

# Itinerary for K2 Base Camp Trek Package

## Day 1: ARRIVAL TO ISLAMABAD

Arrival in the Pakistani capital. Entry procedures, reception at the airport by our team, transfer to the hotel, accommodation, and the rest of the day free to recover from the trip and familiarize ourselves with the new reality that surrounds us. Hotel. Meal plan: breakfast.

## Day 2: ISLAMABAD - RAWALPINDI

Full day to tour Islamabad and get to know its main attractions and points of greatest interest, after which we will move to Rawalpindi, the ancient capital, within an emblematic city that, among other things, houses an important university, a brewery, and oil refinery, a natural gas plant, and the headquarters of the Armed Forces.

## Day 3: ISLAMABAD - SKARDU

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to fly to Skardu. In case of cancellation, which sometimes happens due to the weather, we will have to set off by road, making the long trip in two days, and spending the first night in Chilas. In this case, the entire program will be delayed by one day, but it is precisely for this that we have reserved a few days ahead so that the trip does not suffer major alterations, and we can complete all the fundamental stages of the route. Upon our arrival at Skardu airport, located at more than two thousand two hundred meters of altitude, reception and transfer to our hotel. Rest of the day free to familiarize ourselves with this beautiful city located in the valley of the same name, at the confluence of the Indus and Shigar rivers. Hotel. Meal plan: breakfast.

## Day 4: SKARDU

Full day to get to know and enjoy this emblematic enclave of the Gilgit-Baltistan province. Capital of the Balti people, and surrounded by mountains between four thousand and six thousand meters high, it is known for being the gateway to the Karakoram mountain range, one of the roofs of the world and the region with the most glaciers on the planet. For all these reasons, this charming town, located at two thousand three hundred meters of altitude. The Indus River, along which the city is located, separates the Karakoram mountain range from the Himalayas proper, and from the Indus plain. The monsoon rains barely reach the city, which has a desert climate and a climatology of great contrasts, with temperatures below zero in winter, and considerable heat in summer. Hotel. Meal plan: breakfast.

## Day 5: SKARDU

SKARDU Another full day, which will help us to adapt the program, in case we had to arrive by road, or to continue enjoying the amazing landscapes of this wild region located in the heart of the Baltoro glacier. Hotel. Meal plan: breakfast.

## **Day 6: SKARDU - ASKOLI**

This day we will go out by the road, in 4x4 vehicles, towards the mountains. It will be about 120 km along an irregular track, which will take us to the remote village of Askoli, at 3,045 meters above sea level, where we will spend our first-night camping. The condition of the ground is very rough, and the path could be blocked if the rains are very intense the days before our arrival. Askoli is the starting place for trekking. There we will organize and distribute the loads to the porters, for the following days. Night in camp. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 7: ASKOLI - JOLLA**

After breakfast, we begin the trek. We will ascend the entire Baltoro glacier until we reach its end at the Concordia cirque. We will be a small expedition that has to be self-sufficient to cover all your needs. For this, the work of the men of this land is necessary, who accompany us carrying the loads with our food, cooking materials, tents where we can stay, our equipment, and their belongings. The Biafo Glacier, which we will have to cross, and the peaks of Pajju, will show us the door to Baltoro. Next will come the Triango Towers, the column of Uli Biaho, the Nameless Tower, the Gothic wings of the Great Cathedral and the Lobsang spirals, among other outstanding enclaves. At the entrance to the Concordia circus, the ice divides, turning left and right, and the show brings more and more artists on stage, such as Chogolisa, Broad Peak and the giant among giants: K2. We will find ourselves at that moment at 4,600 meters high, next to the base camps of the expeditions that go to that place to ascend all those impressive mountains that sit at that point. This first stage will be a hot and dusty stage, about six hours of walking, with a gradient of about one hundred and fifty meters. The camping will be on land, at a point at about 3,150 meters above sea level. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 8: JOLLA - PAJU**

This day, we will face a long, hot and dusty stage, with a gradient of about two hundred and fifty meters, and also about six hours of walking. We will camp on land, at 3,400 meters. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 9: PAJU**

This day we will stay in Paju, an obligatory acclimatization and rest stay for the porters, surrounded by an overwhelming landscape. We will be able to go down to the river to wash clothes, while we continue getting used to the altitude that, from this moment on, will always exceed four thousand meters. Camp. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 10: PAJU - RDUKAS**

