



YOUR JOURNEY TO THE NORTH

Machulo La K2 Viewpoint Trek

Climb above Machulo through summer pastures to a high viewpoint, with time for acclimatisation and a clear-weather chance to see K2.

Supported trek · 8 days · 2 traveller(s) · Skardu → Khaplu → Machulo → Skardu

Trip proposal · Subject to availability · Prepared 29 Oct 2026

Your package

A private journey quoted for your dates and group, with the services below confirmed in your written proposal.

Accommodation: Twin-sharing hotel/guesthouse nights in Skardu and Machulo; supported tents at the lower and upper pasture camps.

Transport: Skardu arrival transfer and return private-group road transfers to Machulo via Khaplu.

Meals: Hotel/guesthouse breakfasts and full board during the five walking/rest days in camp.

The journey, day by day

DAY 01

Arrive and prepare in Skardu

Meet the coordinator and discuss your recent altitude exposure, equipment and planned upper camps.

Overnight: Skardu hotel

Meals: Meals paid separately

Travel time: Arrival transfer

Walking time: Short optional walk

DAY 02

Skardu to Machulo

Travel via Khaplu to Machulo. Meet the local team and explore the village at a relaxed pace.

Overnight: Machulo guesthouse

Meals: Breakfast; other meals paid separately

Travel time: 4–6 hours with stops

Walking time: 1–2 hours, optional

DAY 03

Ascend to the lower pasture camp

Begin the uphill approach beside the valley watercourse. The guide chooses a suitable lower camp for the group.

Overnight: Lower pasture camp near Khadi Broq

Meals: Breakfast, packed/camp lunch and dinner

Walking time: 4–6 hours

DAY 04

Continue to Qouli Brangsa

Climb towards the higher grazing area with regular stops. Spend the afternoon resting rather than pushing on to the viewpoint.

Overnight: Qouli Brangsa area camp

Meals: Breakfast, packed/camp lunch and dinner

Walking time: 3–5 hours

DAY 05

Acclimatisation and rest

Keep this day for recovery and a short guide-led acclimatisation walk if appropriate. Review the next morning's conditions together.

Overnight: Qouli Brangsa area camp

Meals: Breakfast, packed/camp lunch and dinner

Walking time: Rest or 1–2 hour optional walk

DAY 06

Machulo La viewpoint and return

Leave early for the high viewpoint. Enjoy the panorama if skies clear and return to the established upper camp.

Overnight: Qouli Brangsa area camp

Meals: Breakfast, packed/camp lunch and dinner

Walking time: 6–9 hours; turnaround set by the guide

DAY 07

Descend to Machulo

Retrace the pasture trail to the village. Take care on loose downhill sections and enjoy a guesthouse night after camp.

Overnight: Machulo guesthouse

Meals: Breakfast, packed/camp lunch and dinner

Walking time: 5–7 hours

DAY 08

Return to Skardu

Drive back through Khaplu and finish with a Skardu hotel or city drop-off. Arrange your onward travel with room for delays.

Overnight: No overnight included

Meals: Breakfast

Travel time: 4–6 hours with stops

Weather, flight schedules and road conditions may change the route. Your local team will confirm the final arrangements.

Included in Supported trek

- Local trekking guide and route coordination for the agreed itinerary
- Twin-sharing hotel/guesthouse rooms and tents as described in the final proposal
- Camp crew, communal tents, sleeping mats and cooking equipment during camping nights
- Porters for communal equipment; personal baggage allowance specified in the written quote
- Meals listed for each day and treated or boiled drinking water during the trek
- Applicable route, campsite and park fees, itemised in the confirmed proposal
- Scheduled Skardu pickup and return transport to Machulo

Excluded / paid separately

- International travel and Pakistan visa fees
- Personal travel insurance, medical treatment and evacuation or rescue charges

- Personal clothing, boots, sleeping bag and other personal equipment
- Tips, personal purchases and drinks other than the stated drinking-water provision
- Single room/tent supplements, extra portorage and activities outside the agreed itinerary
- Extra nights, changed tickets or transport caused by delays or an early return; terms agreed before booking
- Flights and transport to or from Skardu
- Town lunches/dinners and any accommodation after the final Skardu drop-off
- Peak climbs or extensions beyond the guided viewpoint route

Before you travel

Share your trekking experience, travel dates, arrival plans and dietary needs when requesting a quote.

Walking and driving times are approximate; allow for weather, trail changes and your group's pace.

Confirm your equipment, baggage allowance, guide arrangements and emergency communication plan in writing.

Private-group pricing, room/tent sharing and booking/cancellation terms are provided with your dated proposal.

Start/end: Skardu. The final day ends with a Skardu drop-off; a hotel night or airport departure the next day is separate.

K2 is a distant, weather-dependent view; this route does not reach K2 Base Camp.

Season & preparation

Suggested season: June–September; high ground subject to snow and weather

Difficulty: Strenuous

Guide & safety arrangements

This mountain route needs an assessment of fitness, previous experience and acclimatisation. The guide may shorten stages or turn back for conditions or traveller wellbeing. Arrange activity-specific insurance covering the planned altitude and evacuation. The final proposal must identify the guide, communication equipment and emergency arrangements; coordination does not include rescue costs. The viewpoint is approximately 5,000–5,200 m and the upper pasture camp around 4,150 m; published elevations vary. The lead guide must confirm the actual camp profile and any additional acclimatisation needed.

Weather & travel changes

Weather, landslides and road access can change the programme. Your coordinator will agree alternatives and the cost of additional nights or transport before travel. Keep onward connections flexible; reaching a named destination is subject to conditions. Clouds can hide K2 even when the trail is accessible. The viewpoint day may become a lower guided walk.

Packing checklist

- Broken-in trekking boots, suitable socks and comfortable camp footwear
- Warm layers, insulated jacket, waterproof shell, gloves and warm hat
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sun protection
- Daypack, reusable water bottles and headtorch with spare power

- Sleeping bag matched to the route and season; confirm rental availability before travel
- Personal medication, identification and offline copies of travel and insurance documents
- Trekking poles and personal toiletries; carry reusable items and pack out waste

Let's make this your journey

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