

9 Day Kalash Valley Tour – Experience Chilam Joshi Festival in Pakistan

📍 Kalash, Kalash, Chitrāl, Pakistan



Step into a vibrant world of living heritage on this 9-day Kalash Valley tour, centered around the iconic Chilam Joshi Festival. Recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage, the Kalash culture stands as one of the most unique in the world—rich in ancient rituals, mythology, and vibrant traditions.

Your journey begins in Islamabad and winds through the scenic Swat Valley to reach the remote Kalash Valleys—Bumburet, Rumbur, and Birir. Here, you'll witness the heart of the Chilam Joshi celebrations: colorful dances, soulful music, and spiritual rituals that mark the arrival of spring and the hope of a bountiful year.

Beyond the festival, this cultural immersion includes visits to traditional homes, local museums, and sacred sites, offering deep insights into Kalash life. Paired with serene mountain backdrops, warm hospitality, and curated accommodations in Kalash and Swat, this experience is a powerful blend of culture, nature, and history.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
12

Language:
English

Duration:
9

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Islamabad Arrival

Arrive at Islamabad International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Take the day to rest and recover from your journey. Overnight stay at Regalia Islamabad.

Day 2 : Road Trip to Swat Valley

Depart for Swat in the morning. After a scenic 4-hour drive, check in to Serena Hotel Swat. Spend the afternoon exploring Mingora town. Overnight in Swat.

Day 3 : Travel to Kalash via Ayun

Begin the road journey to Ayun Village (5 hours). Switch to jeeps for a 1-hour off-road drive to Bumburet Valley. Overnight stay in a Kalash guesthouse.

Day 4 : Bumburet Valley & Festival Introduction

Explore the heart of Kalash culture. Visit Khun (gathering area), the historic graveyard, and Kalasha Dur Museum. Engage with locals and capture the early festival atmosphere. Overnight in Bumburet.

Day 5 : Chilam Joshi Festival (Main Day)

Participate in the vibrant festival activities—music, dancing, rituals, and traditional dress. Join locals in celebration and enjoy cultural performances. Overnight in Bumburet.

Day 6 : Excursion to Rumbur Valley

Visit the culturally preserved Rumbur Valley. Enjoy authentic local interaction in a quieter, less commercialized environment. Overnight in Kalash.

Day 7 : Return to Swat

Depart from Kalash and return to Swat with stopovers for refreshments and photography. Overnight at

Serena Hotel Swat.

Day 8 : Travel to Islamabad via Takhte-Bhai

Drive to Islamabad, stopping at the ancient Buddhist site of Takhte-Bhai. Arrive by evening. Overnight at Regalia Islamabad.

Day 9 : Departure

After breakfast, drop off at Islamabad International Airport for your onward journey.