



## BROAD PEAK Private Expedition

### Expedition Notes

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**In the July to August Pakistan / Karakoram climbing season Adventure Consultants can organise a private expedition to the Baltoro Glacier region in the Karakorum mountains of Pakistan, with the objective of climbing Broad Peak (8047m), via the West Rib (normal route).**

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#### How the expedition will operate

We arrive in Islamabad and have a briefing with the Pakistan government's Ministry of Tourism who issue the climbing permits. We then fly to a mountain village called Skardu or if the weather is inclement we travel by road through the Indus gorge. Skardu is the parting point from civilisation, where we will be accommodated in a Hotel.



Jeeps take us to the road end at Askole, the last village in the valley. Askole is the beginning of the trek to base camp and each night we camp out as we travel up the valley with our Balti porters providing entertainment and colour to the otherwise stark and barren countryside. Our expedition cooks provide wholesome and high quality food along the trek and while at base camp. We will cook our own meals while on the mountain.

Our next camp is Paiju, the last campsite before the beginning of the Baltoro glacier then the route to Broad Peak follows the opposite (true left) side of the Baltoro, passing spectacular views of the Trango group, trekking for a further 6 days to reach the base camp.

The guides and Sherpa staff will co-ordinate all the movements of equipment and people up and down the mountain and are there to assist you to achieve your goal. The guides are very strong and experienced mountaineers and you will find that their years of experience can help to make an expedition a successful and enjoyable highlight in your climbing career. They will deal with the logistical aspects of the expedition and can help you develop your own expedition skills along the way. At the end of the trip the group retraces its steps to Islamabad.

## THE CLIMB - Broad Peak (8047m)

Named for the immense bulk of the peak, Broad Peak (local name Falchen Kangri) stands omnipotent.

The climbing will not be especially steep but the remoteness of the setting will make this an especially rewarding experience. Whether this is your first 8000m peak or your third, the nature of climbing in this region will have it's own unique flavour.

We are climbing primarily without bottled oxygen to follow the worldwide trend towards climbing without clutter or waste although we will have oxygen for medical and emergency use. We can arrange for oxygen use for those who prefer this option.

We establish our BC and spend a day of rest, acclimatisation and sorting equipment. We will be establishing three camps on the mountain making our summit bid towards the end of July, this being the more stable weather period in the region.

Climbers will be expected to carry only their personal equipment as we are employing our strongest Sherpa friends from Nepal to assist with the load carrying to establish camps.

The route involves climbing through a rock gully to Camp I (6000m) then by following a large snow face we reach CII at around 6500m. A final camp is placed at 7200m from where we make the summit bid.

Fixed ropes protect the steeper sections of the route, which are mostly lower on the climb.

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## How to prepare for high altitude climbing

The best approach to attaining good skills at high altitude is going there. When a climber is technically proficient at lower altitudes he or she can then go on forays to higher altitudes. The reality is that you must be in very good shape to go to very high altitudes and no amount of our organisation will substitute for climbers who are unprepared.

Climbers contemplating this climb should have a strong background in mountaineering skills and have experienced altitude above 5,500m prior to this expedition. Commonly climbers will have previously climbed Denali, Aconcagua or the various Mexican volcanoes or even other 8000m peaks as training for this climb.

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## Travelling in Pakistan

Pakistan is not as easy a place to travel as Nepal or other 'touristy' parts of Asia and it is not unusual to have hassles of some sort along the way, be it from government level down to individuals along the way. Whilst this can seem frustrating it is what provides the essence of feeling that one is indeed amongst a people who are virtually unchanged by modernisation and providing an insight into the lives of these ancient peoples. Adventure Consultants staff and our agency in Pakistan will be doing all in our control to avoid and alleviate any potential problems and we suggest bringing along a degree of understanding and patience.

## Itinerary

### 27 June to 11 August (46 days)

Day	Date	
1	27 June	Arrive Islamabad
2	28	Briefing MOT & preparation
3	29	Fly to Skardu
4	30	Arrange porters and provisions
5	July 1	Drive to Askole
6-12	2 - 8	Trek to base camp
13-37	July 9 to 1 August	Climbing Broad Peak
38-44	2 to 8 August	Walk / travel to Islamabad
45	10 August	Expedition debriefing at MOT
46	11 August	Expedition finishes, depart Islamabad

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## The Expedition Fee

**A sample cost of an expedition to climb Broad Peak ex Islamabad is US\$19,000 per person, for 4 people.**

**Please contact our office for a quote for your group.**

These are inclusive costs and cover the following:

- Pakistani government royalty fees
- All expedition organisational requirements
- All climbing and trekking permits
- Land transport in Pakistan
- All team equipment & emergency oxygen
- All expedition staff and Sherpa support
- All food after departing Islamabad and before arriving back in Islamabad
- All supplies necessary to make a safe and strong bid for the summit

The expedition fee **does not** include the following:

- Air travel to and from Pakistan
  - Hotel and Meals in Islamabad
  - Entry visa Pakistan (suggest getting 60 day multiple entry into Pakistan before arriving in Islamabad)
  - Personal clothing and equipment
  - Personal insurance including medical evacuation/rescue insurance
  - Any costs associated with early departure from the expedition
  - Climbing oxygen
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## Deposit

A **non-refundable deposit of US \$ 2,000** is payable to secure a place on the Broad Peak climb.

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## Balance

The balance of funds is payable by **26 March**.

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## Payments

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following bank and account:

**Bank of New Zealand  
Offshore Branch  
Wellington  
New Zealand**

for the account of

**Adventure Consultants Limited**  
Account # **1000-594771-0000**  
Swift Address: **BKNZ22**

The corresponding USA bank of the Bank of New Zealand is **Citibank**.

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## Cancellation & Refund Policy

An expedition member may cancel his/her participation on the following basis:

- A Prior to 27 April, a refund of 50% of the 27 March payment.
- B After 27 April there will be no refunds.

*Team members should take out private insurance if they wish to be covered against cancellation due to medical or personal reasons. This is called Trip cancellation insurance and can usually be obtained through your normal travel agent.*

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## Team Membership

The team can have a **maximum size of 12 members and 3 guides**. The base camp will be staffed by a Pakistani cook and helper. A team of climbing Sherpas will carry loads and help support the summit climb.

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## Food

Food will be of the highest standard possible, given the remoteness of the situation. Please inform us if you have any special dietary requirements.

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## Marketing

While the official name of the expedition will remain the “Adventure Consultants Broad Peak Private Expedition”, you can for personal marketing purposes use another name if it will assist you in any way. You will also be completely free to enter into personal agreements with sponsors or supporters if you wish.

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## Equipment List

Expedition members will be sent a list detailing all necessary clothing and equipment to be individually provided.

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## Medical Examination

Expedition members will be provided with a medical questionnaire and asked to visit their family physician to receive a full medical examination. This information will be sighted only by the expedition doctor and treated with full confidentiality. Advice on immunisations will be provided at this time.

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## Documentation and Photographs

Expedition members will need to provide 6 passport-photographs for various climbing and trekking permits and a photocopy of their passport bio-data page.

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## How to join this expedition

If you would like to join the expedition please request an Expedition Application Form and forward along with your climbing résumé and the deposit.

If you require more information or would like a quote for your team size please contact us at:

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