

GASHERBRUM II

8034 M | Summer Expedition 2027

\$34,500 USD

Price per person

20 JUNE, 2027

Arrival in Kathmandu

Overview

The 13th-highest mountain in the world, Gasherbrum II, is located in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan. It is one of the prominent peaks of the Gasherbrum massif in the Karakoram range of the Himalayas.

The Gasherbrum massif is a remote collection of some of the world's highest peaks, including Gasherbrum I and Gasherbrum II. These two peaks can potentially be attempted during the same climbing season, making the region particularly attractive to experienced mountaineers.

The name "Gasherbrum" is derived from the Balti words Rgasha, meaning "beautiful," and Brum, meaning "mountain," giving it the poetic meaning "Beautiful Mountain."

Compared with many other 8,000-meter peaks, Gasherbrum II is generally considered a less technically demanding mountain, with fewer steep sections and relatively straightforward climbing routes. As a result, it is often regarded as one of the more accessible 8,000-meter peaks and can serve as a suitable first 8,000-meter expedition for climbers aspiring to eventually summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks.

The Southwest Ridge is the preferred route to the summit of Gasherbrum II. Although climbing an 8,000-meter peak always involves significant objective and high-altitude risks, this route is considered comparatively less challenging and offers a more manageable approach to the summit.



Gasherbrum II
PEAK NAME



8034 M
MAX. ELEVATION



50 DAYS
DURATION



PAKISTAN
COUNTRY

Arnold Coster

Expedition Leader



His experience, combined with a very high success rate, is amongst the best in the world. Where there is a will, I will aim to provide a way! With over 2 decades of experience and close to 100 Himalayan expeditions is Arnold Coster the most experienced leader on the mountain.

Our itinerary allows a slow acclimatisation during the trek to BC, not only for acclimatisation to altitude, but also acclimatisation to our new environment where we will be living in for the next 50 days.

Arnold Coster recognises that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

Participation Statement

The Route

The Gasherbrum II (GII) summit route begins at Base Camp, situated at around 5,000 m. Climbers first cross the Gasherbrum Glacier and ascend toward Camp 1, encountering crevasses and snow-covered glacier terrain.

From Camp 1, the route continues toward Camp 2, at roughly 6,400 m. The climbing becomes progressively steeper, with snow and ice slopes and sections protected by fixed ropes. From Camp 2, climbers proceed toward Camp 3, around 7,000 m, where altitude and cold become significant factors.

The climb from Camp 3 to Camp 4, generally around 7,500–7,600 m, takes climbers onto the upper slopes of GII. After resting at the high camp and waiting for suitable weather, the summit push usually begins during the night or very early morning. Climbers ascend the final snow and ice slopes and the summit ridge to reach the 8,035 m summit of Gasherbrum II.

After reaching the summit, climbers descend by the same general route, returning through the high camps toward Base Camp. The complete summit push can therefore be summarized as Base Camp → Camp 1 → Camp 2 → Camp 3 → Camp 4 → Summit → descent through the camps → Base Camp. Exact camp locations and the number of nights at each camp can vary depending on route and conditions.



Our Team:



We work with an experienced Nepali Sherpa team and also bring our own dedicated expedition team to support our members throughout the journey. Our team will be actively involved in route preparation, logistics, safety, and overall support, providing assistance along the route and during the entire expedition, including the summit push.

This ensures that our members receive continuous guidance and support from the beginning of the expedition through to the summit and safely back down.

Basecamp Facilities



OUR BASECAMP IS COMFORTABLE WILL ALL THE NEEDS OF A MODERN EXPEDITION. A WARM HEATED DINING TENT, INDIVIDUAL TENTS FOR MEMBERS, HOT SHOWER AND PLENTY OF TASTY & NUTRITIOUS FOOD. WE HAVE CHARGING FACILITIES, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND AN EXCESSIVE MEDICAL KIT.

PAKISTAN HAS NO MOBILE NETWORK IN THIS REGION AND STARLINK IS NOT ALLOWED. OUR EXPEDITION IS EQUIPPED WITH EMAIL FACILITIES FROM A COMMON LAPTOP, FROM WHICH WE RECEIVE WEATHER REPORTS AND CAN SEND MESSAGES ONCE PER DAY, BUT THIS SATELLITE CONNECTION IS SLOW AND ITS NOT POSSIBLE FOR MEMBERS TO BE ONLINE INDIVIDUALLY. IF YOU REQUIRE A PERSONAL WIFI CONNECTION, THIS CAN BE ARRANGED AT EXTRA COST, SINCE THIS NEEDS A PERSONAL DISH ANTENNA.



