

# Backpackers Tour to Northern Pakistan – Complete Circuit Adventure

📍 Karimabad, Karimabad



Embark on an epic 20-day overland journey designed for explorers seeking the raw beauty, culture, and adventure of Northern Pakistan. Starting from Islamabad, this circuit-style tour takes you deep into the heart of the Himalayas, Karakoram, and Hindukush mountain ranges.

You'll experience everything from tranquil alpine valleys and majestic glaciers to ancient fortresses and vibrant local cultures. Trek to Fairy Meadows, hike to Nanga Parbat's base camp, ride jeeps through rugged landscapes, and explore off-the-grid valleys like Ghizer, Phander, Kalash, and Chitral. This route is crafted for backpackers and thrill-seekers looking to conquer Pakistan's north in one unforgettable journey.

## Tour Facts

Group Size:  
**12**

Language:  
**English**

Duration:  
**20**

Tour Type:  
**continuous**

## **Tour Itinerary**

### **Day 1 : Arrival in Islamabad**

Receive guests at Islamabad Airport, transfer to hostel, evening at leisure. Overnight in Islamabad.

### **Day 2 : Drive to Naran**

Depart for Naran via Balakot and Kaghan. Enjoy scenic views along the way. Overnight in Naran.

### **Day 3 : Travel to Hunza Valley**

Drive through Babusar Pass and stop at Shoesar Lake and the Three Mountain Ranges Viewpoint. Arrive in Karimabad by evening.

### **Day 4 : Discover Central Hunza**

Visit Altit & Baltit Forts, stroll through Karimabad's tourist street, and catch the sunset at Duikar Viewpoint.

### **Day 5 : Explore Upper Hunza**

Visit Attabad Lake, enjoy boating and jetskiing. Continue to Hussaini Bridge and Borith Lake.

### **Day 6 : Glacier Hike & Villages**

Hike to Batura Glacier, visit Passu and Gulmit villages. Overnight in Upper Hunza.

### **Day 7 : Khunjerab Pass Excursion**

Optional trip to Khunjerab Pass (4,600m). Possible wildlife sightings. Return to Hunza.

## **Day 8 : Journey to Fairy Meadows**

Drive to Raikot Bridge, jeep to Tattu Village, then hike to Fairy Meadows (3 hours). Overnight in wooden huts.

## **Day 9 : Hike to Beyal Camp**

Day free for photography or hike to Beyal Camp for views of Nanga Parbat. Return to Fairy Meadows.

## **Day 10 : Travel to Skardu**

Leave Fairy Meadows and drive toward Skardu. Arrive by evening and rest.

## **Day 11 : Lakes & Valley**

Explore Upper and Lower Kachura Lakes. Hike to Soq Valley. Overnight in Skardu.

## **Day 12 : Kharmang Valley Adventure**

Visit Manthuka Waterfall, drive to Khaplu Valley, and explore Khaplu Fort.

## **Day 13 : Shigar Exploration**

Visit Shigar Fort, Cold Desert, and Amburiq Mosque. Overnight in Shigar or Skardu.

## **Day 14 : Drive to Gilgit**

Travel from Skardu to Gilgit (approx. 4 hours). Evening free in town.

## **Day 15 : Phander Valley**

Scenic drive through Ghizer District, stop at Hoper, Khalti Lake, and Gahkuch. Overnight in Phander.

## **Day 16 : Journey to Chitral**

Long road trip through mountain terrain to Chitral. Stopovers en route. Overnight stay.

### **Day 17 : Kalash Valley (Bumburet)**

Travel to Kalash, explore Bumburet, and experience Kalasha culture.

### **Day 18 : Kalash Exploration**

Visit Rambur and Birir, two remote Kalasha valleys. Cultural immersion day.

### **Day 19 : Drive to Swat Valley**

Depart early for Swat Valley. Arrive by evening and relax. Overnight in Swat.

### **Day 20 : Return to Islamabad**

Final drive back to **Islamabad**. End of tour. Drop-off at hostel.