



## GREAT TRANGO

## PRIVATE EXPEDITION

### Expedition Notes

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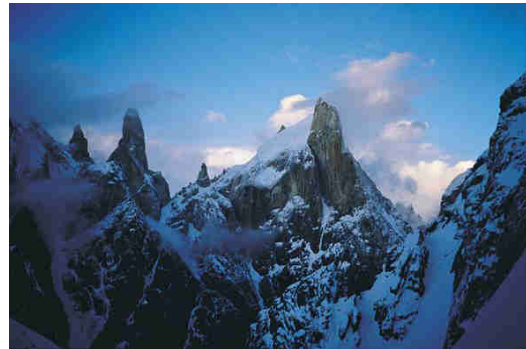
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In June/ July Adventure Consultants is running a private expedition to Pakistan's Baltoro Glacier region in the Karakoram mountains of Pakistan, with the objective of climbing Great Trango (6286m) via the straightforward North West Ridge.

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#### How the expedition will operate

Upon arrival in Islamabad we have a briefing with the Pakistani 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 final camp before Great Trango is Paiju, the last campsite before the beginning of the Baltoro glacier. It is a day's walk from here to Great Trango base camp, which is at 4100m on the Trango Glacier. Here we rest up and prepare our equipment and provisions for a day before tackling the mountain itself.

The guides and Pakistani 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.

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## THE CLIMB

### Great Trango ( 6286m)

Great Trango is in one of the most spectacular mountain regions on earth with rock walls soaring seemingly endlessly upwards. The well-known rock spire, Trango Tower, is on the same ridgeline as we are taking to Great Trango's summit and our route passes directly beneath Trango's needle like structure.

Great Trango looks almost unclimbable from the Baltoro glacier but a route of only moderate difficulty exists by following an approach gully to Trango's base, then by following the NW ridge we gain the summit snow plateau and the summit. Great Trango was the scene of the remarkable Base Jump completed in the 'Base Climb' video and our route of ascent is the same as the climbers in the film took to begin their incredible leap. We will, however, be taking a more subdued approach to descending by reversing our ascent route!

The climbing consists of a 500m climb to camp one via a large gully leading to a huge boulder, which protects the campsite from any rock fall. The next stage is a climb up moderate snow and rock slopes crossing beneath Trango Tower and along to meet the NW ridge and the site of camp two. There can be no more spectacular and picturesque campsite in any mountain range than this one. Rock towers soar all around and the peaks of the upper Baltoro valley will come into view. The summit day from here follows a knife-edge ridge to a small ice cliff, which leads us onto the summit snowfields and a few hours later the summit itself.

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### The other members on this expedition

As this expedition is run as a private expedition the other members of the expedition will be those of your group. Ideally they will be those with a desire to see incredible mountain scenery whilst covering semi-technical ground. Most commonly, climbers on this mountain will have completed some semi-technical climbing up to grade 5.8 on rock and be comfortable in an alpine environment.

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### Preparing 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.

Great Trango is achievable for almost all climbers who are cardiovascular fit as the summit is not so high that a sensible acclimatisation programme won't eliminate most problems. Climbers should feel little affect from the altitude by the time we make our summit attempt.

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## Travelling in Pakistan

Pakistan is an Islamic country with some customs, which are unfamiliar to westerners. Adventure Consultants staff and our agency in Pakistan are there to help you understand and appreciate the unique culture in this country. Our experience in Pakistan over the years has enabled us to provide a clean and efficient transition in and out of these mighty peaks.

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## Itinerary

**Exact dates to be confirmed in – suggested itinerary is;**

June 7	Arrival in Islamabad - group briefing
8	Briefing with M.O.T
9-10	Drive Islamabad to Skardu - 24 hrs
11	Hire Porters in Skardu
12	Travel to Askole
13	Trek
14	Trek to Paiju
15	Trek to Great Trango BC
16	Spare day
17	Camp day and gear preparation
18	Carry to Camp 1
19	Carry to Camp 1 and stay
20	Carry to C2 & return to BC
21	Rest
22	To C1
23	To C2
24	To Summit and back to C2
25	To BC
26 – 28	Spare days
29	Equipment sort out
30	Depart BC for Paiju
1 July	Paiju to Askole
2	Askole to Skardu
3	Skardu to Islamabad
4 July	Trip completion

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## The Expedition Fee

**The cost of the expedition ex Islamabad is US\$12,000 per person based on a group of 6 team members.**

This is an inclusive cost and covers 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, including 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
  - Meals and Hotel in Islamabad
  - Entry visa Pakistan (suggest getting 60 day visa for Pakistan before arriving in Islamabad, usually allow one month)
  - Personal clothing and equipment
  - Personal/ Trip Cancellation/ Medical Evacuation insurance
  - Alcoholic beverages
  - Any rescue costs, team members should
  - obtain personal rescue insurance
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### Deposit

**A non-refundable deposit of US\$2,000** each is payable to secure the expedition.

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### Balance

The balance of funds is payable by **7 April**.

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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**

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### Cancellation & Refund Policy

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

- A Prior to 7 May a refund of 50% of the 7 April payment.
- B After 7 May 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 and can be obtained through your normal travel agent.*

## Team Membership

The team will have a **minimum size of 6 members and 2 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’ Great Trango 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 and receive a full medical examination. This information will be sighted only by our medical adviser 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 copy of their passport bio-data page.

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## The advantages of climbing with us

Adventure Consultants is renowned for the quality of its service and strategy applied to high altitude expedition climbing. Our reputation is attributed to meticulous planning and experienced logistics coordination. We have a philosophy of investing in every expedition to offer our climbers the best possible chance of success.

We employ strong and specialised Expedition leaders and Sherpa staff, who are some of the most pre-eminent in the industry. We pride ourselves on operating with small teams, the best back-up and support available. This includes nutritious and ample quantities of food, comfortable base camp facilities, reliable communications systems and the necessary medical back up.

Many of our expedition members come to us because they have seen us in action on a previous trip and decide to opt for our level of service and proven experience. Others return because they know we do our very best to make expeditions safe and successful.

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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.

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If you require more information please contact us at:

**Adventure Consultants Ltd**

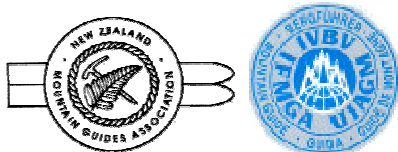
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