K2 Concordia Trek, Pakistan 2026

The K2 Concordia trek is one of the greatest trekking holidays to the base camp of K2 in Pakistan. From the rock trails that ascend to the enormous Baltoro Glacier to the sights of the amazing 8,000-meter peaks that tower above your head, the K2 Concordia trek is one of the most epic journeys available. You won't find another adventure quite like trekking in Pakistan as you find yourself at the base camp for the world's second-highest peak.



Group departures

See trip's date & cost section

Holiday overview

Style	Trek, Camping
Accommodation	Hotels, Camping
Grade	Challenging
Duration	20 days from Islamabad to Islamabad
Trekking / Walking days	On Trek: 12 days
Min/Max group size	1 / 8. Guaranteed to run
Meeting point	Joining in Islamabad, Pakistan
Max altitude	5,150m, K2 Base Camp

Private Departures & Tailor Made itineraries available





Trek Highlights

- The K2 Concordia trek takes you to the heart of the Karakoram
- Explore Islamabad, the green capital of Pakistan
- Mountain View flight from Islamabad to Skardu
- Trek on Baltoro Glacier with a view of Trango Towers
- Spend two nights at Concordia
- Spectacular View of K2 and Broad Peak from Concordia
- Trek on Godwin Austen glacier to K2 basecamp and Gilkey memorial
- High-quality trekking holiday at a low cost.

At a Glance Itinerary

Day 1	Arrival day in Islamabad, Pakistan
Day 2	Spectacular flight to Skardu (45 minutes), 2,230 m / 7,316 ft
Day 3	Skardu to Askoli, 141 km, 3,000 m, 7 hours drive
Day 4	Askoli to Johla, 3,075 m / 10,332 ft, 5 hours walk
Day 5	Jhola to Paiju (21 km), 3,420 m / 11,220 ft, 6 hours walk
Day 6	Paiju to Khoburtse (15 km), 3,795 m / 12,450 ft, 7 hours
Day 7	Khoburtse to Urdukas (6 km), 3,900 m / 12,795 ft, 4 hours
Day 8	Acclimatisation & rest day
Day 9	Urdukas to Goro (12 km), 4,295 m / 14,091 ft, 7 hours
Day 10	Goro to Concordia (12 km), 4,500 m / 14,763 ft, 5 hours
Day 11	Concordia to Broad Peak Base Camp (6 km), 4,800 m
Day 12	Trek to K2 Base Camp & return to Concordia (11 km)
Day 13	Concordia to Goro I (12 km), 4,295 m / 14,091 ft, 5 hours
Day 14	Goro I to Khoburtse (14 km), 3,795 m / 12,450 ft, 6 hours
Day 15	Khoburtse to Mungrong (15 km), 3,420 m / 11,220 ft, 7 hours
Day 16	Mungrong to Korfong (21 km), 3,150 m / 10,334 ft, 5 hours walk
Day 17	Korfong to Skardu (141 km), 2,230 m / 7,316 ft, 7 hours drive
Day 18	Fly back to Islamabad (45 minutes)
Day 19	Contingency day in case of delays – Islamabad
Day 20	Departure day – fly back home

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival Day in Islamabad, Pakistan

Arrive at Islamabad International Airport, where you are met by a K2 Alpine Adventures representative. From there, you will be transferred to your hotel and, in the evening, briefed on the upcoming trek at dinner.

Islamabad is located at the foothills of the western Himalaya. It was purposely built as the new capital city of Pakistan in 1960.

Overnight: Hill View Hotel or similar (Meals: Dinner)

Day 2: Spectacular Flight to Skardu *(45 minutes, 2,230 m / 7,316 ft)*

After a good night's sleep in Islamabad, today, you will take a spectacular Mountain View flight to Skardu. During the flight, you will have your first glimpse of K2 and Gondogoro La pass, Nanga Parbat (8,126 m) and many other famous Karakorum Peaks. Arrive at Skardu airport and transfer to your hotel, where you will meet some of your porters and trekking crew.

Skardu is the Capital and administrative town of the Baltistan region of Pakistan. Baltistan was once one of the biggest kingdoms of the Himalaya. The inhabitants of Baltistan are called the Balti people, and they are descendants of Tibet and Mongolia. They speak the Balti language, which is similar to Tibetan. Culture, traditions, and the architecture are strongly influenced by Tibet, which is why this region is also known as little Tibet.

The Islamabad to Skardu flight is subject to weather. In case of flight cancellation, you will drive on the Karakorum Highway to Naran, spend the night in Naran, and the next day drive to Skardu. Islamabad to Naran, 281 km. 8-9 H-Drive.

