



Pakistan: Karakoram Highway, Local Eats & Village Life

13 days, Lahore to Islamabad

Trip code ALLI

What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Gulmit Old House Cafe, Passu
- Your G for Good Moment: Korgah Carpet Centre, Passu
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: Food Street Lahore, Lahore
- Your Foodie Moment: Old House, Gulmit
- Your Local Living Moment: Khanabad Village Visit, Khānābād
- Lahore City Tour
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- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing October 18th, 2024 and onwards

Itinerary



Itinerary Notes

Please note that the arrival hotel check in time is 2:00 pm onward. If you wish to have your room available earlier, we recommend booking a pre-night.

NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

Lahore

Welcome to Pakistan and get ready for an epic adventure off the beaten path. Arrive at any time and join your group for a welcome meeting in the evening. Choose to join your CEO for an incredible meal. Lahore is a food lover's paradise, chock full of incredibly innovative and high quality dishes to devour.



Accommodation

OBAN Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Day 2

Lahore

Your adventure in Lahore, a hip and culture rich destination perfect for curious travelers. Take a tour of the city, visiting iconic landmarks like Badshahi Mosque and the ancient Walled City of Lahore. Wander through the narrow streets, engage all your senses in colorful bazaars and learn about Pakistan's rich history. In the evening, visit the Wagah Border, between India and Pakistan, and watch the famous flag-lowering ceremony. Dinner will be at the popular Lahore Food Street, with historic buildings, beautiful views and incredible Pakistani food.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

OBAN Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Lahore City Tour

Lahore

Tour the incredible city of Lahore, visiting notable, historic places like the Tomb of Allama Iqbal and Badshahi Mosque. Explore the Walled City of Lahore, through narrow stone streets and colorful bazaars.

ACTIVITY

Visit the popular Food Street in the historic Haveli Khalil Khan, on the Fort Road Food Street. Dig into a delicious meal while overlooking the Badshahi Mosque.

Wagah Border Ceremony

Wāgah

Every evening, thousands of people gather to watch the famous parade and the ceremonial lowering of their national flags by the Indian and Pakistani armies at sunset. Witness this event in the stands and cheer on as the two countries showcase their national pride. This vibrant ceremony symbolizes the long-standing rivalry between the two nations, making it a significant cultural and historical landmark

Day 3

Lahore/ Nathia Gali

We'll hit the road this morning and drive from Lahore to Nathia Gali. Watch as the landscape transforms from the Punjab plains to the Lesser Himalayas, which contrary to its name is still quite an impressive part of the mountain range. After a long drive, stretch your legs on the 4 km Pipeline Trail hike through Ayubia National Park through beautiful flora and fauna. Later on, choose to join your CEO for a local meal and choose the Patakhra chicken, a must try in this area!



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Elites NathiaGali (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Pipeline Trail

Nathia Gali

1h30m

4km

Hike the 4 km easy hike through Ayubia National Park. Enjoy views of lush alpine green mountainsides and giant rock slabs. A perfect introduction to Pakistan's natural side.

Private Vehicle

Lahore - Nathia Gali

7h-8h

478km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 4

Nathia Gali & Mirajani Peak

Fill up on breakfast today before we head out to hike up Miranjani Peak, resting at 3,000 m above sea level, the tallest mountain in the region. This moderate hike will take about 5 hours round trip with ample opportunity to admire Pakistan's impressive geological wonders. In the afternoon, after returning to Nathia Gali, opt to visit the local market or maybe St. Matthew's Church, a church cared for by a Muslim family for three generations.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Elites NathiaGali (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Nathia Gali

Enjoy a free afternoon in beautiful Nathia Gali.

Mirajani Peak Hike

Nathia Gali

5h-6h

5km

Hike to Mirajani Peak, standing at approx 3,000 meters. It is highest peak in the Galyat Region. The moderate 5km (650m Ascent) hike offers stunning views of lush forests and valleys, ideal for novice and experienced hikers.

