

Wakhan Beyond the Map - A 12-Day Afghan Expedition

Afghanistan | 12 days / 11 nights | From USD 1,999 per person

Journey deep into one of Afghanistan's most remote and spectacular regions on a 12-day expedition through the Wakhan Corridor, a historic passage once connected to the ancient Silk Road. Beginning in Kabul and continuing toward the remote mountain settlement of Sarhad-e Broghil, the journey unfolds across dramatic valleys surrounded by the towering Pamir and Hindu Kush ranges. Along the way, discover ancient fortresses, remote mountain villages, traditional Wakhi communities, and distinctive Kyrgyz nomadic settlements. Combining rugged overland travel, cultural encounters, ancient history, and breathtaking alpine landscapes, this expedition offers an extraordinary opportunity to experience the Wakhan's isolated traditions and timeless Silk Road heritage.

ROUTE

Kabul > Faizabad > Baharak > Ishkashim > Khandud > Qala-e-Panj > Sarhad-e Broghil

HIGHLIGHTS

- Into the Wakhan Corridor: Follow one of the world's most remote historic routes, once connecting traders and travelers between Central and South Asia.
- Faizabad & Baharak: Discover Faizabad's regional character before continuing through the scenic valleys and mountain landscapes surrounding Baharak.
- Ishkashim - Gateway to the Wakhan: Visit this remote border town along the Panj River, overlooking the mountains of neighboring Tajikistan.
- Ancient Wakhan Fortresses: Explore historic fortress remains around Qala-e-Panj and uncover traces of the region's Silk Road past.
- Sarhad-e Broghil - High Mountain Frontier: Venture deep into the Wakhan to reach Sarhad-e Broghil, surrounded by dramatic peaks, alpine valleys, and remote settlements.
- Kyrgyz Culture in the Little Pamir: Experience the traditional lifestyle of Kyrgyz communities and discover their unique pastoral culture in one of Afghanistan's most isolated regions.
- Authentic Wakhi Village Experiences: Meet local Wakhi communities in villages such as Khandud and learn about their traditions, agriculture, and life in the high mountains.
- Pamir & Hindu Kush Landscapes: Travel through breathtaking alpine scenery featuring glacier-fed rivers, vast plateaus, rugged peaks, and untouched valleys.

DAY BY DAY (12 DAYS)

Day 1: Arrival in Kabul

- Pickup from Kabul International Airport
- Transfer to the hotel, check-in, and tour orientation
- Optional visit to a local tailor for traditional Afghan clothing
- Explore the historic bird market and Mandawi Bazaar
- Visit selected cultural landmarks, including Shah-Do Shamshira Mosque and the Ethnographic Research Museum, subject to timing
- Visit the Shrine of Sakhi and enjoy views from Bibi Mahro Hill
- Overnight in Kabul

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 2: Kabul to Faizabad

- Transfer to the airport for a domestic flight to Faizabad, subject to flight availability
- Alternatively, begin the overland journey toward Badakhshan
- Arrival in Faizabad and hotel check-in
- Time to rest and explore the local surroundings
- Overnight in Faizabad

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private ground transport; domestic flight arrangements and cost to be confirmed

Day 3: Faizabad to Ishkashim via Baharak

- Depart Faizabad and travel through the scenic Badakhshan highlands
- Pass through Baharak and continue along dramatic mountain roads
- Enjoy views of valleys, rivers, and remote settlements
- Arrival in Ishkashim
- Overnight in Ishkashim

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 4: Ishkashim to Khandud

- Continue deeper into the historic Wakhan Corridor
- Travel through remote mountain landscapes along the Wakhan Valley
- Visit selected historic fortress remains and cultural sites along the route
- Arrive in Khandud and experience the local Wakhi community
- Overnight in Khandud

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 5: Khandud to Qala-e-Panj

- Continue east through traditional Wakhi villages
- Discover local agricultural landscapes and mountain communities
- Explore the historic surroundings of Qala-e-Panj
- Enjoy panoramic views of the Wakhan mountains
- Overnight in Qala-e-Panj