Overnight: Summit Hotel or similar (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 3: Skardu to Askoli *(7 hours drive)*

Rise early, have your breakfast and hop on a jeep to drive on the winding Shigar road along the Indus and Shigar Rivers to reach Askole. Askole is a small mountain village and the last human inhabitant of Shigar Valley. Arrive early afternoon and meet the rest of your porters and trekking crew, visit the single street village with traditional wooden houses, and learn about the culture, tradition and daily life at this altitude.

The people of this village have been hosting mountaineers for many centuries. They are the most welcoming, friendly, and humble people you will ever meet. They will invite you to their homes for tea and offer you fresh and dried fruits.

Our first night in the tent at Askoli village.

Overnight: Fully serviced camp or similar (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4: Askole – Johla *(3,000 m / 9,842 ft, 5 hours walk)*

Today is our first walking day on the trek. As you walk through the village, it is fascinating to see the locals getting on with their daily farming tasks in their corn and barley fields. Enjoy the view and the greenery as you are about to leave them behind. Sun rays at this altitude can be harsh, so keep sun cream, a hat, and a water bottle with you all the time.

Leave Askole behind, and enter the wilderness of the Karakoram mountains. The walk is gentle on flat and dry land. Have your first experience on the moraine, which will lead you to the old oasis-like camp of Korfong. Korfong camp is the starting point for other famous trekking routes, including Gondogoro La, Snow Lake and Hispar Lake trek.

After the old Korfong camp, you will continue along the Braldu River to reach the junction of the Panmah River. A detour up the mountain valley will take you to cross a bridge that will lead you to Jhola camp. There was an adventurous and exciting pulley system to cross this river before the construction of the bridge. Jhola camp is one of the first campsites, built by the Pakistan Tourism Department with the Basins, washing and toilet facilities.

The trekking distance to the K2 base camp is 80 kilometres from Johla. It is possible to complete the K2 base camp trek in fewer days if you are a fit trekker and short on time.

Our staff will pitch up your tent and enjoy your evening in your sleeping bag under the stars with the spectacular views of Bakhor Das (5,809 meters) and the needles of Paiju peaks.

Night stay at Johla campsite.

Overnight: Full-service Camping (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5: Jhola to Paiju *(21 km, 3,420 m / 11,220 ft, 6 hours walk)*

Rise and shine early to have a beautiful sunrise view over the majestic Karakoram Mountains, have a leisurely breakfast and start trekking along the river for a while before you climb higher grounds. Depending on the Glacier above, there is a possibility of crossing a few streams if the water levels are high. Sports sandals and old trainers are useful for walking on the slippery stones in the streams. You will arrive at Paiju camp after crossing a stream.

Paiju Camp is located on a hillside right under the shadow of Paiju peak with good camping facilities, a litter bin, wash basins and toilet cubicles built and maintained by the Tourism department of Pakistan. This is one of the main stopovers for all trekking and climbing expeditions, so a great opportunity to meet other teams and have a chat. Expect a musical night over a bonfire by the local Balti porter, followed by singing and dancing. From here you will be able to see the immense Baltoro Glacier, Trango Towers and a glimpse of mighty K2 (8,611 m).

Ascent 580 meter, Descent 335 meter

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6: Paiju to Khoburtse *(15 km, 3,795 m / 12,450 ft, 7 hours trekking)*

Today, you are going to meet the Mighty Baltoro Glacier. An hour walk from the camp will bring you to the snout of Baltoro Glacier. Enjoy the view of the outpouring water from the glacier, then start walking on the rubble and rock-covered surface of this beast. Walking on the uneven surface will be tricky; make sure to keep a good balance and mind your steps. It is amazing to imagine that the stones under your feet possibly come from the summit of K2, Broad Peak or Gasherbrum Peaks.

After walking for four hours, you will arrive at Liligo camp, where you will stop for lunch. Expect to see some Ibexes and other wildlife above on the rocks. After lunch, continue walking on the moraine for a while, then climb a steep hill to arrive at a grassland with alpine meadows, which will lead you to Khoburtse campsite.

Khoburtse is located on flat land at the side of the Baltoro Glacier. This campsite does not have the facilities like the previous camps, but it does offer a sensational view of Uli Biaho and Trango Tower.

