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7-21 Oct 2024 (15-days) Pakistan's Autumn (Fairy Meadow & Rakaposhi TREK + Sightseeing)

RM8280 (12-14 pax) RM7980 (15 pax & above) (EXCLUDED FLIGHT KUL-Islamabad-KUL)

(Note : Based on USD1 = RM4.60. We will make final adjustment on the cost based on the USD exchange rate in Aug-Sep 2024)

Update 6Sep24 - Trip is FULL and amended some typo error.

Update 27JAN24 - Trip is confirmed run. Please register and confirm your seat by email rachelheng123@gmail.com or [whatsapp Rachel 012-3520868](https://wa.me/012-3520868).

Update 24Nov24 - Pakistan which well known one of the beautiful place in the world! Yongo run Pakistan trip several times before @ 2006 and had resume since 2022! Trip response was good :-). Expected seat will be fill up fast. We also run Spring 2024 trip and (15 days) NON trekking Autumn trip too in Oct 2024. (**Note : This trip is involved some trekking beside sightseeing. Trekking difficult level is from easy to moderate; However one can go for horse riding as optional**).

2023 group was blessed witnessed autumn and winter during the trek. All route by road and we decided NO domestic flight as it always cancel without early notification. Expected seat will fill up quick, as such we shall base on 1st come 1st serve basis for seat confirmation. Please register and confirm your seat by email rachelheng123@gmail.com or whatsapp her <https://wa.me/60123520868>

Flight schedule is based on today's PIA airlines while fare excluded taxes approximately **Rm2500-2800** and will be updated once out. (NOTE : Please DO NOT purchase air ticket until YONGO advise AFTER trip is confirmed to run).



Autumn in Pakistan

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and case some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

The most exciting season in the Hunza Pakistan is the autumn, at the end of the summer season in September the orchards start changing color like a bride Groom with colorful dress of her wedding day, these fantastic changes brings a glorious Trans fusion into human body, which gives happiness and pleasure.

In October it offers a picture seek view among the high mountain peaks of 7000 to 7800m, and above from the snow line to the water channel lies the colorful rocks which has a sharp ridges Nallahs Maize millet vegetables sunflower, waterfalls, lakes, Duck shooting possibility, enjoy the landscape with the Natural beauty the God Given Gift to human creatures. The areas are abounding in colorful flowers along with gushing streams, roaring waterfalls, particularly in Hunza. One can find pink, white, red, yellow, blue flowers, dancing, everywhere in the northern areas during autumn season.

Autumn in Northern Areas of Pakistan is something to behold. This is the time of year when the trees of poplar, apricot, mulberry, peach, apple and plum burst forth into a riot of color with hues of orange, rust and red. The clear and bracing weather offers the best view of the surrounding mountains



Day 1 Islamabad: Meet in KLIA for **PK895 KUL to Islamabad 1230/1540hr**. Check in hotel. Overnight (ON) Islamabad.

Day 2 Islamabad-Naran-Chilas: Drive to Naran via lush green valleys of Kaghan, Naran valleys, through the beautiful Babusar Pass 4173m, en route we will stop for photography and refreshment at Lulusar Lake and at Babusar Pass. Transfer to hotel upon arrival at Chilas. *(All meals included)*

Babusar Pass is a high mountain pass at an elevation of 4,173 m (13,691 ft) above the sea level. The pass is the highest point in the Kaghan Valley, Pakistan. The pass connects the Kaghan Valley via the Thak Nala with Chilas on the Karakoram Highway. It's one of the famous hair pinned roads in the world.

Day 3 Chilas - Fairy Meadows (3306m) : Drive to Raikot bridge 56KM (1.5 hour) transfer to 4x4 jeeps, which takes us to Tato village (1-2 hr) and trek to Fairy Meadows 2-3hrs, 5.5km, 640m ascent, Altitude 3306m (have a Spectacular view of Nanga Parbat 8125m). Overnight in huts. *(All meals included)*



Stunning view from Fairy Meadow

Fairy Meadow is a lush green plateau, at 3300 m, offering a breath-taking view of Majestic Nanga Parbat (The Sleeping Beauty). Many people have called it the "Heaven on Earth". These lush green meadows and forests lie at the base of Nanga Parbat at the western edge of the Himalayan range in Pakistan.

Fairy Meadows is about 540 km drive through Karakorum Highway, from Islamabad to Raikot Bridge (1400 m). Where local Jeeps will take you up to the Tato village, it is one and half hour exciting drive from Raikot Bridge to the last village of Tato (2900 m). Crossing through the most impressive view of Karakorum Highway & River Indus. On arrival at Tato village, it starts trekking on very easy and simple route to Fairy meadows. O/N Fairy Meadow.