Day 5

Nathia Gali/ Naran

Follow along the Kunhar River as we drive from Nathia Gali to picturesque, lakeside town of Naran. We'll pass through cute towns and beautiful natural landscapes, like Mansehra, Balakot and Kaghan. After arriving, opt to have lunch at the popular Naran Bazaar before hopping into a local jeep that brings us on an off-roading adventure. Drive to the gorgeous Lake Saif-ul-Muluk, the glacial Kunhar River and the Kaghan Valley. This scenery marvels more well known mountainous regions, like Patagonia, but its relative lack of tourism means your visit feels more like discovering a hidden gem. Finish off the adventure with an amazing sunset over the River Kunhar.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Demanchi (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Nathia Gali - Nārān

6h

178km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Lake Saif-ul-Muluk Jeep Adventure

Nārān

Take an adventurous local jeep ride to Lake Saif-ul-Muluk on a scenic, off-road path. The lake, nestled in Pakistan's Kaghan Valley, is a stunning alpine gem surrounded by snow-capped peaks. Its crystal-clear waters mirror the towering Malika Parbat, creating a serene, fairy-tale-like setting. In fact, the lake itself is named after a fairy tale called Saiful Maluk, about a legendary Egyptian prince who fell in love at the lakeside.

Day 6

Naran/ Passu

Follow the snow-capped Karakoram Mountains as we leave Naran and drive to Hunza this morning. We'll be greeted with a warm welcome from our local host families when we arrive in Hunza. With our host families as our guides, we'll experience local life in the lower Hunza with village activities and a special traditional lunch. After the visit, we'll drive to Passu for the night.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Accommodation

Sarai Silk Route Hotel Passu (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Hunza Village Experience

Hunza

A local host family will warmly welcome you to Hunza in traditional style, inviting you to participate in various village activities. You'll gain valuable insights into life in lower Hunza. A delicious traditional lunch, served in the traditional way, awaits your arrival.

Private Vehicle

Karīmābād - Passu

1h30m

69km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Nārān - Hunza

6h-7h

306km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 7

Passu Hunza

A day trip to Khunjerab National Park today will have you in awe of Pakistan's natural beauty. Drive to the stunning Khunjerab Pass, which at an altitude of 4,693 meters, is the final stretch of the Karakoram Highway, stopping just before the border with China. This pass, whose name comes from the Wakhi words meaning "blood creek", remains an important trade route and wildlife haven. We'll stop at Khyber Village at upper Hunza, renowned for its delicious fruits and organic farming. Enjoy the special opportunity to pick fruit alongside the local farmers and learn about their way of life. Later on, choose to join your CEO for a delicious bite to eat at the Yak Grill. Trust us and try the yak burger.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Sarai Silk Route Hotel Passu (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Khunjerab National Park Visit

Passu

Drive through the breathtaking Khunjerab National Park, home to many rare and endangered species. Snow capped mountains glisten above the protected long-horned Marco Polo sheep and Siberian Ibex grazing on the rocky mountain slopes. This park is also known to have the highest density of snow leopards in the world, so keep your eyes peeled as you drive.

Khyber Village Visit

Passu

Experience local village life of Khyber Village at Upper Hunza, renowned for its delicious fruits and organic farming. Pick and taste truly organically grown local fruits and veggies, like fresh cherries in June, or sweet apricots in July and August. A true farm to mouth experience.

Day 8

Passu/ Karimabad

Grab your jacket because we're headed to the Passu Glacier today. Drive from Passu to Borith Lake and start the hike up to the glacier. We'll even have a chance to walk on the pristine ice of the glacier. After the hike, we'll sit down for a much deserved lunch at the cozy Old House, a restaurant ran by local women supporting their families. This afternoon, we'll visit Gulmit Old House, renowned for its intricately carved doors and windows, and the Korgah Carpet Center, a local initiative created by five local women looking to improve the quality of their own lives and those of their community. The center aims to empower women in Hunza through traditional carpet weaving. In the evening, head to Karimabad, stopping at Attabad Lake for an incredible view and Duikar for a magical sunset. After working up a massive appetite, join your CEO at the Food Pavilion, a local restaurant led by Lal Shehzadi, a local female entrepreneur who has served as a local inspiration to fellow women to embark on opening their own restaurants and local establishments.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Offto Resort Karimabad (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Borith Lake Visit

Passu

Borith Lake is renowned for its migratory birds and serves as a sanctuary for various wildfowl, attracting birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts. Spend some free time exploring this beautiful place.

