

K2 Base Camp & Gondogoro la - Trek Only (13 Days) Itinerary

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Our k2 Base Camp and Gondogoro La Trek (Trek only) Package is specially designed for those who want a flexible schedule and want to arrange city transfers by themselves in (Islamabad and Skardu) and want us to organize the only trekking part of k2 Base camp and Gondogoro La Trek, that will take around 2 weeks.

Our trek only package starts and ends in Skardu, Chogori Adventure will pick up the participant from Skardu and y spend the next 13-14 days with us hiking among the giants of Karakoram then drop back to their respective hotels at Skardu in the end.

The participants are bound to arrive one or two days before the departure date so we can process the permit and documentation on time.

Everything mentioned in Services included as accommodation, meals, porters and guide will be provided for the trek excluding personal stuff, expenses, tips and rescue.

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Day 1: Drive to Jhula or Mongron

On our first day of k2 Base Camp and Gondogoro La Trek, 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 Mongron camp. Askoli is the last village before K2 Base Camp and Gondogoro la trek. Before 2020 this was the last place from where we start our k2 base camp and Gondogoro la trek but due to the recently built road, we can still go a few more stages by jeep.

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In past, we used to embark upon our k2 Base camp and Gondogoro la trek from Askoli Village. But due to recently built road track to Paju camp has enabled the trekking participants to access Mongoron camp by jeep. Crossing the junction of the Biafo Glacier and Baltoro River. Snow lake and Hisper la trek is via this Glacier on our left. We will resume our drive to Jhula camp. A notable peak to see is Bakhordas peak facing Jhula Camp. Bakhoradas is the first peak to be seen while k2 Base camp and Gondogoro la Pass 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 Mongron 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.

GPS: Altitude: **3,300 m**; Location: **Mongron Camp**

Day 2: Trek to Paju

In past, we used to start our k2 base camp and Gondogoro la trek from Askoli Village. But due to recently built road track to Paju camp has enabled the trekking participants to access Jula or Mongron Camp by jeep.

The trek starts early in the morning, after five or six hours trek we will be at Paju camp. On this day of k2 base camp and Gondogoro la trek we have to cross streams on the way so do not forget to get prepare for the stream crossing. We will be at our destination around 12 pm, we will camp overnight at Paju camp.

GPS: Altitude: **3,666 m**; Location: **Paju**

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Day 3: Trek to khobusre Camp

On this day of k2 base camp and 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 be on the up and downs of Baltoro glacier ahead of it. 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.

GPS: Altitude: **3,800 m**; Location: **Khuburse**

Day 4: Trek to Urdukas Camp

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 and the shortest day while Baltoro Glacier or k2 base camp and Gondogoro la trek. 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 k2 base camp and Gondogoro la trek after Concordia camp. Good weather also provides a glimpse of Gasherbrum 4 as well from Urdukas Camp.

GPS: Altitude: **3,950 m**; Location: **Urdukas**

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Day 5: Trek to Goro II Camp

On this day of the k2 base camp and 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 I.

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.

GPS: Altitude: **4,300 m**; Location: **Goro II**

Day 6: Trek to Concordia

A very special day of k2 base camp and 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 such 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.

GPS: Altitude: **4,691 m**; Location: **Concordia**

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Day 7: Trek to Broad Peak Base Camp and K2 Base Camp (Gilkey Memorial)

This day we have a flexible schedule 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 and restore energy for k2 base camp and Gondogoro la trek. 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.

GPS: Altitude: **5,100 m**; Location: **K2 Base Camp**

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Day 8: Trek Back to Concordia

Today we will return to Concordia from K2 Base Camp and it will be a rest day for those who chose to stay at Concordia. We will trek back via the same route that we have followed while going to k2 Base camp and will have the same view of the Karakoram mountains. The hike is now easy while returning to Concordia. We will trek on the Godwin Austin and camp overnight at Concordia. It will be a hike of 5-6 hours. At this evening we will start the preparations for Gondogoro la Pass.

GPS: Altitude: **4,690 m**; Location: **Concordia**

Day 9: Trek to Ali Camp

On this day of k2 Base Camp and 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.

GPS: Altitude: **5,000 m**; Location: **Ali Camp**

Day 10: Gondogoro La Crossing and camping at Khuspang

This is the critical day of k2 Base Camp and Gondogoro la trek. The pass need to be crossed 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

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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 Pass 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 side the ravishing Laila peak and Gondogoro valley will catch your imagination.

Participants need to be 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 easy and straightforward till Khuspang Camp. We will camp at Khuspang camp (4600m) overnight in front of Laila peak.

GPS: Altitude: **4,680m and 56,00 m**; Location: **Khuspang & Gondogoro Pass**

Day 11: Trek to Saicho Camp

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 Saicho overnight. Saicho has comparatively better weather so we can wash and take a shower over there. It will be a trek of 5-6 hours today.

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GPS: Altitude: **3,350 m**; Location: **Saicho**

Day 12: Rest Day at Siacho Camp

It is a rest day at Siacho Camp, the same day could be used to compensate any delays at Concordia or Ali camp

GPS: Altitude: **3,350 m**; Location: **Saicho**

Day 13: Trek to Hushe & Drive Back to Skardu

On this Day of k2 Base Camp and Gondogoro la trek, we will be back to civilization. we will resume the trek back to Hushe Valley. The last village of Ghanche District is known for its hospitality. It will take up to 5 hours to reach

After lunch our jeeps will take us back to Skardu city. At Skardu, it is time to wash, shopping, and excursion and the k2 Base Camp and Gondogoro la trek is concluded.

GPS: Altitude: **2,230m m**; Location: **Skardu**