

HIGH-ALTITUDE TREK · KARAKORAM

Snow Lake Hisper la Trek

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DURATION

22 Days

21 Nights

SEASON

Jun-Sep

Summer

MAX ALTITUDE

5,000 m

Highest point

GRADE

Strenuous

High altitude

FROM

\$2,800

per person

The Journey

The Snow Lake & Hispar La Trek is one of the most remote and spectacular high-altitude adventures on the planet. This 22-day expedition takes you across two of the world's longest non-polar glaciers — the Biafo Glacier (67km) and the Hispar Glacier (53km) — through the vast, otherworldly basin of Snow Lake (4,800m) and over the legendary Hispar La Pass (5,151m). Together, the Biafo and Hispar glaciers form a continuous 120km ice highway — the longest glacial system outside the polar regions — linking the ancient mountain kingdoms of Baltistan in the east with Hunza Valley in the west. This historic route was once a trade link connecting the Silk Road to the Indian Subcontinent.

Day-by-Day

- 1** **500 m**
Arrive Islamabad
Touch down in Islamabad. Our team meets you, runs through the route, and checks your gear before the flight north.
- 2** **2,230 m**
To Skardu
Fly or drive to Skardu (2,230m), the gateway to the Karakoram. Settle in and rest after the journey.
- 3** **2,230 m**
Skardu Prep
A full day for permits, NOC paperwork and a final gear check before we head into the wilderness.
- 4** **3,000 m**
Drive to Askole
By 4x4 jeep up the Braldu valley to Askole (3,000m), the last village before the glaciers.
- 5** **3,500 m**
Onto the Biafo
Step onto the Biafo Glacier and trek to Namla camp (3,500m). The ice world begins.
- 6** **4,000 m**
Namla to Mango
Continue up the Biafo to Mango camp (4,000m), gaining height steadily on the ice.
- 7** **3,900 m**
Mango to Baintha
Cross to Baintha (3,900m), a green oasis on the glacier and a fine spot to recover.
- 8** **3,900 m**
Rest at Baintha
An acclimatisation day at Baintha. Short walks, rest, and letting the altitude settle.
- 9** **4,300 m**
Baintha to Marpogo
Push deeper into the range to Marpogo (4,300m) as the glacier opens out.
- 10** **4,800 m**
Snow Lake
Reach Lukpe Lawo, the legendary Snow Lake (4,800m) — a vast basin of ice ringed by peaks.
- 11** **4,800 m**
Snow Lake Basin
A day to explore and acclimatise in the Snow Lake basin before the high pass.
- 12** **5,000 m**
Hispar La Camp
Climb to high camp below Hispar La (5,000m), positioned for an early start.

13

4,600 m

Cross Hispar La

Cross Hispar La (5,151m), the high point of the traverse, and descend to Khani Basa (4,600m).

14

4,200 m

Khani Basa to Yutmaru

Trek down the Hispar Glacier to Yutmaru camp (4,200m).

15

4,000 m

Yutmaru to Bitanmal

Continue along the glacier to Bitanmal (4,000m).

16

3,200 m

Down to Hispar

Leave the ice for Hispar village (3,200m), the first settlement on the Nagar side.

17

2,400 m

Hispar to Hunza

Drive through Nagar to Hunza (2,400m). Hot food and a real bed.

18

2,400 m

Rest in Hunza

Recover in Karimabad. Visit Baltit Fort and take in the Hunza valley.

19

2,400 m

Weather Buffer

A spare day held in reserve for weather or delays on the high route.

20

1,200 m

Down the KKH

Drive the Karakoram Highway south (1,200m), descending out of the mountains.

21

500 m

Toward Islamabad

Complete the journey back to Islamabad. A reserve day in case of road delays.