Private Vehicle

Passu - Karīmābād

1h15m-1h30m

57km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

ACTIVITY

Enjoy a guided tour of Gulmit Old House, renowned for its intricately carved doors and windows. Over six centuries old, it showcases the heritage of the Gojal Valley, where most residents speak Wakhi and belong to the Shia Ismaili sect. The house features ancient artifacts, including bronze utensils and

traditional clothing, displayed in a museum on the ground floor. The double-story structure is built from stone, mud, and wood, reflecting the region's rich cultural history. The renovation of the house was funded by the woman-owned Old House Cafe, and the Old House was in fact the owners family home before serving as an important piece of Pakistani cultural heritage.

Passu Glacier Hike

Passu

Hike to the renowned Passu Glacier, which begins after a 10-minute drive from Borith Lake. The initial five minutes of the hike are steep, followed by a relatively flat section leading to the glacier. To experience walking on the glacier, we'll descend onto the moraine and walk on the pristine ice. Take your time to relax and appreciate the natural beauty surrounding you.

ACTIVITY

Enjoy lunch at Old House, a charming local restaurant run by a woman who serves delicious regional cuisine. All the staff are local women supporting their families. The food is fantastic, and you'll love the authentic atmosphere in this welcoming setting

ACTIVITY

Visit the Korgah Carpet Centre, which aims to empower women in Hunza through traditional carpet weaving. Located in a 400-year-old Wakhi house, the centre features engraved wooden pillars, a bukhari stove for heating and cooking and floors covered in yak hair sharmas. Engage with the women entrepreneurs working there, who will share their inspiring stories. Experience the process of making traditional woolen caps, where everyone can try on caps and adjust them to fit their heads perfectly and keep the cap you create as a memorable keepsake.

Day 9

Karimabad

Enjoy a free morning in Karimabad. Opt to relax, visit some of the cultural gems in the area like Altit Fort or go on an epic jeep safari adventure to Kho Meadows. In the afternoon, gather together again with your CEO and fellow travelers to hike from Karimabad Bazaar to Baltit Fort, passing small handicraft shops and local settlements. On arrival to the fort, choose to purchase a ticket for a guided tour, or do your own thing and take some artistic photography of the stunning views. In the evening, choose to join your CEO for dinner at the Karimabad bazaar.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Offto Resort Karimabad (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Karimabad

Explore the town of Karimabad during a full day of discovery.

Baltit Fort Hike

Karimabad

Hike to the Baltit fort from Karimabad Bazaar, a 20-minute walk through charming old settlements and handicraft shops. The fort offers stunning views of the valley and Khun (settlement). If you're interested, you can opt for a guided tour of the fort by purchasing tickets on-site.



Optional Activities - Day 9

Jeep Safari to Kho Meadows

Karimabad

Spend the day on an epic adventure to the picturesque Koh Meadows. Ride a jeep through the beautiful landscapes and enjoy lunch under the snow capped mountains.

Day 10

Karimabad/ Chilas

Travel back in time with a guided tour of the Ganish Settlement, the very first settlement on the Silk Road. On a guided tour, explore Ganish's 400-year-old mosques and ancient watchtowers. After the tour, visit a local host family for the day in Khanabad. Connect with the locals and learn about their daily way of life while cooking a traditional meal. Explore the village with your local hosts, the highlight being the Youth Garden, a local tree plantation project with over 50,000 trees planted by local youth.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Accommodation

Shangrila Chilas Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Ganish Settlement Tour

Karimabad

Visit the ancient Ganish settlement on a guided tour that takes you back in time. Derived from the Burushaski word "Genish," meaning gold, Ganish boasts four 300–400-year-old mosques, recognized with a UNESCO Heritage Award in 2002, showcasing its architectural and cultural significance. Serving as one of the original overnight stops on the Silk Road, the settlement is steeped in history and has an incredible story to tell.

ACTIVITY

Visit Khanabad Village and receive a traditional welcome by the host family upon arrival. Join our village guide on a walk through the village, sharing insights about their home. Visit the water flour mill, water distribution channel, and the Youth Garden, a tree plantation project with over 50,000 trees planted by local youth. You'll interact with locals, hear stories from the host family, and enjoy a traditional lunch, offering an authentic glimpse into the village's culture and hospitality.

Private Vehicle

Khānābād - Chilas

4h

190km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 11

Chilas/ Islamabad

Say goodbye to local village life as we drive to the capital city of Pakistan, Islamabad. We'll stop at Kaiwai Abshar and enjoy a lunch beside a waterfall and sit on a charpai like the locals. Then enjoy a free evening in Islamabad.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel de Papae (INTL) (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Kaiwai Abshar Waterfall

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Visit the unique Kaiwai Abshar Waterfall for lunch. Here, you can relax by taking off your shoes and sitting on a local charpai while dipping your feet in the refreshing cold water. Enjoy the vibrant

Free Time

Islamabad

Enjoy a free evening in Islamabad.

