

Broad Peak 8047m

- **Spectacular mountain with stunning views of K2 & Masherbrum**
- **Multi-camp expedition style ascent of this superb peak by its West Ridge**



EXPEDITION OVERVIEW

Our First Expedition to Broad Peak was in 2004 when we were one of the few groups to reach the summit, in fact we were jointly first to reach the summit. This success adds to our previous successes on Everest and Cho Oyu.

The expedition is a non-guided, professionally-led expedition. We say non-guided because our leader and

guiding team working with you will not be able to protect your every move and you must therefore be prepared to move between camps unassisted. You will have a strong leader who has previous experience of climbing at high altitude together with the support of our high altitude porters, thus increasing your chance of success.

Participation Statement

Adventure Peaks recognises that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

Adventure Travel – Accuracy of Itinerary

Although it is our intention to operate this itinerary as printed, it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of flight schedules, climatic conditions, limitations of infrastructure or other operational factors. As a consequence, the order or location of overnight stops and the duration of the day may vary from those outlined. You should be aware that some events are beyond our control and we would ask for your patience.

ITINERARY

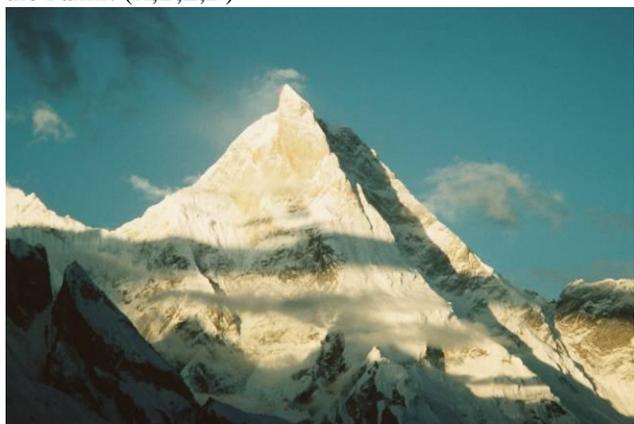
KEY to inclusions (H-hotel, T-teahouse/lodge, C-Camping, B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner/evening meal)

Day 1-2: International Flight. Arrive in Islamabad with time to relax and enjoy a well earned rest in our comfortable hotel with the option to take a swim in the hotel pool. Tour of the exciting bazaars of Rawalpindi where you will see much gold and silver jewellery, Kashmiri shawls and Bokarra carpets. (H, B)

Day 3: Final preparations in Islamabad. (H,B)

Day 4: Given good weather we fly to Skardu (perhaps the most spectacular commercial flight in the world) with magnificent views of Nanga Parbat the ninth highest mountain in the world. If the weather doesn't allow the flight we take the Karakoram Highway (the old silk route) which is just as spectacular. It's a long drive but one of the great journeys of the world between the deep gorges of the mighty Indus. Overnight hotel in Chilas (10-12 hour drive). (H,B,L,D)

Day 5: We complete our journey in around 8 hours passing Nanga Parbat and the stunning panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. You will look back in awe and reflect on what an amazing civil engineering achievement the Karakoram Highway must have been in its time. You will have crossed the point where four great continental plates come together forming four of the world's greatest mountain ranges (Himalaya, Karakoram, Hindukush and the Pamir). (H,B,L,D)



Day 6: Jeep to Askole 3300m the last village between us and K2 from where we begin our trek in the morning. (C,B,L,D)

Day 7: Trek to Jhola 3200m We set off early to avoid the heat of the day, an umbrella is also useful but the route is gentle and enjoyable. We cross the Biafo Glacier on the way and get our first sight of the Paiyu pinnacles. 5 hours. (C,B,L,D)

Day 8: Trek to Paiju 3450m If the river is sufficiently low we will edge our way round the base of the huge rock walls that guard the valley towards the Baltoro glacier. If not then a higher traverse will be taken before we regain the old river bed that leads to Paiju, our campsite for the next two nights. Despite the stories in old guide books and journals, much has been done in recent years to remove rubbish and human waste to leave an incredibly clean

environment with well managed camps. In fact they are some of the best we have seen. 8-9 hours. (C,B,L,D)

