

Gasherbrum II Expedition 2026

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COUNTRY

Pakistan

ACTIVITY

Mountaineering

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel/Lodge/Tent

WALKING

5-7 Hours

MAX ALTITUDE

8,034

m

DURATION

50

Days

DIFFICULTY

Hard

Difficult

GROUP SIZE

15

People

Expedition Overview

Gasherbrum II (8,034m), the world's 13th highest peak, forms a major part of the majestic Gasherbrum massif in the Karakoram Range. This group includes six prominent peaks, with Gasherbrum I and II rising above 8,000 meters—earning their respected place among the world's highest summits. Known for its relatively more "approachable" route compared to neighboring giants, Gasherbrum II is often considered a favored choice for those aiming to grow into the elite league of 8000-meter climbers. However, its beauty and technical challenges ensure it remains an accomplishment only for the well-prepared and determined.

Historically, Gasherbrum II was first explored in 1909 by an Italian expedition led by Prince Luigi Amedeo, the Duke of Abruzzi—a legendary figure in early Himalayan and Karakoram exploration. His journey marked the beginning of humankind's connection with this towering snow pyramid.

Gasherbrum II Expedition – Summer 2026 14 Peaks Expedition is excited to organize the Gasherbrum II Expedition for the Summer 2026 climbing season, with the adventure kicking off on **June 10, 2026**. With our expert Sherpa leadership, industry-leading logistics, and a focus on safety and success, we offer climbers the opportunity to reach one of the most compelling summits in the Karakoram. Step into the world of high-altitude legend—take on Gasherbrum II with 14 Peaks Expedition and elevate your mountaineering journey to the next level.

INCLUDES

- **1. Logistics and Accommodation** – Arrival and Departure: Airport-hotel transfers (pick-up and drop-off) by private vehicle. Hotel Accommodation in Islamabad: 2 nights in a 4-star hotel (single room, bed & breakfast). Welcome Dinner: Dinner in a tourist-standard restaurant in Islamabad with office staff.
- **2. Permits and Government Fees** – Expedition Permit: Royalty and permit fee from the Pakistan Government for members and Sherpa. Liaison Officer: 1 government liaison officer with full equipment, salary, and accommodation. Garbage Management: Stool shipment transfer and garbage deposit fees. Satellite Communication Permits: Satellite phone and walkie-talkie permits for all members and staff.
- **3. Member and Staff Support** – Duffle Bag: One 14 Peaks duffle bag. Member Luggage: Up to 60 kg per member, carried by porters or mules. Porter Support: Porters per member up to and from Base Camp. Base Camp Staff: Experienced base camp cook and kitchen helpers (1 Nepalese and 1 Pakistani cook). Staff Salary and Allowance: Salary, daily wages, equipment, food, and clothing for Nepalese and Pakistani staff and porters. Climbing Sherpa: 1 government-licensed climbing Sherpa per member (1:1 ratio) for the entire climb. Sherpa Assistance: Climbing Sherpa to assist in carrying gear to high camps.
- **4. Transportation** – Member Transportation: Domestic flight from Islamabad to Skardu and return. Jeep transport from Skardu to Askole and back. Staff Transportation: Islamabad to Askole via Skardu (bus/jeep) for Sherpas and expedition staff. Expedition Equipment Transportation: Nepal to Pakistan (air cargo). Islamabad to Askole (truck/jeep). Askole to Base Camp (porters/mules). Reverse transportation upon return.
- **5. Base Camp and Climbing Services** – Food and Lodging: Three meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner, including tea and coffee). Accommodation in hotels, lodges, and tents. Hygienic fresh vegetables, meat, fruits, soft drinks, and juice. Well-managed base camp setup. Camping Equipment: Individual box tent per member at Base Camp. High-altitude tents (2 members per tent). Dining tent, kitchen tent, communication tent, toilet, shower tent, staff tents, store tent. Tables, chairs, and all necessary cooking gear. Base Camp Heating:

Heater in dining and other necessary tents. Solar and Generator: Power supply for battery charging, laptops, and other electronic devices. Training at Base Camp: Oxygen use, mask regulator, ice wall, and ladder training by a guide.

- **6. High-Altitude Support and Safety** – Oxygen Supply: 3 summit oxygen cylinders (4L) per member. 2 oxygen cylinders per Sherpa. 1 set of oxygen masks and regulators per member and Sherpa. Backup oxygen cylinders, masks, and regulators (subject to charge). High Camp Services: High-altitude tents. Cooking gas, pots, and high-altitude food for members, Sherpas, and crew at Camp 1, Camp 2, and Camp 3. Group climbing gear, fixed and dynamic ropes. Rope Fixing Team: Experienced Sherpas, including personal Sherpa, will fix the route to the summit (no extra charge).
- **7. Communication and Weather Updates** – Satellite Phone: Carried by Sherpa for emergency communication (available for members at an additional charge). Walkie-Talkie: For communication between Base Camp and mountain teams. Weather Forecast: Regular updates from Meteotest, Bern (Switzerland).
- **8. Medical and Emergency Support** – Insurance: Medical and emergency rescue insurance for all Nepalese and Pakistani staff. Medical Kits: Comprehensive medical kit for members and staff.
- **9. Recognition and Certification** – Certificate: Gasherbrum II climbing certificate issued by the Pakistani Alpine Club upon successful ascent.
- **10. Additional Notes** – Cargo Clearance: Assistance for cargo clearance in Pakistan's customs (clearance costs apply). Return of Equipment: All expedition gear must be returned after the expedition.