22

500 m

Departure

Final breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

What's Included

Included

- Local Balti guides and porters, all camping and kitchen crew.
- All meals on trek, tents, mess and toilet tents, cooking gear.
- Skardu transfers by 4x4 jeep to Askole, hotel nights in Skardu, permits and NOC fees.
- Satellite phone in camp and an emergency rescue plan with established helicopter contacts.

Not Included

- International flights and Pakistan visa fees.
- Personal trekking gear (boots, sleeping bag, down jacket).
- Travel and rescue insurance.
- Tips for crew, and any cost arising from early descent, weather delays or evacuation.

Pricing

Fixed-departure group price is \$2,800 per person, all-inclusive of the services above. Private groups are priced by size — discounts apply automatically as your group grows.

Solo 1 Person

\$6,200
per person

2-3 Persons

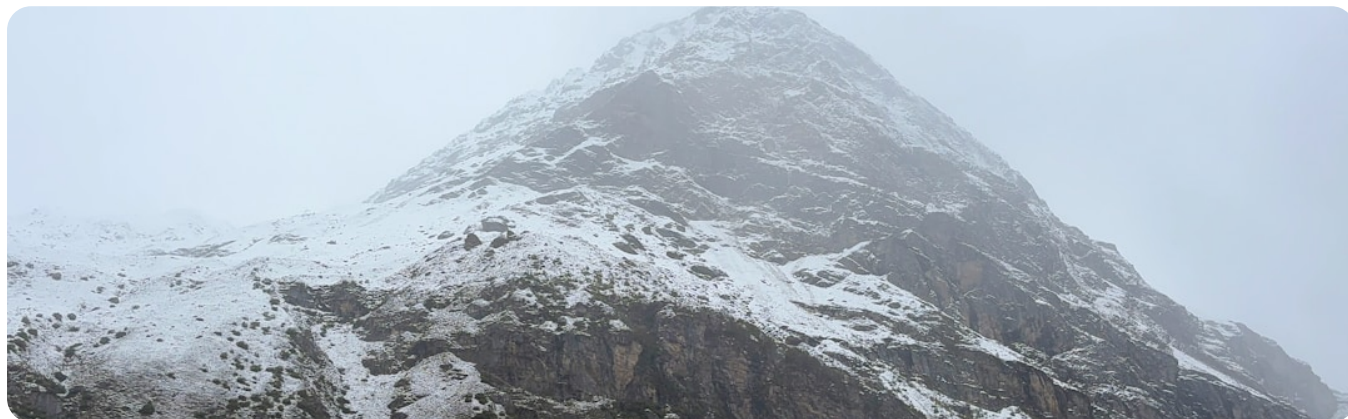
\$4,400
per person

4-6 Persons

\$3,200
per person

7-10 Persons

\$2,800
best value · per person



Good to Know

Booking & Payment

- A 25% deposit confirms your seat on a fixed departure; the balance is due 30 days before the trek starts.
- Payment by bank transfer or Wise. Card payment can be arranged on request.
- Your seat is held only once the deposit clears.

Cancellation Policy

- More than 45 days out: deposit refunded less bank charges.
- 30–45 days: 50% of total retained.
- Under 30 days: no refund — the permit, porters and logistics are already committed.
- We strongly recommend trip-cancellation and high-altitude rescue insurance.

Permits & Documentation

- This trek enters a restricted glacier zone and requires a Trekking & Mountaineering visa (not a tourist visa) plus an NOC — we guide you through both.
- A valid passport (6+ months) and trekking insurance covering high altitude and helicopter rescue are mandatory.
- We handle the GB permit and NOC paperwork; you provide passport copies and photos in advance.

Health & Fitness

- This is a long, cold, high-altitude glacier trek — you must be fit and comfortable with multi-day walking on moraine and ice.
- No technical climbing skills are needed, but good cardio fitness and prior multi-day trekking are expected.
- A doctor's clearance is advised if you have any heart, lung or blood-pressure condition.

Ready to go?

Local hands · Real safety · Fair price · WhatsApp us for 2026 dates

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