Detanked Itinerary

Days	Date	Itinerary
01	20 Jun	Arrival in Islamabad & Transfer to the Hotel
02	21 Jun	Fly from Islamabad to Skardu - 2,228M
03	22 Jun	Rest in Skardu
04	23 Jun	Rest Day in Skardu: Expedition Briefing and Preparation
05	24 Jun	Drive from Skardu to Askole (2,600m)
06	25 Jun	Trek from Askole to Jhola (3,185m)
07	26 Jun	Trek from Jhola to Paiyu (3,383m)
08	27 Jun	Rest day in Paiyu
09	28 Jun	Trek from Paiyu to Urdukas (4,130m)
10	29 Jun	Trek from Urdukas to Goro II (4,250m)
11	30 Jun	Trek from Goro II to Shagharing (4,530m)
12	01 Jul	Trek from Shagharing to G II Basecamp (5,000m)
13-33	02-22 Jul	Rotation: [Basecamp – Rotation (Camp I, Camp II and Camp III) – Basecamp]
34-41	23-29 Jul	Climbing Period [Base Camp – Gasherbrum 2 Summit (8,611m) – Base Camp]
42	30 Jul	Cleaning Up Basecamp: Preparation for descending back
43	01 Aug	Trek from Basecamp to Goro II
44	02 Aug	Trek from Goro II to Khuburtze
45	03 Aug	Trek from Khuburtze to Mundung
46	04 Aug	Trek from Mundung to Askole
47	05 Aug	Drive from Askole to Skardu
48	06 Aug	Leisure day in Skardu (De-briefing at Ministry)
49	07 Aug	Fly from Skardu to Islamabad & transfer to the Hotel
50	08 Aug	Transfer to the International Airport for final departure

Cost Includes

- **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE :** Airport – Hotel transfers – Airport (Pick Up and Drop), by private vehicle.
- **ACCOMMODATION IN ISLAMABAD :** 2 nights hotel in ISLAMABAD (4-star category) – single room on bed and breakfast plan.
- **WELCOME DINNER :** One Welcome Dinner in a tourist standard restaurant in ISLAMABAD with Office Staff.
- **CARGO CLEARANCE :** Assistance for cargo clearance in Pakistan's Customs; clearance cost is subject to a charge.
- **PERMIT :** Expedition Royalty and a permit fee of the PAKISTAN Government to climb Mt. G 2, for members and Sherpa.
- **LIAISON OFFICER :** 1 Government Liaison officer with full equipment, salary, and accommodation.
- **GARBAGE MANAGEMENT :** Stool Shipment Transfer & Garbage Deposit fees.
- **INSURANCE :** Medical & Emergency rescue Insurance for all involved Nepalese / Pakistani staff during the trek and expedition.
- **MEMBER TRANSPORTATION :** (Domestic Flight) Fly from Islamabad to Skardu and while returning from Skardu to Islamabad, as per itinerary, along with one guide. **LAND TRANSPORTATION (MEMBERS):** Drive by jeep Skardu to Askole and on returning Askole to Skardu. – **LAND TRANSPORTATION (STAFF):** Islamabad to Askole via Skardu (by bus/jeep) for all climbing Sherpas and expeditions staff. (Members and staff will meet each other in Skardu)
- **EXPEDITION STUFFS TRANSPORTATION :** All necessary expedition equipment transportation for all Members and Staff from Nepal to Pakistan (by air cargo) – Islamabad to Askole (by truck/jeep) and Base camp (by Porters/mules) – While returning: Base camp to Askole (by porters/mules) and Askole to Islamabad (by Truck/jeep). Based on the condition, different transportation variants may adopt.
- **MEMBER LUGGAGE :** Up to 60 Kg per member for personal baggage during the trek to be carried by porters or Mules.
- **FOOD AND LODGING :** 3 meals a day (breakfast, lunch, and dinner; including tea and coffee) along with accessible accommodation at Hotel/Lodge/TENT during the trek and at the Basecamp. Hygienic vegetables, meat, fruits, soft drinks, and juice will be served during the entire expedition. Well-managed base camp set up for members & Staff.
- **CAMPING :** All necessary logistic arrangements for Camping during the trek.
- **PORTER :** Porters per member up to the basecamp and from the basecamp (both ways).
- **BASE CAMP STAFF :** Experienced and well-trained Base Camp Cook & kitchen Helpers as required.
- **BASE CAMP COOK :** 1 Nepalese and 1 Pakistani well-trained cook for the team.
- **STAFF SALARY AND ALLOWANCE :** All Nepalese staff & porter's daily wages, salary, equipment, food & clothing.
- **BASE CAMP TENT :** Each member will have an individual box tent in Base Camp.
- **BASE CAMP EQUIPMENT :** Single Tent, foam mattresses and pillow per member, 1 Dining Tent, 1 Kitchen Tent, 1 Communication tent, 1 Toilet & 1 Shower Tent, 1 Staffs Tent, 1 Tent for Nepalese base camp staff, Store tent, Tables & chairs & all necessary cooking gears.
- **HEATER :** Heater at base camp in each Dining and other necessary camps.
- **SOLAR/GENERATOR/LIGHT :** 1 Solar panel and Generator for lights at base camp, FOR battery charges, laptop, and other electronic devices.
- **TRAINING :** Oxygen, Mask Regulator, Ice wall, and Ladder training at basecamp by UIAGM Guide.
- **HIGH ALTITUDE CLIMBING SHERPA :** 1 veteran and government-licensed climbing Sherpa per member (1 Member: 1 Sherpa), during the entire climb from Basecamp to the summit and back, and on each rotation.

