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EVENT CALENDAR 2023

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TAJIKISTAN

CHINA

AFGHANISTAN



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1422 TOURIST POLICE 24/7

COVERING AREA
72,971 sq km



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COMMUNITY BASED EVENTS/ FESTIVALS



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"Joshane-Nouroz" is a joyous celebration of the New Year, Nouroz. This vibrant festival symbolizes the arrival of spring and the renewal of life. Colorful traditions, delicious feasts, and spirited dancing unite families and communities in the spirit of hope and new beginnings.



WHEN
March



WHERE
Skardu



Joshane-Nouroz





WHEN
March



WHERE
Skardu



Joshan-e-Nouroz

CULTURAL SHOW | MUSHARIA |
PHOTO COMPETITION



GETTING THERE
3:30 Hours from the capital Gilgit



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WHEN

April



WHERE

Yasin, Ghazir



Jashan-e-Tukham Raizi

SEED SOWING CEREMONY | POLO |
HAYMAS | TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES



GETTING THERE

3:00 Hours from the capital Gilgit



Jashan-e-Tukham Raizi is a traditional festival celebrating the seed sowing ceremony, symbolizing agricultural prosperity and growth. The event is filled with joyous gatherings, lively Polo matches, Haymas (festive dances), and captivating traditional performances that showcase the rich cultural heritage of Ghazir.

“Ginani” is a vibrant festival celebrated in the Hunza and Nagar regions, marking the Harvesting Ceremony with gratitude and joy. The festivities feature the delightful taste of traditional food and captivating traditional performances that reflect the cultural richness and unity of the local communities.



WHEN
June

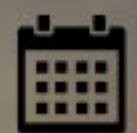


WHERE
Hunza & Nagar



Ginani Festival





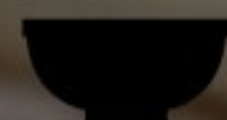
WHEN

June



WHERE

Hunza & Nagar



Ginani Festival

**HARVESTING CEREMONY | TRADITIONAL
FOOD | TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES**



GETTING THERE

2 Hours from the capital Gilgit



"Baba Ghundi Mela" in Chipursan, Hunza, is a revered festival where devotees offer flower wreaths at the shrine of Sufi saint Baba Ghundi, seeking blessings and spiritual solace. The celebration is a delightful blend of traditional food, mesmerizing performances, and exhilarating Polo matches that bring the community together in joyful harmony.



WHEN
June



WHERE
Chipursan Hunza



Baba Ghundi Mela





WHEN
June



WHERE
Chipursan Hunza



Baba Ghundi Mela

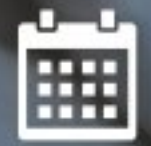
FLOWER WREATH AT SHRINE | TRADITIONAL
FOOD | TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES | POLO



GETTING THERE
8 Hours from the capital Gilgit



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WHEN
27th Sep



WHERE
Gilgit



World Tourism Day

On "World Tourism Day" celebrated in Gilgit, the occasion is marked with an awareness walk, promoting the significance of responsible and sustainable tourism. The day also includes a seminar focused on the global theme of tourism, fostering discussions and ideas to further enhance the region's travel and hospitality sector.





WHEN
27th Sep



WHERE
Gilgit



World Tourism Day

**AWARENESS WALK | SEMINAR ON THE WORLD
TOURISM THEME**



GETTING THERE

50 minutes flight from the capital Islamabad





WHEN

10-11 Dec



WHERE

KIU Gilgit



Baam-e-Duniya Film Festival



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WHEN

10-11 Dec



WHERE

KIU Gilgit



Baam-e-Duniya Film Festival

CELEBRATING MOUNTAIN DAY | FILM SCREENING
ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION



GETTING THERE

50 minutes flight from the capital Islamabad



The "Baam-e-Duniya Film Festival" is a captivating celebration of Mountain Day, showcasing a diverse array of films that capture the beauty, challenges, and unique culture of mountainous regions. Alongside the film screenings, the festival features an arts and crafts exhibition, providing a platform for local artisans to display their traditional creations, fostering appreciation for mountain heritage and creativity.

The "Shaman Festival" in Bagrote is a vibrant commemoration of International Mountain Day on 11th December, where the local community celebrates with mesmerizing Shaman dances, invoking ancient spiritual connections with the mountains. The festival also delights in the traditional Shaap (heated stone bath) experience and indulges in the flavors of authentic local cuisine, fostering a strong sense of mountain culture and heritage.



