lower.

Day 18 Rotation — Descend to Base Camp

Altitude: 4,950m · Walking: 4 hrs · Stay: Pastore Base Camp
Descend to Base Camp to rest and recover before the summit push.

Day 19 Move Back to Camp 1

Altitude: 5,600m · Walking: 5 hrs · Stay: Camp 1
Re-ascend to Camp 1 in position for the summit attempt.

Day 20 Summit Day — Pastore Peak (6,209m)

Altitude: 6,209m · Walking: 10 hrs · Stay: Pastore Base Camp
Alpine start, climb the northwest face to the 6,209m summit, and descend to Base Camp.

Day 21 Trek Back to Concordia

Altitude: 4,500m · Walking: 5 hrs · Stay: Concordia Camp
Retrace down the Godwin-Austen Glacier to Concordia.

Day 22 Trek Concordia to Urdukas

Altitude: 3,900m · Walking: 8 hrs · Stay: Urdukas Camp
Long day back down the Baltoro Glacier to Urdukas.

Day 23 Trek Urdukas to Paiju

Altitude: 3,420m · Walking: 6 hrs · Stay: Paiju Camp
Continue down the glacier to Paiju camp.

Day 24 Trek to Jhola & Drive to Skardu

Altitude: 2,230m · Walking: 5 hrs (Drive 4 hrs) · Stay: Skardu Hotel
Final walk to Jhola, then drive via Askole back to Skardu for a celebration dinner.

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
- Peak royalty fee for the expedition
- High-altitude guide and fixed rope support where the route requires it

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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