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## 6 DAY NALTAR TO ISHKOMAN TREK NEAR GILGIT-MODERATE

Naltar to Ishkoman (Pakora) Trek is a beautiful short trek. Although not high by the Karakorum standard yet there are dozens of peaks that exceed 5000 meters. In contrast to arid Karakoram, Naltar area gets rainfall and snow in winters therefore it serves as the largest ski resort of the country. On this trek enjoy alpine meadows, a small glacier (as compared to the Karakoram mountain standards), a not so high pass and incredible mountain scenery.

**Day 01 Trek from Upper Naltar to Naltar Lake (3270 m) 11.2 km/4-5 hours:** Leave Gilgit early by road for Naltar. At Nomal, cross the river and drive up the Naltar Gorge from where we start our trek. A jeep road exists between Upper Naltar and Naltar Lake, but we walk basically for acclimatization, past "Bangla" where the British held their summer office in Naltar. After crossing a small lake and passing some shepherd huts, arrive at the Naltar Lake campsite.

**Day 02: Trek from Naltar Lake to Lower Shani (3690 m) 9.5 km/3-4 hours/420 m ascent:** Start the day by skirting the Naltar Lake, crossing a low rise where two more lakes come into view, before skirting the terminus of Shani Glacier and reaching the Lower Shani campsite. On the way we get the first glimpses of Mehrbani (5639m) Snow Dome (5029m) and Chaprot Glacier.

Day 03 Trek Lower Shani to Pakora High Camp (4230m) 2-3 hours/4.4km/540 m ascent: Today climb up the moderate slopes to arrive at a set of huts at Upper Shani. Following a large clear water stream we arrive at Pakora High Camp marked by a few stone shelters. The views of Naltar Mountains and glaciers will enthrall you. Overnight at camp

**Day 04 Trek High Camp to Jut/Utz (3390m)/4-5 hours/12.2 km/480m ascent/1320m descent:** After breakfast continue the ascent across some crevassed snowfields to Pakora Pass (4710m). North of the pass is impressive Sentinal Peak (5260m). Descend across the glacier following an obvious trail. The route goes through dense juniper, birch and pine trees until the camp at the forested plateau of Jut.

**Day 05 Trek from Jut to Pakora (2220m) 4-5 hours/9.7 km/1170 m descent:** The descent from Jut to Pakora gets progressively steeper as the canyon narrows. As we descend further down the trail becomes a wide donkey track that runs quite high above the raging Pakora River before reaching the cultivated fields of Pakora Village. Overnight at camp.

**Day 06 Drive from Pakora to Gilgit (2500m) 5-6 hours:** Today bid farewell to our camp staff and drive towards Gilgit. Initially we follow the Ishkoman River that separates the Karakoram Mountains from the ones of the Hindukush. At Gahkuch we join the beautiful Ghizar Valley and follow the Ghizar River towards Gilgit Town, where we will transfer you to your hotel.

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