



**GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN**  
**GILGIT-BALTISTAN SECRETARIAT**  
Tourism, Sports, Culture, Archaeology & Museums Department  
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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

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1	What is Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Gilgit-Baltistan is a mountainous region in northern Pakistan, bordered by Afghanistan to the north, China to the northeast, and India to the southeast. In an area of 500 km wide and 350 km deep, is found to be the most lucrative collection of some of the highest peaks in the world. It has over 700 peaks above 6000 meters and more than 108 peaks above 7000 meters including five of the highest peaks in the world. It is the paradise for the adventurers and nature lovers. It is the tourism capital of Pakistan.
2	What are the popular tourist attractions in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Some of the popular tourist attractions in Gilgit-Baltistan are Gilgit, Kargah Budha Gilgit, Hunza Valley, Kachura Skardu, Sadpara Skardu, Naltar Valley and Rama Lake, Naltar lakes, Deosai National Park, Shigar Valley, Fairy Meadows Diامر, Khunjerab Pass, Rakaposhi Nagar, Pissan Nagar, Attaabad lake, Shimshal Valley Gojal, Hunza, Khalti Lake Ghizer, Phander Lake Ghizer, Ishkoman Valley, Shandur Pass Ghizer and K2 Base Camp, Shigar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Link: <a href="https://visitgilgitbaltistan.gov.pk">https://visitgilgitbaltistan.gov.pk</a></li></ul>
3	What is the best time to visit Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	The best time to visit Gilgit-Baltistan is from April to October, as the weather is mild and suitable for outdoor activities. Gilgit-Baltistan is now four ways linked through KKH and Babusar Pass at the entrance of Diامر, through Shandur Pass in Ghizer, through Khunjerab Pass in Hunza and by Air via Gilgit Airport and Skardu International Airport with rest of the country and access is open round the year. For details of activities and festivities across GB, please visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Link: <a href="https://visitgilgitbaltistan.gov.pk">https://visitgilgitbaltistan.gov.pk</a></li></ul>
4	What are the accommodation options in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	There are various accommodation options in Gilgit-Baltistan, ranging from budget guesthouses to luxury hotels. Some of the popular options include Serena Hotels Gilgit, Shangrila Resort Skardu, Hunza Embassy Hotel, and Baltit Heritage Inn. Further details on accommodation options can be found at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Link: <a href="https://www.booking.com">https://www.booking.com</a></li></ul>
5	How can I travel to Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Gilgit-Baltistan? Gilgit-Baltistan is accessible by air and by road. The region has two airports: Gilgit Airport and Skardu International Airport. Alternatively, you can take a bus or hire a private car to reach Gilgit-Baltistan from major cities like Islamabad or Lahore. There are various private companies and Northern Areas Transport Corporation (NATCO) running daily buses from Rawalpindi and Islamabad to Gilgit and other

		districts of Gilgit-Baltistan. One can also visit GB in personal transport via KKH, Babusar Pass & Shandur Pass.
6	How to connect with Tourist Police? (Tourism)	Dial 1422 to directly talk to tourist police within the jurisdiction of GB and 05811-930055 outside GB for any kind of help and facilitation.
7	What are the popular outdoor activities in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Gilgit-Baltistan is known for its scenic beauty and offers various outdoor activities like trekking, mountaineering, rock climbing, white-water rafting, and paragliding, Skiing, ski traversing, ice skating etc.
8	What should I pack for my trip to Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	You should pack warm clothes, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, and a first-aid kit. It is also advisable to carry a water bottle and some energy bars.
9	Is it safe to travel to Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Gilgit-Baltistan is considered a safe destination for tourists. However, it is recommended to check the travel advisories and take necessary precautions while traveling. It is also advisable to hire a local guide or join a reputable tour operator for a hassle-free experience.
10	What is the local currency in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	The local currency in Gilgit-Baltistan is Pakistani Rupee (PKR). It is recommended to carry cash as credit cards are not widely accepted in the region.
11	What are the local customs and traditions in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Culture)	Gilgit-Baltistan is a culturally diverse region, and the locals follow various customs and traditions. It is advisable to respect the local culture and dress modestly. It is also customary to remove shoes before entering a mosque or a local house in GB.
12	Are there any regulations for tourism in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	<p>Yes, the Gilgit-Baltistan Government has implemented several regulations to ensure the safety and security of tourists, as well as the preservation of the region's natural and cultural heritage. The following regulations are in place in GB to regulate the sector:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GB Hotel &amp; Restaurant Act, 2020</li> <li>2. GB Tour Guides Act, 2020</li> <li>3. GB Travel Agencies &amp; Tour Operators, Act 2020</li> </ol> <p>The rules against these acts are in process. Recently, the Directorate of Tourism GB has been given the mandate to function as the Directorate of Tourist Services GB in the light of above mentioned Acts and Rules.</p>
13	How to apply for trekking & expedition permits in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	<p>In order to apply for Mountaineering and Trekking Permit, follow the below mentioned steps.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submission of online application for Trekking /Mountaineering application</li> <li>2. Submission of Royalty and Environment fee</li> <li>3. Submission of insurance</li> </ol> <p>Before submission of application, ensure the following documents</p>