Day 9: Rest day at Paiju camp

A rest day to aid acclimatisation and an important resting point for porters to prepare their food for the high trek ahead. Normally there is much singing, drumming (or barrel bashing) and dancing amongst the porters with a real feel good atmosphere! We will get our first sights of the Trango and Cathedral Groups. (C,B,L,D)



Day 10: Trek to Khoburste 3930m A tough day of walking as we tackle the rocky moraines of the Baltoro Glacier. The sight of Paiyu Peak and the Trango Towers are truly astounding. 6 hours. (C,B,L,D)

Day 11: Trek to Urdukas 4130m Today you should get your first distant sight of Broad Peak and the Gasherbrums. The campsite is located on a grassy slope high above the Baltoro and commands one of the most intense mountain views in the world which is dominated by a nameless Tower, claimed to have the tallest granite wall in the world. 4hrs. (C,B,L,D)

Day 12: Trek to Goro 4350m Now we are in the heart of Concordia with only ice on which to place our tents. We are surrounded by views of the great peaks: Muztagh Tower, Gasherbrum 4 and the most spectacular of them all Masherbrum; guaranteed to take your breath away. If we are rewarded with a clear evening, nothing will have prepared you for the evening sunset and the red hue over Masherbrum, it will never be forgotten! 7-9hours

Day 13: Trek to Concordia 4650m If the mountains had been placed in order for this trek, today the finale would have won an Oscar. We move up to Concordia passing the Golden Throne and Mitre Peak as we enter the arena of the 8000m Peaks: first Broad Peak (8047m) followed by the Gasherbrums and finally K2. The sheer size and scale of the 8000 metre peaks defies description, but this is a very special place and for many the view is a lifetime goal. 8-10hrs. (C,B,L,D)

Day 14: The final day of our walk heads towards K2 beneath the bulk of Broad Peak. **Base Camp** will be established on the Godwin Austin glacier at c4900m. (C,B,L,D)



Day 17-39 Climbing Period. Our choice of route is the West Ridge first climbed by an Austrian team in 1957 and now classed the 'normal route' (C,B,L,D)

Day 40 ó 42 Descend to BC & Clear Mountain. (C,B,L,D)

Day 43 ó 46 Return to Skardu via Gondogoro La.

Day 47 ó 49 Return to Islamabad and International flight.

To Camp 1 (5400m) The route to Camp 1 will vary considerably as the season progresses, starting with deep snow and later turning to rock and ice as conditions warm up. Some fixed line will need to be established on exposed sections and to ease our regular movement up and down. Camp 1 is at 5400m in an exposed but wonderful location.



To Camp 2 (6250m)

The climbing up to camp 2 involves some of the steepest on the route a mixture of snow, ice and rocky steps. Again some fixed line will be put in place. Camp 2 is located on an excellent platform and offers stunning views down the Baltoro Glacier and across to K2.

To Camp 3 (7100m-7200m)

The climb to camp 3 follows mainly the crest of the ridge over mixed terrain at first, then a snow couloir, before regaining the ridge to the base of the summit slopes where camp 3 is established between 7100m and 7200m.

Depending on conditions we may establish a camp 4 to make a shorter summit day.

The Summit Day

From camp three the summit day normally takes around 12-14hrs for the return journey. The initial target is to gain the Col between the central and main summit with slopes varying from 30-50 degrees. Having gained the Col the summit ridge is quite long, never too steep but with some small rock pinnacles to be negotiated which we will aim to fix.



PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE/FITNESS

The most successful climbers tend to be those who have previously been successful on climbs to 7000m or above, are technically capable and have a good level of fitness. 8000m Peaks are an enormous undertaking with many obstacles but we believe our experience and infrastructure matched with your enthusiasm can help you achieve your dream.

