

Mt. K2 Expedition Summer 2026

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COUNTRY

Pakistan

ACTIVITY

Mountaineering

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel, Lodges and Tents

WALKING

6-8 hrs

MAX ALTITUDE

8,611
m

DURATION

60
Days

DIFFICULTY

Extremely Difficult
Difficult

GROUP SIZE

10
People

Expedition Overview

Mount K2 (8,611m), located in the Karakoram Range of Pakistan, is the second-highest mountain in the world and is often referred to as the "Savage Mountain" due to its technical difficulty, unpredictable weather, and steep ascent. Unlike Everest, K2 demands a higher level of technical climbing expertise and resilience, making it a true test for seasoned climbers.

Key Features of Climbing Mt. K2

1. Technical Challenges:

- Steep rock, ice, and snow climbing.
- Treacherous sections like the House's Chimney, the Black Pyramid, and the Bottleneck Couloir.
- Risks of avalanches and crevasses.

2. Weather Conditions:

- Unpredictable and harsh, with frequent storms.
- Short climbing window between June and August.

3. Cultural and Scenic Significance:

- Starting from the village of Askole, the journey traverses the Baltoro Glacier, offering majestic views of peaks like Broad Peak and Gasherbrum.
- Interaction with local Balti communities adds cultural depth to the expedition.

INCLUDES

- **1. Logistics and Accommodation** – Arrival and Departure: Private vehicle transfers between the airport and hotel in Islamabad. Hotel Accommodation in Islamabad: 2 nights in a 4-star hotel, single rooms with bed and breakfast. Welcome Dinner: One dinner in Islamabad with office staff.
- **2. Permits and Government Fees** – Expedition Permit: Royalty and permit fee from the Pakistan Government for climbing Mt. K2. Liaison Officer: Government-appointed officer with full equipment, salary, and accommodation. Garbage Management: Stool shipment transfer and garbage deposit fees.
- **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: Porter services for transportation to and from Base Camp. Base Camp Staff: Experienced Nepalese and Pakistani cooks and kitchen helpers. Staff Salary and Allowance: Salary, daily wages, equipment, food, and clothing for Nepalese and Pakistani staff and porters.
- **4. Transportation** – Member Transportation: Round-trip domestic flights between Islamabad and Skardu. Jeep transportation from Skardu to Askole and back. 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 (including tea and coffee). Accommodation in hotels, lodges, and tents. Fresh vegetables, meat, fruits, and soft drinks provided. Well-managed Base Camp setup. Base Camp Facilities: Individual tents for each member. Dining tent, kitchen tent, communication tent, toilet, shower tent, and staff tents. Mattresses, pillows, tables, chairs, and all necessary cooking gear. Heaters in dining and other necessary tents. Solar panels and a generator for electricity.
- **6. High-Altitude Support and Safety** – Training at Base Camp: Oxygen use, mask regulator, ice wall, and ladder training. Climbing Sherpa Support: 1 veteran climbing Sherpa per member (1:1 ratio). Assistance with carrying gear to high camps. Sherpa salary, allowances, equipment, and clothing. Oxygen Supply: 5 oxygen bottles (4L) per member. 3 oxygen bottles (4L) per Sherpa. 1 set of oxygen mask and regulator per member and Sherpa. Backup oxygen (available at an extra charge). High Camp Services: High-altitude tents. Cooking gas, pots, and high-altitude food for members, Sherpas, and crew. Group climbing gear, fixed and dynamic ropes. Shared tents at high camps (2 members per tent). Rope Fixing Team: Experienced Sherpas to 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 high camps. 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** – Climbing Certificate: Issued by the Pakistani Alpine Club upon successful ascent.
- **10. Additional Notes** – Equipment Return: All expedition gear must be returned after the expedition.