Ascent 640 meter, Descent 220 meter

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7: Khoburtse to Urdukas *(6 km, 3,900 m / 12,795 ft, 4 hours walk)*

Wake up early in the morning with a hot cup of tea in your hand to witness an impressive sunrise view over Trango Tower. Today is going to be a short but strenuous trekking day as you walk up the undulating moraine while constantly gaining height. Most of the time, you will walk along the lateral moraine and sometimes on the surface of the glacier. Pass Trango Tower and the Nameless Towers to arrive at Urdukas camp by early afternoon. Urdukas camp is located around 100 meters above the glacier.

Urdukas camp is a historical site, located on a beautiful spot with a spectacular view of Cathedral Peak. This site was built by the Duke of Abruzzi's men in 1909 when they were on their way to K2. This is the last campsite with the facilities of toilets, basins and a litter bin, so make the most of it. The rest of the afternoon is free to relax or walk up the slope behind the camp to have a spectacular panoramic view of the Mighty Baltoro Glacier.

Ascent 250 meter, Descent 40 meter

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8: Acclimatisation & Rest Day

Most of the trekking groups spend the acclimatisation day at Paiju, but we have been using Urdukas for a rest day, which is more effective in terms of acclimatising your body. Resting here has worked out well for all of our K2 Base Camp treks.

This historical campsite is on a grassy place which has the facilities of cleaning and washing. There are short walks around the camp which can be used to acclimatise your body.

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 9: Urdukas to Goro II *(12 km, 4,295 m / 14,091 ft, 7 hours walk)*

As you leave the Urdukas camp, you will come across a graveyard of porters who have died in the Baltoro region. Porters usually stop over and gather around the graves to say a short prayer. Continue following the moraine until you find an easy access to climb to the surface of the glacier. Once you are on the surface of the glacier, walking becomes much smoother, and soon you will have a spectacular close-up view of Masherbrum peak (7,821m / 25,659 ft), also known as the queen of the Karakoram.

Continue trekking upwards with a view of Gasherbrum IV, which looks like it is standing at the head of the Baltoro glacier. The trekking path continues to be on the uneven rocky surface of the glacier with many ice dunes to Goro I camp. Lunch and short break at Goro I, then trek for a few more hours to reach Goro II camp by early afternoon.

Goro II camp is located on the rocky surface of the glacier after an army camp. The campsite is quite spread out, giving plenty of room to pitch your tent. Tonight, you will be sleeping on the surface of the glacier. Make sure to put on many layers of clothes to keep yourself warm.

Ascent 330 meter, Descent 90 meter

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 10: Goro II to Concordia *(12 km, 4,500 m / 14,763 ft, 5 hours walking)*

After breakfast, you will start trekking towards Concordia, which is the centre point and the heart of the Karakoram mountain range. It is home to some of the world's most gigantic mountains and glaciers. From here, in all directions, you have the chance to view 10 of the world's top 30 highest peaks, including Broad Peak, Gasherbrum and, of course, the mighty K2. Your camp will be around 4,500 meters above sea level, surrounded by the giant pillars of the Karakoram.

Ascent 290 m, Descent 5 m

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Concordia to Broad Peak BC *(6 km, 4,800 m / 15,748 ft, 4 hours)*

Many tour companies do not go beyond Concordia, but we believe that without visiting the actual K2 base camp, this epic adventure holiday is not complete. We will walk to the base camp of Broad Peak for a night's stay to have a spectacular close-up view of K2 and Broad Peak.

Ascent 300 meters, Descent 5 meters

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 12: Trek to K2 Base Camp & Return to Concordia *(11 km, 5,150 m / 16,896 ft, 7 hours trekking)*

Rise and shine early to witness another spectacular sunrise view over K2. Enjoy your breakfast and walk to the base camp of K2, the second-highest mountain in the world. K2 Base Camp height is around 5,150 meters above sea level, which is the biggest camp site for mountaineers who want to climb K2. From the base camp of K2, there is a rare and stunning sight that stretches out in front of you.

Enjoy the spectacular view of Concordia, Broad Peak and other Karakorum giants, which can be seen rising from the majestic Baltoro Glacier. Today is the top highlight of the K2 trek, you will be standing right in front of the world's second-highest mountain, K2 (8,611 meters), have lunch at the K2 base camp with the world's top mountain climbers, then walk down to Concordia for the night stay.

Ascent 350m, Descent 650m

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 13: Concordia to Goro I *(12 km, 4,295 m / 14,091 ft, 7 hours walk)*

Sadly, you cannot stay at Concordia forever, leave K2 behind and start descending on Baltoro Glacier towards Goro for a night's stay. We also have a fantastic K2 and Gondogoro La Trek itinerary if you are interested in climbing Gondogoro pass into Hushe Valley.