Day 4 Excursion to Nanga Parbat : Full day excursion to Nanga Parbat view point and back to Fairy Meadows (Enjoy and capture the panoramic views of Nanga Parbat 8126m, Raikot Peak, Chongra-I and Ganalo Peak, Chongra-I and Ganalo Peak. O/N huts. *(All meals included)*

Nanga Parbat (literally, Naked Mountain) or sleeping beauty is the ninth highest mountain in the world. It is the western anchor of the Himalayas around which the Indus River skirts before it debouches into the plains of Pakistan. It is located in the Diamir district of Gilgit-Baltistan province of Pakistan. Nanga Parbat is one of the eight-thousand, with a summit elevation of 8,126 meters (26,660 ft).



Day 5 Fairy Meadow - Minapin (2012m) Trek down to Tato village and drive by jeeps to Raikot bridge (Karakorum highway) and continue drive to Minapin. En-route stop at various view points for photography, including junction point of three great mountain ranges meet, the Karakorum, Hindukush, and Himalayas. *O/N Minapin (Breakfast Lunch included)*

Day 6 Trek from Minapin to Hapakun (2804m) : Trek to Hapakun 4-5 hours 5.8 km, 792m ascent, **Altitude 2804m. Overnight in tents.** *(All meals included)*

The trail begins behind the Minapin village, cross a bridge to the Minapin River's true left bank. The step path gives wide views of the Minapin Glacier, and eventually of the entire Rakaposhi-Diran crest line. After five hours' ascent we reached at Hapakun tents.



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Day 7 : Trek from Hapakun to Taghaphari or Rakaposhi Base Camp (3261m) Trek to Rakaposhi base camp 3-4 hours , 457m, ascent, Altitude 3261m, after lunch walk around Rakaposhi BC or walk towards Diran Peak base camp. *O/N tents. (All Meals included)*

Ascend a trail through forest with excellent views of Diran as you rise above the Minapin glacier. There is lush green Taghaphari meadow also summer huts with shepherds just overlooking the glacier's supper ice fields; from Taghaphari walk up the ridge for great views of the Batura peaks, Shispar peak and Ultar Peaks.

Day 8 Taghaphari - Hapakun-Minapin-Karimabad :Trek down to Hapakun appx 2 hours, after lunch trek down to Minapin 2 hours and then drive all the way to Karimabad about 1hr. Transfer to hotel. *O/N Karimabad. (Breakfast Lunch included)*



Hapakun Camp site view

Day 9 Karimabad to Duiker Valley : Morning visit Baltit Fort (700 Years old & Altit Fort (900-Years-old) afternoon drive to Duiker valley 30 minutes. O/N Duiker Valley. *(Breakfast included)*

The Hunza Valley is a mountainous valley, situated north/west of the Hunza River, at an elevation of around 2,500 m. The territory of Hunza is about 7,900 square km (3,100sq mi). Aliabad is the main town, while Baltit and Altit are popular tourist destination because of the spectacular scenery of the surrounding mountains.

The people are cheerful and friendly, almost all speak Burushaski and in upper Hunza they speak Wakhi.

Hopper Valley is a cluster of villages around a natural bowl at a bend of Bualtar Glacier. Opposite Hopper the white Bualtar is joined by the Barpu Glacier. This is a base camp for treks into the high, glacier-draped peaks called the Hisper Muztagh. Whole population of this valley is Burushaski speakers.

Baltit fort: One of the high valleys between China and Indian subcontinent. Facing Rakaposhi Peak, one of the highest mountain peaks in the world, Baltit Fort is poised majestically above Karimabad, the present day capital of Hunza (Baltit was the capital of the old state of Hunza and is now included in the Karimabad settlement area).

Altit Fort: It has been built on a sheer rock-cliff that falls 300 meters (1000 feet) into the Hunza River and is much older than the Baltit Fort. Altit is the birth place of the Hunza Kingdom and Altit fort is the first fort of the region. The fort has been constructed in six different stages by using various natural levels of the rock.

Day 10 Duiker To Passu : Early Morning drive to Passu, en-route visit Attaabad Lake, Borith Lake, Gulkin village, Gulmit village, Passu village, Hussani village and Hussani suspension bridge. O/N Passu. *(Breakfast Dinner included)*



Attabad Lake

Attabad Lake is a lake which is located in the Gojal district of Hunza Valley in Gilgit- Baltistan, Pakistan. This lake was formed in the year 2010 after the major landslide in Attabad. Attabad Lake has become one of the most popular tourist attractions in Gilgit- Baltistan.

