

K2 GONDOGORO LA TREK

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Day 1 : Arrival At Islamabad

Altitude :540m

Location :Islamabad

This is the first day of trekkers in Pakistan. Upon arrival one of our staff will pick up the guest from Islamabad Airport and escort them to the hotel. You can spot our staff holding our company card or logo at Islamabad Airport. You are bound to provide flight details 3 to 4 days before arrival. Our staff will pick you up and transfer to a partner hotel in Islamabad close to Margalla hills. At the hotel, after relax and rest clients are bound to pay their dues upon late arrival payment of dues and briefing will be conducted in Skardu.

- Accommodation: Hotel Room on twin sharing basis.
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included,

Day 2 : Flight To Skardu

Altitude :2,230m

Location :Skardu

On this day of k2 Gondogoro la trek, we will fly to Skardu in the morning. Skardu is the logistic hub of the expeditions and trekking's in the Karakoram range. The flight from Islamabad to Skardu will provide spectacular views of the Himalaya and Karakoram mountains and we should be able to see Nanga Parbat towering among other peaks.

Upon arrival in Skardu, one of our staff will be waiting at Skardu Airport and will escort the clients to the partner hotel. Upon early arrival, we would have enough time to rest and pay a visit to the local Bazar and the outskirts of Skardu city.

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Day 3 : Rest Day At Skardu

Altitude :2.230m

Location :Skardu

Skardu is a mountainous town along the Indus river, surrounded by mountains. After breakfast, we will go on an acclimatization hike to the kharpocho and old castle some hundred meters hike from Skardu Bazars. The fort provides a breathtaking view of the Indus river, Skardu, and its Surroundings. While the afternoon you can check out your trekking kit or need to buy something you can go to Bazar for shopping or sightseeing. To cross Gondogoro la crampons is a must so you need to arrange to one from Skardu you can ask us for arrangement if do not have one. During the whole activity, our guide will facilitate you.

while our office staff at Skardu will do our paperwork that mostly cleared in a day but unfortunately more than a day in most cases.

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Day 4/5 : Drive To Askoli/Paiju

Altitude :3,950m

Location :Askoli / Paju

We will drive to Askoli Village with our crew and supplies. It's a 5-7-hour jeep drive from Skardu to Askoli. After half hour drive from Skardu, we will reach the Shigar valley which hosts the second-highest peak on the planet. We will go through the lush green fields of Shigar valley along the Shigar river and the valley is narrowed as we further proceed to the mountains. The narrow track will lead us to Aksoli driving along to the Braldu River. Our porters will join us from Askoli or at Paju camp. This is the last village before K2 Gondogoro la trek. Before 2020 this was the last place from where we start our Gondogoro la trek but due to the recently built road, we can still go few more stages by jeep.

In past, we used to embark upon our k2 Gondogoro la trek from Askoli Village. But due to recently built road track to Paju camp has enabled the trekking participants to access Paju camp by jeep. After an hour's drive, we will reach Korofon camp where we will take some rest. This place is the junction of the Biafo Glacier and Baltoro River. Snow lake and Hisper la trek are taken via this Glacier on our left. We will resume our drive to Jhula camp. In case of late arrival, we will take launch at Jhula camp otherwise will move to Paju camp or any other suitable campsite for lunch. A notable peak to see is Bakhordas peak facing Jhula Camp. Bakhoradas is the first peak to be seen while k2 Gondogoro la trek. After two hours or less drive along the bank of Baltoro River crossing trails and streams, we will be on our destination, we will camp overnight at Paju camp.

Our staff establishes tents and the participants will be served a hot cup of tea with cookies and snacks. We will take dinner in our mess tent and camp overnight in a fully serviced campsite.



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Day 5 : Rest Day At Paju

Altitude :3,666m

Location :Paju camp

If we are on Paju on the first day we will take a rest day here and if we are here on day 5. And if we are late this day is used to travel to Paju from Askoli. In case of the rest day, we have enough time to take a bath, washing cloth, and acclimatize our bodies. While porters are issued their rations and they baked and plan for their rest of the trek on Baltoro Glacier. Most of the trekkers go to Trango viewpoint to get a glimpse of Famous Trango Towers that is just a 20 to half an hour hike away from the camp. And the whole night is spent while dancing and partying in local style and trekkers are always welcome to join.