- Application from tour operator on their letterhead
- Route map of proposed peak/trek
- Passport copies of members of the expedition
- Visa application form (duly filled) of foreign trekkers
- Occupation of trekking members
- Copy of license of tour operator company
- Copy of Paid Trekking Fee Receipt
- Copy of Waste Management Fee Receipt

Dear Applicant, this document is relevant to you if visa has been granted against your application.

The Royalty Fee for Mountaineering and Trekking is to be deposited, after receipt of Pakistan Visa against your application; The fee has to be paid in Pakistan as per the details given below:

The Royalty Fee will differ in accordance with your travel details. Please carefully read the following guidelines to determine the Royalty Fee you are required to pay:-

#### **MOUNTAIN ROYALTY FEE**

S.No.	Height of Mountain	Full team of Seven Members	Each Additional Member
1.	K-2-8611m	\$12,000	\$3,000
2.	8001-8500m	\$9,500	\$3,000
3.	7501-8000m	\$4,000	\$1,000
4.	7001-7500m	\$2,500	\$500
5.	6501-7000m	\$1,500	\$300

#### **CKNP WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE**

S. No.	Trekking Fee
1.	\$ 200 P/Person for Restricted Zone
2.	\$100 P/Person for Open Zone

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS:-**

1. Additional fee will be charged if the party applies for more than one Peak.
2. A party shall not exceed more than 07 members and maximum will be 15 members in case of additional members.
3. A permit shall be issued for a party for one Peak only. After completion of their mission, another permit shall be issued.
4. A defense Liaison Officer shall be detailed with each party/each permit. (Not more than 07 members and maximum 15 members in case of additional members).

#### **TREKKING FEE**

Trekking fee for Treks in Gilgit-Baltistan will be charged as following for the period of one month.

S. No.	Trekking Fee
1.	\$ 50P/Person

#### **CKNP WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE**

S. No.	Trekking Fee
1.	\$ 150 P/Person for Restricted Zone

#### **PAYMENT DETAILS:**

Account Title: Gilgit-Baltistan Adventure Fee  
 Account No. 20010223793  
 Bank: Soneri Bank Gilgit

		<p><b><u>CKNP WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE</u></b></p> <p>Account Title: CKNP Waste Management Fee  Account No. 6-02-86-20311-714-104814  Bank: Habib Metropolitan Jutial Gilgit</p>
14	What are the regulations for trekking and mountaineering in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	All trekking and mountaineering activities in Gilgit-Baltistan must be registered with the tourism department, and tourists are required to obtain a permit before embarking on these activities in restricted areas. It is also mandatory to hire a licensed guide and porter for trekking and mountaineering in restricted areas. For further details, please contact Mr. Sajid Hussain, Deputy Director Facilitation and Coordination, Directorate of Tourists Services, Evacuee Trust Islamabad at <b>051-2726976</b> .
15	Are there any restrictions on photography in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Yes, photography is strictly prohibited in restricted areas i.e. 5 miles along Line of Control and 10 miles along Wahkhan corridor of Gilgit-Baltistan as well as military installations and sensitive border areas. Tourists are advised to seek permission before taking photographs in these areas.
16	What are the regulations for camping in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Camping is allowed in designated camping areas in Gilgit-Baltistan, and tourists are required to obtain a permit from the tourism department before setting up their tents. It is also mandatory to adhere to the <b>Leave No Trace</b> principles and to properly dispose of the waste.
17	Are there any regulations for visiting cultural sites in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Yes, tourists are required to respect the local customs and traditions when visiting cultural sites in Gilgit-Baltistan. It is also advisable to hire a local guide to learn more about the history and significance of these sites.
18	What are the regulations for wildlife viewing in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Wildlife viewing is allowed in designated areas in Gilgit-Baltistan, and tourists are required to obtain a permit from the wildlife department before embarking on these activities. It is also mandatory to follow the guidelines provided by the department and to respect the wildlife and its habitat.
19	Are there any regulations for water sports in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Yes, water sports like white-water rafting and kayaking are regulated by the tourism department in Gilgit-Baltistan. Tourists are required to hire licensed guides and to follow the safety guidelines provided by the department.
20	What are the regulations for visiting national parks in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Visitors visiting national parks in Gilgit-Baltistan are required to obtain a permit from the wildlife department before entering the park. It is also mandatory to adhere to the rules and regulations set by the department, such as not littering and not disturbing the wildlife.
21	Are there any regulations for homestays in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Yes, homestays in Gilgit-Baltistan are regulated by the tourism department, and homeowners are required to obtain a license before offering their homes as accommodation to tourists. It is also mandatory to adhere to the guidelines provided by the