As you start descending, K2 will be hidden, but Gasherbrum IV resumes its prominence at the head of the Baltoro Glacier and also reveals a sliver of Gasherbrum I. Down valley, the serried ranks of granite towers and spires of the Lobsang, Cathedral and Trango tower move into the distance, beyond which lies Paiju Peak and Uli Biaho. The snow-capped red granite spire of Masherbrum Peak is directly opposite to the south. This is an atmospheric place, and now that we are headed for home, our crew might want to have a party. Anything can be a musical or percussion instrument, and if you have the chance, listening to the voices of the Baltis in full song will be an amazing experience.

Ascent 30m, Descent 400m

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 14: Trek Back to Khoburtse *(14 km, 3,795 m / 12,450 ft, 7 hours)*

It is amazing how different everything looks in descent with a constant field of vision now filled with entirely different views. The drop in altitude starts to become more noticeable as the granite walls and spires lining the glacier, which yesterday looked almost lower than us, now tower to lofty heights above. There is more oxygen in the air, and it is slightly warmer.

Passing through the campsite of Urdukas and the Duke of Abruzzi, you can marvel at the tenacity of those early pioneers who endured untold hardship simply to get to their base camps in these

mountains. You will have lunch on Duke's terrace with spectacular views across the glacier to Biale Peak, which remains hidden except from this point. After lunch, you continue trekking down the Valley, sometimes on the glacier and sometimes along the moraine or the valley sides until you reach Khoburtse camp, your first off-glacier camp for some days. This is the starting point of the Braldu valley and almost the end of the glaciers. You can see the patches of green on the lower slopes of Paiju Peak, which mark the location of the spring water camps.

Ascent 100 meter, Descent 470 meter

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 15: Trek Back to Paiju / Mungrong *(15 km, 3,420 m / 11,220 ft, 5 hours)*

Continue descending on Baltoro Glacier towards Paiju with a beautiful view of Trango Tower. Do a detour to the south to cross the Liligo Glacier. Two decades ago, its snout was half a mile up the valley, and now it has collided with the main Baltoro Glacier, with the result that the churning forces have made it impossible to cross without the detour.

After the detour and return to the main Baltoro Glacier, you now cross its north side, climbing over the huge swells of the glacier towards the ramparts of Uli Biaho. On the other side, you then work your way down to the valley, where you pick up the main trail and pass by the snout where the underground river erupts out in a cascade to become the Braldu River. The last part of the day is an easy walk on a good path, although there will be a final uphill pull to arrive at the campsite.

Night stay at Paiju or Mungrong.

Ascent 220 meter, Descent 640 meter

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 16: Trek Back to Jhola / Korfong *(21 km, 3,150 m / 10,334 ft, 7 hours)*

Now you are off the glacier and at a lower elevation, it is considerably warmer, and you may make an early start to use the cool of the morning. Leaving Paiju, you walk on a good trail down the valley. It is surprising how different the experience is compared to your ascent. The trail rises and falls as you cross several alluvial fans. You have to cross some side streams today, mostly using makeshift bridges or stepping-stones, but it may also be necessary to wade across, especially later in the day. The source of all these streams is meltwater, and so, they grow bigger as the day gets warmer. At one point, the trail passes close to the river beside walls of conglomerate, and you may feel its tremendous power.

Night stay at Johla/Korfong.

Ascent 400 meter, Descent 770 meter

Overnight: Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 17: Drive Back to Skardu *(131 km, 2,230 m / 7,316 ft, 7 hours drive)*

After spending the last evening under the stars in the camp, start heading towards Skardu via Askole. Following the channel for a while, one can appreciate the tremendous skills of the local Balti people who have harnessed an entire area to grow their crops in this high-altitude desert. Eventually, you reach green fields and stone walls, which lead you back to Askole village.

You will have a short break in Askole to say goodbye to your porters. Most of your porters will be from this village, and they will be happy to be back at home and see their families. Say goodbye to your porters and continue your journey to Skardu via Shigar Valley. Drive along the Braldu River to reach Shigar, cross the bridge over the Indus River, and follow the Indus River to arrive back in Skardu.

After spending two weeks in the wilderness of the Karakoram mountains, a hot shower and a warm bed in the hotel await you in Skardu.

Overnight: Summit Hotel or similar (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 18: Fly Back to Islamabad *(45 minutes)*

Drive to Skardu airport to take the spectacular mountain view flight back to Islamabad. Skardu airport is a 30-minute drive from the hotel along a good road lined with poplar trees. Boarding your plane, you will have an exciting flight out of the valley, once again passing by Nanga Parbat before turning south for Islamabad.