The day will bring us an exciting journey, in a long stage lasting about seven hours, with a gradient of seven hundred meters, with a large part of the route walking on the Baltoro glacier. It will be a stage in which we will already notice a great change, both because of the height at which we will be, and because of the fact of walking on the glacier, which we will do for several days. If possible, we will camp on the land, in a space lateral to the Baltoro, but if we do not find a suitable place, we will have to sleep on the glacier itself, and at about 4,100 meters high. A curious experience. Camp. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 11: RDUKAS - GORO II**

This day will be a stage that will take place entirely on the glacier. It will be about five and a half hours and the climb will be around two hundred meters. We will camp on the glacier, and at about 4,310 meters high. Camp. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 12: GORO II - CONCORDIA**

Today will once again take place entirely on the glacier. It will be about four and a half hours and the elevation difference will be around one hundred and seventy meters. We will sleep, once again, on the glacier, and at a height of about 4,480 meters, in the famous and absolutely incredible Concordia circus, an enclave surrounded by a unique landscape in the world, which happens to be one of the most beautiful postcards on the planet. . Camp. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 13: CONCORDIA - K2 BASE CAMP**

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## **Day 14: K2 BASE CAMP - CONCORDIA**

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## **Day 15: CONCORDIA - ALI CAMP**

CAMP This day will begin a series of days in which we will leave the Baltoro Glacier to reach Hushe. It will be about seven or eight hours. The Circus of Concordia is like the bottom of a great corridor of ice and rock that closes against an immense wall of enormous and very high mountains without passage. That is why for a long time, the return journey began from this point, along the same path. It will be a long and complicated stage on the glacier, which will last about seven or eight hours, and will put all our abilities, our courage and our adrenaline to the limit. Finally, we will camp on the glacier at an altitude of about 5,050 meters. The ascent to the Gondogoro pass will depend a lot on the weather. Normally we will start it at night, so, probably, tonight we will sleep only a few hours in the camp's dining tent, so that the night pick-up and our start-up in the middle of the night will be easier and faster. Camp. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 16: ALI CAMP - KHIUSPANG**

Today will be a long and hard stage, lasting about eight hours, with an ascent gradient of five hundred meters, followed by a descent of approximately nine hundred meters, along a steep slope of hard snow that It will deposit us at the Gondogoro hill, located at about 5,600 meters above sea level, and which we hope to reach at dawn. The descent from the hill is through terrain of ice and stones. During the passage of this pass there are fixed ropes installed to facilitate transit. After the

feat, we will camp on land at an altitude of about 4,700 meters. In this place we will see grass, earth and some green again, after having changed valley and glacier. Camp. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### **Day 17: KHIUSPANG**

We reserve this day as a wild card, to cover any weather incident, or any other incident, that may have happened to us during the trek. If everything goes as planned, we can spend the day taking a walk in the surrounding area and continue marveling at the sublime landscape that surrounds us, undoubtedly one of the most beautiful in the world. Hostel. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### **Day 18: KHIUSPANG - SHAICHO**

This morning, we set off towards a new reality, heading south, towards Shaicho. The stage will initially run along the Gondogoro glacier, and then along a dusty road. At the end of it, we will be able to admire another of the famous mountains of the Karakorum, the Masherbrum which, with its 7,800 meters high, and its elegant pyramidal shape, is one of the most beautiful and most difficult mountains on the entire planet, for Finally, we will camp on land, already at about 3,500 meters of altitude, after a somewhat shorter and more relaxed day, but which will still take us about six hours. Camp. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### **Day 19: SHAICHO - HUSHE**

This day will be a flat and short stage, lasting about three hours, along a dusty road after which, at the end, Hushe awaits us, a remote and exciting town whose inhabitants pride themselves on being those who know the region best. of Baltoro, and its mountains. Hostel. Meal plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### **Day 20: HUSHE - SKARDU**

After an almost certainly night of well- deserved celebration, for having completed one of the most exciting treks on the planet, we will wake up a little later than usual, have breakfast, and say goodbye to our porters, with whom more than likely We will have forged some almost inevitable bonds of true friendship. After that, and in 4x4 vehicles, we travel the one hundred and thirty kilometers that separate us from Skardu, where we will spend the night. Hotel. Meal plan: breakfast.

### **Day 21: SKARDU - ISLAMABAD**

In the morning, transfer to the airport to fly to Islamabad. In case of cancellation, which sometimes happens due to the weather, we will have to set off by road, making the long trip in two days, and spending the first night in Chilas. It is for this unforeseen event that we have reserved the next free day in Islamabad, without planned activities, in order to not have problems arriving on time for our flight back home. Hotel. Meal plan: breakfast.

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