You should have suitable experience to enable you to be relatively self-sufficient, capable and willing to move between camps unsupervised. Ideally you will have previous altitude experience to at least 6800m and be comfortable on Scottish grade II winter routes and European Alpine AD-

CATERING ARRANGEMENTS

Food on the trek and at Base Camp is excellent and designed to stimulate your appetite despite frequent altitude induced loss of appetite. Breakfast includes porridge and cereal followed by eggs (fried, boiled poached or omelettes) and either bread or chapattis with jam, honey, peanut butter etc. Lunch starts with juice and may include chips, rice, lentils, vegetables, salad, sandwiches, beans, tinned fish and tinned meat. Dessert is usually fresh/tinned fruit and tea. The evening meal always starts with soup (often with a healthy dose of garlic to aid acclimatisation) accompanied by poppadums, popcorn or prawn crackers. The main meal varies from local style ó Dal Bhat (rice and lentils with an onion and vegetable sauce), Yak stew, momos etc. to western style ó yak burgers, chips, pasta, even pizza! Desserts are equally appealing and include apple pie, cake, custard etc. You will not be hungry! Once on the mountain we use dehydrated meals supplemented by chocolate, muesli bars, cheese, nuts, salami, etc

MISSED INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

We allow one extra day in the itinerary for bad weather. If you are delayed longer (unusual) additional costs may be incurred. Adventure Peaks can obtain flights for you (at cost, plus small admin. charge) but if getting your own flights, make sure they are alterable and refundable, and only obtain them once the trip is viable.

ALTITUDE

Our itineraries generally allow sufficient time for your body to acclimatise. The best way to avoid any problems is to do everything slowly, walk at a gentle steady pace and drink plenty of fluid. Our leader will give an appropriate briefing on arrival in the destination country.

USEFUL TIPS

Just in case your main luggage goes missing en route, it is a good idea to wear your boots on the plane. Most other things can be replaced but comfortable, well worn-in boots are more difficult to replace easily.

BAGGAGE

For your own comfort travel light. Normally airlines restrict baggage to 20kg and the Lukla flight 15kg, but you will be wearing boots and one set of trekking clothes. Some items can be left at the hotel for your return. We provide you with an Adventure Peaks kit bag.

VISAS AND PERMITS

UK citizens and most EU nationals can purchase Visas on arrival. All other countries should check with their local embassy. Passports must be valid for at least six months after the end date of the trip.

INSURANCE

Insurance which covers mountain rescue, helicopter evacuation and medical expenses is **essential**. We will require a copy of your insurance prior to departure.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✚ All permits, charges, importation taxes and levies payable to the Government of Pakistan in connection with the expedition.
- ✚ All hotel and other accommodation up to and including two nights accommodation on our return to Islamabad.
- ✚ All tents, ropes and other communal equipment necessary for the climb.
- ✚ Medical safety equipment and supplies.
- ✚ Communication equipment (**each** member will have a radio on the hill).
- ✚ Satellite telephone and e-mail facilities, website, weather forecasts.
- ✚ All food, fuel and cooking equipment.
- ✚ All trucks, jeeps, porters, base camp workers.
- ✚ Base Camp services., cooks, cook boys, tents, seating etc.
- ✚ High Altitude Climbing Porter support on the mountain at a ratio of at least 1:2.

OXYGEN

For those who wish to use oxygen the additional cost would be in the region of £1200 depending on the system you choose. Please ask for full details



LOCAL COSTS

Most meals are inclusive, please see the key above. Individuals are responsible for drinks throughout and hotel meals which gives the flexibility to choose where you eat.

CURRENCY

Pakistan Rupees. UK Sterling, Euros and US Dollars can easily be changed in Islamabad. ATM (cash machines) are available in Islamabad but should not be relied upon.

TIPPING

Tipping is generally expected and part of everyday life. We generally tip our own local staff as a whole and would recommend around \$250 per person for this trip. It is also usual to put approximately 1000 rupees into the pot for the Puja or mountain blessing ó a very important part of Himalayan climbing.