WHEN
December



WHERE
Bagrote Gilgit



Shaman Festival



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WHEN
December



WHERE
Bagrote Gilgit



Shaman Festival

SHAMAN DANCE | TRADITIONAL SHAAP
TRADITIONAL FOOD



GETTING THERE
35 minutes from the capital Gilgit



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WHEN

21 December



WHERE

Shigar and Kharmang



Jashan-e-Mayfang



"Jashan-e-Mayfang" captivates with cultural dress demonstrations, showcasing the rich diversity of traditional attire, symbolizing unity and heritage. The festivities feature a mesmerizing Juniper fire and a vibrant balloons show, igniting joy and excitement, creating a truly enchanting celebration of cultural pride and togetherness.



WHEN

21 December



WHERE

Shigar and Kharmang



Jashan-e-Mayfang

CULTURAL DRESS DEMONSTRATION | JUNIPER FIRE |
BALLOONS SHOW



GETTING THERE

2:30 Hours from the capital Gilgit





WHEN

July



WHERE

Roundu, Baltistan



Dunsa Festival

POLO | CULTURE SHOW | TUG OF WAR



GETTING THERE

2:40 Hours from the capital Gilgit



The Dunsa Festival in Roundu, Baltistan, is a joyous celebration featuring thrilling Polo matches, showcasing the region's equestrian prowess. The festival also delights spectators with vibrant cultural shows, bringing together traditional music, dance, and rituals, culminating in an exhilarating Tug of War competition that reflects the spirit of unity and friendly rivalry.

REGIONAL EVENTS / FESTIVALS



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WHEN
January



WHERE
All Districts



ICE SKATING | ICE HOCKEY | CULTURAL
PERFORMANCES | TRADITIONAL GAMES



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Sevendays

WINTER FEAST

A mega winter festivity that allows you to experience the amazing winter wonders that are unparalleled this time. From winter athletics to ice sculpture exhibitions, you will be guaranteed to witness the ultimate winter adventure.



WHEN
March-April



WHERE
All Districts



Spring Blossom Festival / Jashn-e- Baharan





WHEN

March-April



WHERE

All Districts



Spring Blossom Festival/Jashn-e-Baharan

POLO | CULTURAL NIGHT | MUSICAL PERFORMANCES |
FOOD FESTIVAL | ROCK CLIMBING | MEENA BAZAAR |
ZAKH COMPETITION | MUSHAIRA



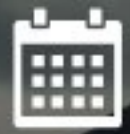
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50 minutes flight from the capital Islamabad



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"Spring Blossom Festival" or "Jashn-e-Baharan" comes alive with a delightful blend of activities, from thrilling Polo matches and rock climbing adventures to enchanting cultural nights filled with musical performances and Mushaira poetry sessions. The festival also entices taste buds with a vibrant food festival and offers a vibrant Meena Bazaar, showcasing local crafts and traditions, while the Zakha competition adds an exhilarating touch to the celebration.



WHEN
June



WHERE
Gilgit Hunza Nagar



Tour De Khunjerab

"Tour De Khunjerab" exhilarates with its thrilling five-stage cycle race, challenging participants amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Khunjerab. The festival also showcases a vibrant cultural night, where mesmerizing musical performances add a touch of rhythm and harmony, creating an unforgettable celebration of athleticism and cultural richness.





WHEN
June



WHERE
Gilgit Hunza Nagar



Tour De Khunjerab

5 STAGE CYCLE RACE | CULTURAL NIGHT | MUSICAL
PERFORMANCES



GETTING THERE

50 minutes flight from the capital Islamabad



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WHEN
Oct



WHERE
Shigar



Sarfaranga Cold Desert Rally

Sarfaranga



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WHEN
Oct



WHERE
Shigar



Sarfaranga Cold Desert Rally

JEEP RACE | MOTORCYCLE RACE | TRADITIONAL
PERFORMANCES | CULTURAL NIGHT SHOWS



GETTING THERE
20 minutes from the Skardu City



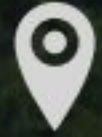
Sarfaranga

The "Sarfaranga Cold Desert Rally" enthralls spectators with adrenaline-pumping jeep and motorcycle races across the captivating cold desert terrain. The festival's cultural night shows further enchant attendees with captivating traditional performances, adding a touch of local heritage and spirit to the thrilling racing event.