- Accommodation: Hotel Room on twin sharing basis.
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included,

Day 6 : Drive To Askoli/Paiju

Altitude :3,800m

Location :khobusre

On this day of k2 Gondogoro la Trek, we will start our trekking on the 65km Baltoro Glacier and it will follow us till Concordia where it confluence with Godwin Austin Glacier. After half an hour trek from Paju camp, we will be at the snout of Baltoro Glacier. This is where you can see Trango Towers. Uli Baiho and Paju Peak. The trek will take on the high and downs of the Baltoro glacier from here ahead. It is suggested that to be careful while trekking, let the horses and donkeys go if they are crossing your way. 4 to 5 hours trek will take us to Liligo, where we will take our lunch in front of Trango towers. The walk will continue to the Khoburse camp along the right edge of Baltoro Glacier and camp overnight there.

- Accommodation: tents on twin sharing basis.
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included,



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Day 7 : Trek To Urdukus

Altitude :3,950m

Location :Urdukas

After early wake up and getting breakfast we will start our trek to Urdukas Camp over the rough terrain of Baltoro Glacier. This is the last camp before glacial camps on Baltoro Glacier during Gondogoro la trek and the shortest day. The camp is located at a higher location above Baltoro Glacier and provides the best view of the Granite spire (Trango, Uli Biaho, and Cathedrals). This is the second scenic camp during Gondogoro la trek after Concordia camp. Good weather also provides a glimpse of Gasherbrum 4 as well from Urdukas Camp.

- Accommodation: tents on twin sharing basis.
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included,

Day 8 : Trek To Goro II

Altitude :4,300m

Location :Goro II

On this day of the k2 Gondogoro la trek, participants trek in the middle of Baltoro Glacier through the rough moraines. Masherbrum peak is visible on the right side and Muztagh on the left. This day we get the first distant sight of Gasherbrum's and Broad Peak. 3-4 hours' trek on the glacier we will take our lunch and rest for a while at Goro 1. After lunch, we will resume the trek and it will take 3-4 hours to Goro 2 and Camp overnight in front of Masherbrum. Goro 2 is a windy and cold campsite this is our first camping at Baltoro Glacier. It is the junction of Baltoro Glacier and Younghusband. Looking back to Baltoro Glacier the views of the collection of peaks are mesmerizing.

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Day 9 : Trek To Concordia

Altitude :4,691m
Location :Concordia

A very special day of k2 Gondogoro la trek passing through panoramic scenery of spectacular mountains to Concordia and k2 visible if weather permits. Concordia no doubt is one of the best campsites on the planet, also known as the “throne room of mountains gods”. Surrounded by sky kissing giant peaks as Marble peak, K2, Broad Peak, Gasherbrum 3, Mitre peak, Baltoro Kangri, Sia Kangri, and Chogolisa. Concordia is the junction of Baltoro, Godwin Austin, Gasherbrum, and Vigne Glaciers. After a 5-6 hours’ trek on the Baltoro glacier from Goro 2, we will reach Concordia. Very few people are fortunate enough to experience this wilderness. The camp is cold and even snowfall many times and overnight camping in a completed wilderness.

Day 10 : Trek To K2 Base Camp ,Broad Peak Base Camp (Gilkey Memorial)

Altitude :5,100m
Location :Broad Peak Base Camp and K2 Base Camp

This day we have a flexible schedule this day, most of the trekkers want a closer look at k2 and want to visit Gilkey Memorial while most prefer to hike to Broad Peak Base camp and back to Concordia on the same day and some just want to stay at Concordia to enjoy the 360-degree view of mountains around. We have a whole day to fully absorb the wilderness of the “Throne Room of Mountain Gods”. Trekkers would choose the option they prefer.

Those trekkers who want to go to Broad Peak Base Camp and K2 Base camp (Gilkey Memorial) will rise early in the morning. We start our trek towards Broad peak base camp crossing the Glacial streams flowing through the junction of Glaciers very next to the Concordia camp. This part of the glacier between Concordia and K2 Base Camp is rough and technical due to the melting down of the glaciers and the rest is smooth plain track till Broad Peak Base Camp. It will take almost three hours to reach Broad Peak Base camp, where we will take our lunch and resume the trek for two more hours till k2 base camp through Godwin Austin Glacier mostly white glacier. K2 Base Camp elevation/height estimated as 4998m (16,400 ') almost five thousand meters above sea level. At k2 Base Camp, Gilkey Memorial is a 10-15 minutes’ hike on the mountain. We can find the memories of legends who lost their lives while scaling mountains in the Karakoram. We would have chances of meeting with climbers at Broad Peak and K2 Base Camp only when we are there during July and August. After paying homage to the legends at Gilkey Memorial we will start the trek back to Concordia via the same route and overnight camp at Concordia.