Borith Lake, a large brackish lake that attracts a number of migratory birds in February, June, September and November, from Ghulkin a footpath crosses the grey Ghulkin glacier to Borith Lake, two hours away. It's a tricky 1.25km across the glacier. Over the years the lake has grown swampy and brackish. Ghulkin villagers have organized themselves to keep hunters from threatening migratory waterfowl, mainly tufted.

The Hussaini Suspension Bridge, over the Hunza River, connects Zarabad hamlet to Hussaini village. Hussaini is located at about 45 kms from Aliabad Hunza and 132 kms from Gilgit. This bridge is known as a dangerous bridge due to the massive gaps between the planks and the wild swing.



Hussaini Bridge

Day 11 Excursion to Passu Glacier-Gilgit: Morning excursion drive to Pasuhsugar 6.6 km. Enjoy photography from Pasuhsugar and Passu peaks. After lunch descend down to Passu and drive to Gilgit. O/N Gilgit (*Dinner included*)

Passu Glacier is situated in the south side of Passu village. Passu Peak is situated in the back side of the glacier. This glacier is linked with Batura Glacier and many other glaciers in Batura Muztagh Mountain range.

Day 12 Gilgit to Mansehra : Drive to Mansehra en route visit junction point of THREE great mountains ranges meet, the Karakorum, the Himalaya and Hindukush. O/N Mansehra. (*Breakfast Lunch included*).

Day 13 Mansehra to Islamabad: Drive to Islamabad enroute visit Taxila Museum, Julian and Sirkap. After breakfast drive to Islamabad enroute visit Taxila to Visit Taxila Museum, Jaulain, Mohra Moradu. Afternoon drive back to Islamabad. O/N Islamabad. (*Breakfast included*).



Taxila

Taxila: Most of the archaeological sites of Taxila (600 BC to 500 AD) are located around Taxila museum. For over one thousand-year Taxila remained famous as a center of learning Gandhara art of sculpture, architecture, education and Buddhism in the days of Buddhist glory. There are over 50 archaeological sites scattered in a radius of 30 km around Taxila. In Taxila visit archaeological sites of Jaulian, Mohra Moradu and Sirkap. Later visit.

Day 14 Islamabad & Fly Home After breakfast visit Faisal Mosque, Pakistan Monument, Lok Versa Museum and Margalla Hills. After dinner transfer to Islamabad Airport for midnight flight (21Oct24) at 0145AM. O/N Plane



Faisal Mosque

Faisal Mosque, the largest in South East Asia, and 5th largest mosque in the world. We will visit Lok Virsa Museum and Pakistan Monument if time permit.

Islamabad, it replaced Karachi back in the 1967 and is now the political and commercial heart of the country. Situated against the lush backdrop of the Margalla Hills it is a city where old and new collide. Leafy green boulevards are home to modern buildings, and shopping malls, but also dotted with traditional homes and mosques.

Islamabad is a modern city located in the Pothohar Plateau in the northeastern part of the country, within the Islamabad Capital Territory. The region has historically been a part of the crossroads of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with Margalla pass acting as the gateway between the two regions.

Rawalpindi is a lively, bustling city with the crowded streets and colorful bazaars, thorough it lacks the grand monuments; nonetheless, the bazaar should appeal to anyone with the desire to see the real Pakistan. Group could spend hours exploring the colorful, crowded streets and buy anything from batteries to a new set of teeth. Dotted around are crumbling stone towers marking old Hindu temples.

Saiful Muluk is a lake which is situated in the middle of mountains, which throughout the year are covered with snow. One of the renowned mountains is Malika Parbat which is placed on the left of the heel. Saiful Muluk is named after a folk tale.

Day 15 Home : Take early morning flight **PK894 0145**:1030AM. Reached home 1030AM (21 Oct 2024)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cost cover accommodation & Tent, English speaking guide, transport (minibus & Jeep), meals stated and entrance fees;
2. Accommodation will be in budget hotels, guesthouses and camping tent (2 nights);
3. Airport transfers and inter-town travel by chartered bus is covered;
4. Not covered international flights (estimation RM2500 excluded airport taxes etc RM300), meals (except breakfast and certain lunch/dinner stated above, estimate Rm50-80 per day), online visa fees (USD8.14 - Note waived started Sep24);
5. Not covered tips (local guide & drivers), helicopter charges in case of use for rescue or unforeseen calamity; Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour, International travel insurance (Members MUST self-purchase travel insurance which covered pandemic and AMS (high altitude sickness)).
6. A Non-refundable deposit of **RM1500** is payable to confirm your place.
7. Guide/driver/porter accompanying group do expect tips. Yongo encourages group members to be generous but should commensurate with services rendered.
8. Cost is subject to change if there's a significant changes in foreign exchange rates and airfares.

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