EXCLUDES

- **1. Flights & Travel** – International Airfare: Round-trip flight to/from Islamabad. Pakistan Entry Visa Fee: Visa fee for a 90-day stay in Pakistan.
- **2. Accommodation & Meals** – Meals in Cities: Lunch and dinner in Islamabad and Skardu (including early returns from trekking/expedition). Extra Accommodation: Additional nights in Islamabad or Skardu due to early arrival, late departure, early return from the expedition, or domestic flight cancellations.
- **3. Early Return & Trip Withdrawal** – Early Return Costs: If a member withdraws early, it will take 1-2 days to arrange porters and logistics, requiring extra mandatory charges for the return journey.
- **4. Insurance & Personal Expenses** – Insurance Policy: Comprehensive insurance covering medical, high-altitude rescue, trip cancellations, interruptions, medical treatment, evacuation, and repatriation (Mandatory). Personal Expenses: Telephone calls, internet, toiletries, battery recharge, hot showers, laundry, soft drinks, beers, and alcoholic beverages (except soft drinks provided at Base Camp).
- **5. Climbing & Filming Permits** – Personal Climbing Equipment: Clothing, packing items, bags, personal medical kit, and all personal trekking/climbing gear. Toiletries: Soaps, shampoos, toilet paper, tissue paper, toothpaste, and other personal hygiene items. Filming Fees: Special filming, camera, and drone permit fees. Internet Service: Not included during the trek.
- **6. Gratuities & Additional Costs** – Summit Bonus: Minimum \$2,000 USD for the climbing Sherpa. Tips for Staff: Minimum \$500 USD for Base Camp and high-altitude staff. Extra Services: Any services or activities not mentioned in the itinerary or listed in the "Cost Includes" section.

Trip Itinerary

Days	Program	Meals	Accommodation	Description
1	Arrival in Islamabad & Hotel Transfer	-	Hotel	
2	Flight from Islamabad to Skardu (Elevation: 2,228m)	B	Hotel	
3	Rest day in Skardu	B	Hotel	
4	Rest Day in Skardu: Expedition briefing and preparation	B	Hotel	
5	Drive from Skardu to Askole (2,600m)	B/L/D	Tent	
6	Trek from Askole to Jhola (3,185m)	B/L/D	Tent	
7	Trekking from Jhola to Paiyu (3,383m)	B/L/D	Tent	
8	Rest Day in Paiyu	B/L/D	Tent	
9	Trek Paiyu to Urdukas (4,130m)	B/L/D	Tent	
10	Trekking Urdukas to Goro II (4,250m)	B/L/D	Tent	
11	Trek from Goro II to Shagharing (4,530m)	B/L/D	Tent	
12	Trek from Shagharing to G2 Basecamp (5,000m)	B/L/D	Tent	
13-33	Rotation: [Basecamp – Rotation (Camp I, Camp II and Camp III) – Basecamp]	Full Board	Tent	
34-41	Climbing Period [Base Camp – Gasherbrum II(8,034 m) – Base Camp]	Full Board	Tent	

Days	Program	Meals	Accommodation	Description
42	Cleaning Up Basecamp: Preparation for descending back	B/L/D	Tent	
43	Trek from Basecamp to Goro II	B/L/D	Tent	
44	Trek from Goro II to Khuburtze	B/L/D	Tent	
45	Trek from Khuburtze to Mundung	B/L/D	Tent	
46	Trek from Mundung to Askole	B/L/D	Tent	
47	Drive from Askole to Skardu	B/L	Hotel	
48	Leisure day in Skardu (De-briefing at Ministry)	B	Hotel	
49	Fly from Skardu to Islamabad & transfer to the Hotel	B	Hotel	
50	Transfer to the International Airport for final departure	B	-	

Trekking Gear List

Travel Documents

Valid Passport Debit/Credit Card PP Size Photos(4 Pieces)

Insurance Paper/Certificate

Medicine / First Aid Kits

Paracetamole

Upper Body

Thermal Base Layer Fleece Jacket Gore Tex Jacket

Warm Jacket Wind Proof Jacket Down Jacket Cotton T-Shirt

Lower Body

Trowser Bottom Base Layer Fleece Trouser Gore Tex Pant

Heavy Weight Pant Mid Weight Pant Trekking Pant

Under Wear Down Pant Gaiters for Trekking Boots

Climbing Boot -6000m Normal Socks Summit Socks

Trekking Shoes Thermal Bottom Base Layer Trekking Pants

Foot Wear

Summit Boot - 8000m Sport Shoes

Hand

Thin Fleece Gloves Wind Stopper Gloves Heavy Gloves(Guide)

Summit Gloves

Head

Sun Cap Desert Cap Fleece Hat/Warm Hat Neck Gaiter

Eating & Drinking

Water bottle Thermos

Bag Packs

Rucksack 35L-50L Duffle Bag Dry Bags

Miscellaneous

Trekking Pole Pocket Knife Nail Cutter Umbrella/Rain Coat

Hot Water Bag Pee Bottle Tenacious Tape Repair

Altimeter Watch Satellite Phone(Optional) GPS Tracker

Power Bank Camera