- **ASSISTANCE :** Climbing Sherpa to assist in carrying your gear to the high camps.
- **CLIMBING SHERPA SALARY & ALLOWANCE :** Climbing Sherpa Salary, Equipment, Food, and Clothing.
- **OXYGEN BOTTLE (O2) :** Summit Oxygen cylinder: 3 oxygen bottles (4 liters) for each member and 2 oxygen bottles for each high-altitude Sherpa.
- **OXYGEN MASK & REGULATOR :** 1 Set of Summit Oxygen masks & regulator for each member and high-altitude Sherpa.
- **BACK UP OXYGEN :** BACK UP Oxygen Cylinder, mask, and regulator (SUBJECT TO A CHARGE).
- **HIGH CAMP SERVICE (INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS) :** High Altitude Tent, Necessary cooking EPI gas, cooking pot, High food for a member, Sherpa, and other crews at (C1) (C2), and (C3). Group climbing gears, fixed and dynamic rope during the climbing period as required.
- **HIGH ALTITUDE TENT :** Members will share tents in high camps (2 members: 1 tent).
- **ROPE FIXING TEAM :** The team of experienced Sherpas (including personal Sherpa) will fix the route to the summit of G 2 (no extra charge will be applied to members).
- **SATELLITE PHONE :** Satellite Phone for emergency communication carried by Sherpa, also available for members (SUBJECT TO A CHARGE).
- **WALKIE-TALKIE :** Walkie-Talkie for communicating from Base Camp to Mountain and Mountain to Base Camp.
- **PERMITS :** Satellite Phone/walkie-talkie permit for all members and staff.
- **WEATHER FORECAST :** Weather forecast report regularly from Meteotest, Bern (Switzerland) during the entire expedition.
- **MEDICAL KIT :** Comprehensive Medical kit for members and staff.
- **CERTIFICATE :** G2 climbing certificate issued by PAKISTANI ALPINE CLUB (after climbing Mt. G2 successfully).

Cost Excludes

- **AIR FARE :** International flight airfare (from and to Islamabad).
- **PAKISTAN ENTRY VISA FEE :** PAKISTANI Visa fee for 90 DAYS.
- **LUNCH & DINNER :** Lunch & dinner during the stay in Islamabad and Skardu (also in case of early return from Trekking / Expedition than the scheduled itinerary).
- **EXTRA NIGHTS IN ISLAMABAD & SKARDU :** Extra nights' accommodation in Islamabad & Skardu. In case of early arrival or late departure, early return from Trekking / Expedition, or domestic flight cancellation (due to any other reason) than the scheduled itinerary.
- **INSURANCE POLICY :** Insurance covering both medical and high-altitude evacuation costs (for the trip cancellation, interruption, high-altitude rescue & air evacuation, medical treatment, repatriation, etc.) *Mandatory
- **PERSONAL EXPENSES :** Telephone Calls, Internet, Toiletries, battery recharge, hot shower, laundry, soft drinks, beers, and any Alcoholic beverages (during the trek and in Islamabad & Skardu but we will have soft drinks for members at base camp).
- **PERSONAL CLIMBING EQUIPMENT :** Clothing, Packing Items, Bags, Personal Medical Kit, and all kinds of Personal Trekking / Climbing Gear.
- **TOILETRIES :** Soaps, shampoos, toilet and tissue papers, toothpaste, and other items used to keep yourself clean.
- **FILMING :** Special Filming, Camera, and Drone permit fee.
- **INTERNET SERVICE :** Not included during the trek.
- **SUMMIT BONUS :** Summit bonus for climbing Sherpa- Minimum 1500 USD.
- **TIPS :** Calculate some tips for basecamp and high camp staff – Minimum 400 USD.
- **EXTRA :** Any other services or activities, which are not mentioned in the itinerary and not listed in the "Cost Includes" section.

GASHERBRUM I

Mt. Gasherbrum I (8,080 m), also known as Hidden Peak, is the 11th-highest mountain in the world. It is situated in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan and forms part of the Gasherbrum massif in the Karakoram range of the Himalayas.

The Gasherbrum massif is a remote group of high peaks located at the northeastern end of the approximately 36-mile-long Baltoro Glacier. Gasherbrum I and Gasherbrum II are among the most remote 8,000-meter peaks in the world. The massif forms a distinctive semicircle around the South Gasherbrum Glacier.

Compared with Gasherbrum II (8,035 m / 26,362 ft), the 13th-highest mountain in the world, Gasherbrum I is considered a more technically challenging climb. Both peaks are situated in the same remote region and are highly regarded within the mountaineering community.

(ADD ON OPTION)

\$ 8500.00 USD

Booking & Payment Process

At Arnold Coster, we would like to talk to the climber personally before we finalize any applications for the expeditions. We want to make sure that we understand each other completely before we ask for any commitments.

If you would like to book a place on this expedition, you can do so securely by requesting our application form, over the phone or by sending an email on info@arnoldcoster.com

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