		department, such as ensuring the safety and comfort of guests.
22	What are the regulations for hotels and guesthouses in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Hotels and guesthouses in Gilgit-Baltistan are required to obtain a license from the tourism department and to comply with safety and hygiene standards set by the department. The department also conducts regular inspections to ensure compliance.
23	Are there any regulations for Restaurants in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Yes, restaurants in Gilgit-Baltistan are required to obtain a license from the local government and to comply with food safety regulations. The local government also conducts regular inspections to ensure compliance.
24	What are the regulations for tour operators in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Tour operators in Gilgit-Baltistan are required to obtain a license from the tourism department and to comply with safety standards set by the department. They must also provide trained and licensed guides and follow the guidelines provided by the department.
25	How to hire a Tour Operator? (Tourism)	The list of tour operators registered with DTS, Islamabad is displayed at the website of National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) and Department of Tourist Services, Islamabad (DTS) from where registered tour operators can be hired. The tour operator provides porters, guides etc. for the trekking or expedition activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link: <a href="https://visa.nadra.gov.pk/list-of-tour-operators/">https://visa.nadra.gov.pk/list-of-tour-operators/</a></li> </ul>
26	Are there any regulations for tour guides in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Yes, tour guides in Gilgit-Baltistan are required to obtain a license from the tourism department and to comply with safety standards set by the department. They must also possess knowledge about the history, culture, and geography of the region and provide accurate and authentic information to tourists.
27	What are the regulations for adventure sports operators in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Adventure sports operators in Gilgit-Baltistan are required to obtain a license from the Tourism Department and to comply with safety standards set by the department. They must also provide trained and licensed guides, use quality equipment, and follow the guidelines provided by the department.
28	Are there any regulations for taxi and transport services in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Yes, taxi and transport services in Gilgit-Baltistan are required to obtain a license from the local government and to comply with safety standards set by the department. The drivers must also possess a valid driving license and follow traffic rules and regulations.
29	What are the regulations for hiring porters and mules in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Tourism)	Hiring porters and mules for trekking and mountaineering activities in Gilgit-Baltistan is regulated by the tourism department. Tourists are required to hire licensed porters and mule owners and to comply with the guidelines provided by the department, such as not overloading the animals and providing

		them with adequate food and water.
30	How to register oneself as a tour guide? (Tourism)	Recently, the Directorate of Tourism has been given the mandate to function as the Directorate of Tourist Services to regulate the sector. Rules are in process of approval from the GB Cabinet. After their approval, the department will start registering tour guides, probably within few months.
31	How to Invest in GB? (Tourism)	The Government of GB has established Public Private Partnership Authority within Planning and Development Department GB to facilitate investors through one window operation. Please contact <b>05811-920214</b> for more information.
32	What are the Potential Investments in Tourism Sector? (Tourism)	Potential Investments in Tourism Sector are Ski Resorts, Cable Cars, Camping Pods, Hotels & Restaurants, Picnic Points etc. across GB.
33	How to register a hotel? (Tourism)	Recently, the Directorate of Tourism has been given the mandate to function as the Directorate of Tourist Services to regulate the sector. Rules are in process of approval from the GB Cabinet. After their approval, the department will start registering hotels, probably within few months. However, to facilitate investors, the department has started issuing provisional licenses on certain terms & conditions.
34	How to apply for NOC to conduct Archaeological Survey at Archaeological Sites in Gilgit-Baltistan? (Archaeology)	<p>In order to apply for NOC to conduct Archaeological Survey at Archaeological Sites in Gilgit-Baltistan, please follow the below mentioned steps:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit application along with Resume/CV to Director Archaeology &amp; Museums Gilgit-Baltistan.</li> <li>• Submit NOC Fee amounting to Rs.10,000/- (non-refundable) in form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Director Archaeology and Museums Gilgit-Baltistan.</li> </ul> <p>Once all the documents are ready, visit the Directorate of Archaeology &amp; Museums, Near Supreme Appellate Court Jutial Gilgit to submit application alongwith requisite documents.</p>