And those who want to return via the same route return to Gorro 2 and the rest who are ready for Gondogoro la will set out towards Ali camp the next day.

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Day 11 : Rest Day At Concordia

Altitude :4,691m
Location :Concordia

Gondogoro la is contingent on the weather situation. It is risky to cross the Gondogoro pass on a snowy day so it is a rest day in case of unfavorable weather.

Day 12 : Trek To Ali Camp

Altitude :5,000m
Location :Ali Camp

On this day of k2 Gondogoro la trek, we will start our journey towards Ali Camp via upper Baltoro Glacier. After crossing Mitre peak we will be on Vigne glacier, it is a crispy white glacier very easy to walk on the surface of the glacier. There are many small crevasses on the glacier so it is recommended to walk along with our guide or any other staff member and use crampons in case of fresh snow on the glacier. We will camp at Ali Camp (named after a local porter who discovered Gondogoro Pass). It will take around 5 to 6 hours from Concordia to Ali Camp.

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Day 13 : Gondogoro La Crossing And Camping At Khuspang

Altitude :5,585m

Location :Gondogoro La

This is the critical day of k2 Gondogoro la trek. The pass needs to be cross before the sunrise because there are chances of rock falling whiling descending the top. The descending part is mostly rocky glacier so we need to do this before the sun warms the glacier surface. We will wake up before dawn or even midnight, after having a good breakfast we will start our trek to Gondogoro la pass with a rescue member and our support staff. Rescue people are already there we pay them and they watch the ropes on the Gondogoro Pass and assist us crossing the top. We will continue our trek on the west Vigne glacier until Gondogoro la Base. On Gondogoro la base we will put on our harnesses and crampons, and start climbing slowly, our support crew will accompany us during the whole process. It normally takes 3 hours to reach the top of Gondogoro la. We will be on the top at dawn the four 8000m peaks (k2, Broad Peak, G1, and G2) and the whole Baltoro region is just in front of you whole on the other site the ravishing Laila peak and Gondogoro valley will catch your imagination.

Participants need to extra vigilant and must watch every step while descending the top. The fixed ropes are used while descending Gondogoro la into Hushe valley. During early summer this part has snow so keep your crampons on if there is snow while after mid-summer it is mostly rocky so try to trek down without crampons. Our support crew is there always our guide will lead you from the front. Upon descending the pass, the trail becomes essay and straightforward till Khuspang Camp. We will camp at Khuspang camp (4600m) overnight in front of Laila peak.

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Day 14 : Trek To Saicho

Altitude :3,350m

Location :Saicho Valley

Today we will resume the trek back to Saicho camp. We start trekking on the Gondogoro glacier for an hour till Dalchanhpa. We will come across Masherbrum while this section of the trek. After lunch at Dalchangpa. We will resume trek to Saicho Camp through the pasture of Gondogoro and will camp at Siacho overnight. Siacho has comparatively better weather so we can wash and take a shower over there. It will be a trek of 5-6 hours today.

Day 15 : Trek To Hushe Village

Altitude :2,230m

Location :Skardu

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Day 16 : Trek Back To Skardu

Altitude :2,230m

Location :Skardu

Today our jeeps will take us back to Skardu city.

At Skardu, it is time to wash, shopping, and excursion and the K2 Gondogoro la trek is concluded.

- Accommodation: Hotel Rooms on twin sharing basis.
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included,

Day 17 : Contingency Day At Skardu Or Visit TO Kachura Lake

Altitude :2,230m

Location :Skardu

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Day 18 : Flight Back To Islamabad

Altitude :540m

Location :Islamabad

Today we will fly back to the capital city of Pakistan Islamabad via PIA flight.

- Accommodation: Hotel Rooms on twin sharing basis.
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and

Day 20 : Departure To Home Country

This is the last day of the K2 Gondogoro La Trek; our staff will transfer the trek participants to Islamabad Internal airport to say goodbye.

Day 19 : Contingency Day

Altitude :540m

Location :Islamabad

This day is reserved in case of flight cancellation to drive to Islamabad from Skardu. It will take almost 20 hours to drive from Skardu to Islamabad via Karakoram Highway or Naran Kaghan. In the case of a flight from Skardu to Islamabad, it is a free day in Islamabad. Where you can go to the old Rawalpindi City or Islamabad, shopping Bazars or Historical monuments.

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