EXCLUDES

- **1. Personal Expenses** – International airfare to and from Islamabad. Pakistan visa fees. Personal travel insurance, including high-altitude and evacuation coverage. Laundry, internet, phone calls, and beverages in hotels.
- **2. Climbing Equipment** – Personal climbing gear, such as boots, harness, crampons, ice axe, and helmet. Sleeping bag and high-altitude down jacket.
- **3. Supplementary Costs** – Costs associated with flight cancellations or delays. Additional porters for personal baggage beyond the allowed limit. Extra nights in Islamabad or Skardu due to unforeseen circumstances.
- **4. Health and Emergency** – Costs for evacuation, rescue operations, or medical emergencies not covered by insurance. Medication and personal first-aid supplies.
- **5. Tips and Gratitude** – Tips for guides, porters, and support staff (at your discretion).
- **6. Miscellaneous** – Costs for personal equipment repairs or replacement during the expedition. Any expenses not mentioned in the inclusion list.
- **7. Flights & Travel** – International Airfare: Round-trip flight costs to and from Islamabad. Pakistan Entry Visa Fee: Visa fee for a 90-day stay in Pakistan.
- **8. Accommodation & Meals** – Meals in Cities: Lunch and dinner in Islamabad and Skardu, including early returns from the expedition. Extra Accommodation: Additional nights in Islamabad and Skardu due to early arrival, late departure, or unexpected return from the expedition.
- **9. Insurance & Personal Expenses** – Insurance Policy: Comprehensive insurance covering medical emergencies, high-altitude evacuation, trip cancellation, interruption, rescue, medical treatment, and repatriation (Mandatory). Personal Expenses: Costs for telephone calls, internet, toiletries, battery recharge, hot showers, laundry, and soft and alcoholic drinks during the trek and in Islamabad & Skardu.
- **10. Climbing & Personal Gear** – Personal Climbing Equipment: Personal clothing, bags, medical kit, and all personal trekking/climbing equipment. Toiletries: Soaps, shampoos, toilet paper, tissue paper, toothpaste, and other personal hygiene items.
- **11. Gratuities & Additional Costs** – Summit Bonus: Minimum \$2,000 USD for the climbing Sherpa. Tips for Staff: Minimum \$400 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
1-10	Phase 1: Arrival and Preparation (Days 1–10)	B/L/D	Hotel, Lodges, Tents	Day 1-2: Arrival in Islamabad, Pakistan; expedition briefing at Alpine Club of Pakistan. Day 3-4: Travel to Skardu by road or air (weather-dependent). Day 5-6: Preparation in Skardu – organize equipment and meet support teams. Day 7-10: Drive to Askole (starting point) and trek to Pajju Camp via Jhola.

Days	Program	Meals	Accommodation	Description
11-16	Phase 2: Trek to Base Camp (Days 11–16)	B/L/D	Hotel/Lodges/Tents	Day 11-15: Trek across the Baltoro Glacier with views of Masherbrum, Trango Towers, and Broad Peak. Day 16: Arrival at K2 Base Camp (5,150m), acclimatization begins.
17-45	Phase 3: Acclimatization and Climbing Rotations (Days 17–45)	B/L/D	Tents	Days 17-20: Rest and training at Base Camp, gear preparation. Days 21-45: Multiple rotations to higher camps (Camp 1 to Camp 4) to establish routes and acclimatize. Camp 1 (6,100m): Accessible via a steep climb on mixed rock and ice. Camp 2 (6,750m): Located above the Black Pyramid, requiring technical climbing. Camp 3 (7,200m): Situated on a steep ridge; climbers rest and acclimatize. Camp 4 (7,800m): High camp before summit push; accessed via the Bottleneck and serac overhang.
46-52	Phase 4: Summit Attempt (Days 46–52)	B/L/D	Tent	Day 46-48: Rest at Base Camp, monitoring weather for a summit window. Day 49-51: Summit push: Ascend to Camp 4 and attempt the summit during the night. Climb through the Bottleneck Couloir and traverse under the hanging seracs to reach the summit. Descend to Base Camp after the summit. Day 52: Contingency for weather delays or additional summit attempt.
53-60	Phase 5: Descent and Return (Days 53–60)	B/L/D	Lodges/Hotel	Day 53-55: Pack up Base Camp and trek back to Askole. Day 56-57: Return to Skardu and debrief. Day 58-60: Travel back to Islamabad; final expedition debrief and departure.

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