Private Vehicle

Chilas - Islamabad

10h-12h

370km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Enjoy a free morning in Islamabad. Around lunchtime, join your CEO and fellow travelers and head over to Melody Food Street to grab a lunch of your choice. Fill up on a kebab or flavorful biryani as you then hit the road to drive to Taxila, home to the famous truck art. These fun, decorated trucks represent different ethnic groups, advocate for change or express historical experiences. Discover how Pakistani truck art has become so much more than just making an old vehicle look nicer. Then drive Saidpur village and visit the art and craft shops, walk through the village streets. At sunset, visit Shah Faisal Mosque during prayer hour and witness Islamic practices firsthand in this stunningly large mosque. Conclude the adventure with one last meal together to reflect on a life changing experience in Pakistan.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Hotel de Papae (INTL) (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Melody Food Street

Islamabad

Eat your way through Melody Food street. A popular, bustling culinary hotspot known for its diverse street food offerings. Enjoy a variety of authentic Pakistani delicacies, including spicy kebabs, flavorful biryanis, and savory rolls.

Taxila Truck Art

Taxila

Visit the renowned Truck Art workshops and engage with the local artists. Watch the artists at work, creating vibrant and intricate designs. Meet the shopkeepers as they craft beautiful truck art stickers and explore their souvenir shops. Then sit down for a cup of tea served in a traditional truck art-themed setting.

Saidpur Village

Islamabad

Visit Saidpur village, a charming village nestled in the Margalla Hills of Islamabad, rich in Mughal heritage and cultural diversity. The village has witnessed various civilizations, including Gandhara, the Maurya Empire, and the Mughal Empire. It features an animal market, shops selling pottery and handicrafts, and historical sites, including a gurdwara, mosque, and Mandir, showcasing interfaith harmony.

Faisal Mosque

Islamabad

Enjoy a visit to Faisal Mosque, Pakistan's national mosque, one of the largest in the country and in the world. Listen and experience the spiritual ambiance during prayer time.

Day 13

Islamabad

Depart at any time.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

Are there Itinerary notes?

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What is the role of the group leader during this trip?

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our Chief Experience Officers (CEO). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 12.

What meals are included in this trip?

12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, trekking.

Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (12 nts).

Will I get my own room?

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

Hotel (12nts)

What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1, or when you arrive up to three days prior to the tour, provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through G Adventures in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

Our G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. Our representative will stand at the meeting area of all travel/hotel representatives. It is located approximately 50 meters from the exit doors after luggage check. Our transfer representative will be waiting for you with a G Adventures sign board in hand. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office Central Asia:

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If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

If you would like to book an airport Departure transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

What should be on my packing list?

Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

PAKISTAN:

If you require a visa to enter Pakistan, you may also need an official Letter Of Invitation (LOI) before you can apply for your Pakistan visa. If you require a Letter of Invitation (LOI) to apply for a Pakistan visa, please fill out & submit the following request [form](#)

We recommend travellers apply for their visa to visit Pakistan 2-3 months prior to departure. If your nationality is applicable to apply for an E-Visa, please apply [here](#)

As part of your visa application, you may be required to ask your sponsor/host for Biometric Verification against your Visa Application ID using PAK ID Mobile App.

If you require this, please contact us on experience@gadventures.com with your Visa Application ID, so G Adventures can process as soon as possible.

VISA INFORMATION:

Please use the start hotel of your tour as a reference for your visa application. Contact us or your travel agent if you need further information.

Please note, when applying for your Pakistan visa, you must declare the following:

- Any recent travel to/from India
- Any dual nationality relating to India
- Any family members of Indian heritage

This may lead to a more thorough review of your visa application where further documentation may be required by the embassy.

What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip. ATMs are limited in Pakistan and only available in Lahore & Islamabad. Please ensure you take out sufficient funds to cover you throughout the trip.

How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

Should I be tipping on my trip?

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 5-10%, depending on the service.

Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group.

Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$1-\$2 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service. Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$3-\$4 USD per person, per day can be used.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Karīmābād

- Jeep Safari to Kho Meadows

What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

How old must I be to join this trip?

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.