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 6: Qala-e-Panj to Sarhad-e Broghil

- Venture farther east into the remote upper Wakhan
- Travel through rugged valleys and high-altitude terrain
- Arrive at Sarhad-e Broghil, one of the last permanent settlements before the high Pamirs
- Experience the remote mountain environment and local way of life
- Overnight in Sarhad-e Broghil

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 7: Kyrgyz Nomadic Experience

- Excursion toward traditional Kyrgyz settlements in the Little Pamir, subject to local conditions and access
- Meet local communities and learn about their pastoral traditions
- Experience the distinctive culture and hospitality of the Kyrgyz people
- Return to the Sarhad-e Broghil area
- Overnight in Sarhad-e Broghil

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 8: Explore the High Pamirs

- Explore the spectacular high-altitude landscapes surrounding Sarhad-e Broghil
- Optional trekking through alpine valleys and mountain trails
- Enjoy opportunities for photography and cultural interaction
- Discover the remote landscapes of the Pamir and Hindu Kush
- Overnight in Sarhad-e Broghil

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 9: Sarhad-e Broghil to Ishkashim

- Begin the return journey west through the Wakhan Valley
- Travel through remote Wakhi settlements and dramatic mountain scenery
- Scenic stops and local encounters along the route
- Arrival in Ishkashim
- Overnight in Ishkashim

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 10: Ishkashim to Faizabad

- Depart Ishkashim and retrace the scenic mountain route toward Faizabad
- Travel through valleys and traditional communities
- Arrival in Faizabad and hotel check-in
- Evening at leisure
- Overnight in Faizabad

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 11: Faizabad to Kabul

- Transfer to the airport for the return flight to Kabul, subject to availability
- Alternatively, continue overland toward Kabul
- Arrival in Kabul and hotel check-in
- Free time for rest or final local exploration
- Overnight in Kabul

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private ground transport; domestic flight arrangements and cost to be confirmed

Day 12: Departure from Kabul

- Hotel check-out and final preparations
- Transfer to Kabul International Airport
- Departure according to your international flight schedule
- End of the Lost Silk Road - Wakhan Valley Adventure

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private ground transport; domestic flight arrangements and cost to be confirmed

INCLUDED

- Accommodation: 3-4 Star Hotels
- Transportation: Private 4WD Vehicles
- Meals: 3 Daily Meals + Drinking Water
- Professional Tour Guide

- All Required Permits
- Letter of Invitation
- Entrance Fees to Listed Attractions
- Local SIM Card & Wi-Fi

NOT INCLUDED

- Visa Fees
- International Flights
- Personal Expenses, Shopping, Soft Drinks & Snacks
- Travel Insurance

GOOD TO KNOW

Season & group size

Spring and summer departures, with a maximum of 8 travellers. Dates and departure availability are confirmed by the Kabul team.

Price & booking

Advertised starting price: USD 1,999 per person. Request a written quotation for your dates, group and room arrangements. International flights, visa fees, insurance and personal expenses are excluded.

Domestic flights

Where a domestic flight appears in the itinerary, its schedule, availability and inclusion in the final price must be confirmed with the Kabul office before booking.

Permits & access

The package includes a letter of invitation and required local permits. Site visits, road journeys and activities remain subject to permissions, local access, weather and operating conditions. Confirm the final route before booking.

Accommodation & connectivity

Packages are based on 3-4-star hotels. Accommodation in remote areas must be confirmed for each overnight stop; do not assume the same hotel standard throughout. Local SIM and Wi-Fi access depend on coverage and availability.

FLIGHTS, AND CHANGING ANYTHING ON THIS ITINERARY

Flights are quoted on request. We hold IATA accreditation and can ticket any airline from Dubai alongside this itinerary.

Every itinerary here is a starting point. We rebuild any of it around your own dates, hotels, pace and budget, for couples, families or groups.

Prices are a lead-in fare and move with the season, the airline and the hotel chosen. Tell us your dates and we will confirm a firm quotation.

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