WHEN
August



WHERE
Rama Astore



Rama Polo Tournament

POLO | CULTURAL NIGHT | MUSICAL PERFORMANCES |
FOOD FESTIVAL | SHAMAN DANCE



GETTING THERE
4 hours from the capital Gilgit



The "Rama Polo Tournament" brings the excitement of Polo matches, showcasing the region's equestrian prowess and competitive spirit. Alongside the sporting fervor, the festival offers an enchanting cultural night with soul-stirring musical performances, a delightful food festival, and mesmerizing Shaman dances, creating a harmonious celebration of both sportsmanship and cultural heritage.

NATIONAL EVENTS/ FESTIVALS



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GETTING THERE
Islamabad

GILGIT BALTISTAN FLOAT | CULTURAL
PERFORMANCE | PIPE BAND

The Gilgit Baltistan float on 23rd March in Islamabad beautifully showcases the region's rich culture, traditions, and natural beauty, captivating spectators with its vibrant colors and festive displays. The float serves as a proud representation of Gilgit Baltistan's unique identity and contribution to Pakistan's diversity and unity.



WHEN
23 March



WHERE
Islamabad



Gilgit Baltistan Float





GETTING THERE
08 hours from Gilgit City

**POLO TOURNAMENT | PARAGLIDING
TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES**

The Shandoor Polo Tournament, often referred to as the "highest polo ground on earth," is a thrilling and prestigious annual event that attracts players and spectators from all over, set amidst the breathtaking beauty of the Shandoor Pass in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan. The tournament celebrates the region's passion for polo, offering a unique and unforgettable experience for both sports enthusiasts and nature lovers alike.



WHEN
July



WHERE
Shandoor Top Ghazir



Shandoor Polo Tournament





GETTING THERE
Islamabad

PAVILION | CULTURAL EXHIBITION
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL DISPLAY | STALLS

Lok Virsa GB Pavilion is a vibrant showcase of Pakistan's diverse cultural heritage, offering a captivating cultural exhibition that highlights traditional arts, crafts, music, and dance. The Pavilion features various stalls with promotional materials that celebrate the country's rich cultural legacy, fostering appreciation and understanding of Pakistan's unique traditions and customs.



WHEN
October



WHERE
Lok Virsa



Lok Virsa Islamabad



INTERNATIONAL EXPOS / TOURISM SHOWS



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GETTING THERE
New York

GILGIT BALTISTAN PAVILIAN | CULTURAL
EXIBITION

The NYC Travel & Adventure Show's Gilgit Baltistan Pavilion offers an immersive cultural exhibition, inviting visitors to explore the rich heritage and beauty of the region. Through captivating displays and interactive experiences, the pavilion showcases the diverse traditions, landscapes, and adventure opportunities that make Gilgit Baltistan a must-visit destination for travelers and adventure enthusiasts.



WHEN
January



WHERE
New York



NYC Travel & Adventure Show



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GETTING THERE
www.berlin-airport.de

INVESTMENT CONFERENCE | DESTINATION
ATTRACTIONS

The “ITB Berlin” Germany Investment Conference provides a platform for key stakeholders in the travel industry to discuss investment opportunities and strategies for sustainable growth. At the event, various destination attractions are showcased, enticing international travelers and fostering collaborations between businesses and tourism authorities.



WHEN
March



WHERE
Berlin



ITB Berlin Germany



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GETTING THERE
Beijing

PAVILION | CULTURAL EXHIBITION |
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL DISPLAY

Gilgit Baltistan Pavilion offers a captivating cultural exhibition, immersing visitors in the region's unique traditions, arts, and landscapes. Through promotional material displays, the pavilion promotes Gilgit Baltistan as a must-visit destination, showcasing its diverse attractions and enchanting beauty to international travelers.



WHEN
September



WHERE
Beijing



Beijing International Tourism Expo



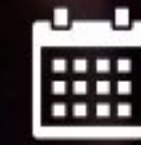


GETTING THERE

ExCel London
Royal Victoria Dock

**INVESTMENT CONFERENCE | DESTINATION
ATTRACTIONS**

Gilgit Baltistan's participation in the "World Tourism Mart London" highlights investment opportunities in the region's burgeoning tourism industry during the investment conference. The event showcases Gilgit Baltistan's captivating destination attractions, promoting the region's rich cultural heritage, majestic landscapes, and adventure tourism offerings to a global audience.



WHEN
November



WHERE
London



World Tourism Mart London





EVENT CALENDAR 2023



INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS
GILGIT AND SKARDU

ISLAMABAD - GILGIT 12 Hours
ISLAMABAD - SKARDU 14 Hours

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