Arriving in Islamabad after a period in the Karakorum mountains is always a strange experience, and it takes a little time to get used to the hustle and bustle. Your bus will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to the hotel. You have the option to relax and have lunch in the hotel or head out for sightseeing. We can guide you to the possibilities for sightseeing. Shopping for hand-made Iranian & Afghan rugs is a popular option.

Note: Skardu to Islamabad flight is weather-dependent. Should the flight be cancelled, the journey will be taken by road to Astore by Land Cruisers via Deosai plains.

Overnight: Hill View Hotel or similar (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 19: Contingency Day in Case of Delays – Islamabad

Should we have taken the flight yesterday, today will be a full day to explore the green capital city of Pakistan. Explore Parliament Square, Faisal Mosque, and have your last supper in Pakistan at the Magnificent food market in Islamabad. Be sure to treat your taste buds to a local Pakistani curry, a taste sensation to remember.

If we had missed the flight yesterday, today we would be driving from Astore to Islamabad with a spectacular view of Nanga Parbat (8,126m) in the backdrop. We will follow the Karakoram Highway for a short time, then cut through Babusar Pass (4,067m) and Kaghan Valley to Mansehra city. From Mansehra, we will rejoin the Karakoram Highway and pass through some culturally rich and historical Towns, Abbottabad, Hassan Abdal and Taxila to reach Islamabad. We will arrive in Islamabad late afternoon.

Overnight: Grand Islamabad Hotel or similar (Meals: Breakfast)

Day 20: Departure Day – Fly Back Home

After Breakfast, you will be transferred to Islamabad International Airport for your flight back home. End of “K2 Concordia Trek”.

Further Information About the Trek

Trip Altitude

The K2 Concordia trek involves going to a high altitude. During the course of your trip, you will be above 4,000 metres for 2-4 days. This is not something that you should worry about; the human body is quite capable of adapting to a very wide range of altitudes, but it is important that we follow some simple rules in order to acclimatise successfully. Before coming on this holiday, you should get some basic advice on Tours at high altitude.

What does the price include

K2 Alpine Adventures includes everything in all our Pakistan Holidays, so you can sit back and enjoy your vacation. We do not charge extra for meal packages or exclude meal packages on the arrival or departure days in Islamabad.

What's Included

- Internal flights and associated airport transfers
- All land transports involved in the itinerary (Private Vehicle with driver)
- Accommodation as described (3* Hotel and Camping)
- All meals, Satellite phone, Generators or Solar panel for lights
- All trekking permit fees, royalty fees, toll tax, parking fees, etc.
- All camping ground fees, Mess tent, sleeping tents, Kitchen tents with chairs, table and lights
- All kitchen equipment, including cutlery, crockery, fuel, and other related equipment
- All Wages and basic kits of guide, sirdar, Porters, cook and assistant(s)
- Insurance of porters, guides, and other crew (except helicopter rescue)
- Confirmation of air tickets (domestic flights)
- 17 Kg of personal weight allowance during the trek.
- Trekking visa documents

What's Not Included

- Travel insurance, International flights
- Pakistan Visa Fee
- Tips for local guides and support staff
- Guided Islamabad sightseeing
- Miscellaneous expenses, souvenirs, etc
- Skardu and Islamabad sightseeing

Passport & Visas

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required. The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. Please check the relevant embassy or consulate for other nationalities. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Visa requirements and charges are subject to change without notice.

Pakistan Visa

All nationalities require a visa to enter Pakistan. The visa fee is approximately USD 50, and you must apply for it before departure. To obtain a visa for Pakistan, you will require a letter of introduction from an approved agency, which will be provided by K2 Alpine Adventures. Visa applications can be made in person OR online at www.visa.nadra.gov.pk

Equipment List

As a general rule for Trekking holidays, you should always try to keep the weight of your equipment to a minimum. The packed weight of your Trek bags whilst trekking, including your sleeping bag and mattress, should be no more than 15.5 kgs. This limit, which is set by the porters, is strictly enforced, and bags will be weighed prior to setting off on the Trek. Anything not required on the K2 Concordia Trek can be left at the group hotel in Islamabad or in our Office in Skardu. Please note that your mountaineering equipment will be packed into additional, communal kitbags at the start of the trek, and this equipment will not be part of your personal 16.5 kg weight limit.

K2 Alpine Adventures will send you a full list of items closer to your Holiday departure.