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PAKISTAN TOURISM– YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE DESTINATION

Pakistan offers a unique travel experience with its stunning landscapes, vibrant culture, and rich history. Its diverse geography makes it a dream destination for adventure travelers. Located in South Asia, Pakistan borders China, Iran, Afghanistan, and India, and has a 1,048-kilometer coastline along the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman. The country is renowned for its historic Indus Valley Civilization and significant Buddhist heritage, featuring some of the oldest sites in the subcontinent.



culture and identity, making Pakistan an enticing destination for all types of travelers. Enjoy the lively markets, friendly hospitality, and explore breathtaking destinations.

The country is divided into four provinces: Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan, along with the



Explore Northern Pakistan's Beauty and Heritage with Travel Pakistani

Northern Pakistan, known for its scenic beauty, offers majestic peaks, serene lakes, and lush meadows. Visit historical sites like the ruins of Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, the Mughal architecture of Lahore Fort and Badshahi

Mosque, and the Buddhist heritage at Taxila. Explore Pakistan with Travel Pakistani and embark on an unforgettable adventure through stunning landscapes, vibrant culture, and rich history.

Capital Territory Islamabad

Ranked as the second most beautiful capital in the world and the second safest city in South Asia, Islamabad is a prime tourism destination. Established in 1960, Islamabad replaced Karachi as the capital in 1963 and is closely connected with its sister city, Rawalpindi. The city offers serene parks, resorts, and serves as the gateway for travelers heading to the northern mountain regions. Explore the hot and beautiful destinations Islamabad has to offer for your next adventure.





MAIN TOURIST CITIES DISTANCE FROM ISLAMABAD

Under 1 Hour
Khanpur Dam, Haripur Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa

TRAVEL TIME: 1 HOUR

Best time to Visit: The summer season from June to October is an ideal time to visit the dam between 9 am to 5pm.

Accommodation : While Khanpur Dam offers a large number of hotels and resorts, not all of them are up to par.

- Orange Lake Resort Khanpur Dam
- Gandhara Resort Khanpur Dam
- Canadian Resort Khanpur Dam

Transport: Any type of transport can be used.

The Khanpur Dam is situated 50 kilometres from Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, on the Haro River near Khanpur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It indicates that you may get to the Khanpur dam from Islamabad in about an hour. The dam, completed in 1983, is open to all visitors. Tourists are drawn to the Khanpur Dam for its stunning beauty, peaceful atmosphere, water sports activities and remarkable weather. Visitors are drawn to its natural beauty and the opportunity to enjoy a peaceful day amidst breathtaking scenery and pleasant weather.



- **Boating and Jet Skiing:** Enjoy the reservoir and its surroundings.
- **Fishing:** Perfect for enthusiasts; bring your gear.
- **Picnic Spot:** Plan a scenic outing with loved ones.
- **Paragliding:** Experience the thrill and views from above.



- **Cliff Diving:** Dive from heights of 20-25 feet.
- **Snorkeling:** Float on the surface and explore.
- **Scuba Diving:** Swim to the depths and encounter trout.
- **Banana Boat:** Thrilling ride on an inflatable banana-shaped boat.



Looking for a fun-filled getaway in stunning surroundings for the whole family? Mabali Resort is your perfect destination.

Mabali Island



Mabali Resort & Adventure Club, only 80 minutes' drive from Islamabad, provides you with a romantic break for two, an escape from everyday city life, or your next business team building event. It's also the ideal vacation spot with a few adventurous activities. In the centre of Khanpur Lake, romantic Mabali huts provide the ideal glamping experience and a genuine chance to enjoy nature in luxury. A destination for families wanting a fun-packed break in beautiful surroundings.

Travel time: 1 hour 20mint

Best time to Visit: You can visit whole year but best time in summer season

Accommodation: Mabali Resort have their own rooms/suites/huts/camping/WoodPecker Caravan for stay.

Transport: Any type of transport can be used

**Discover The Night
Magic Of Mabali
Island**

ACTIVITIES IN MABALI ISLAND



- Jet ski
- Family boat
- Wake tubing
- Tarzan Boat
- Kayaking
- Parasailing
- Paddle boating
- Ziplining
- Shooting & Archery
- Kids zipline & Play
- Night stay
- Lake Side dinner

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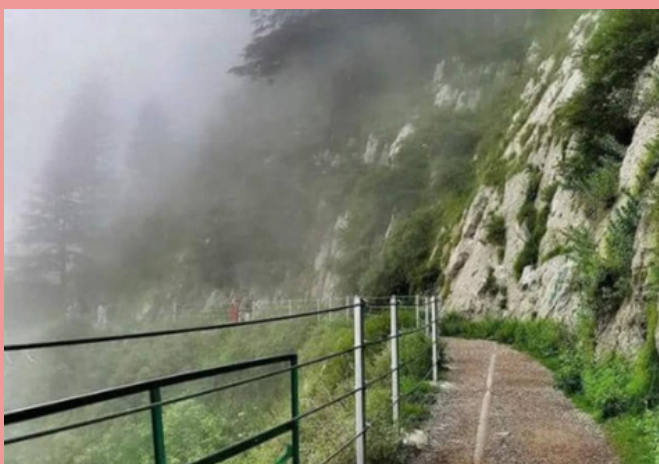




Murree and Nathia Gali

Both are popular hill stations in northern Pakistan. Nathia Gali, located in the Abbottabad District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is about 20 km from Abbottabad and 32 km from Murree.

Exploring the Charm of Nathia Gali and Murree



Nathia Gali, in the middle of the Galyat range, is surrounded by several hill stations. Murree, known as the "King of Tourism" in Pakistan, is 65 km (about 1.5 hours) from Islamabad. As the largest summer resort in Pakistan, Murree attracts tourists with its blend of modern amenities and natural beauty.

Travel time: 1 hr and 30minutes for Murree and 2 hrs and 30minutes for Nathia Gali

Best time to Visit: You can visit whole year but peak summer is best and peak winter is best when it snow fall in these cities

Accommodation : Muree and Nathia Gali offer a range of accommodations , from luxury to budget friendly hotels or guest houses. Roomy hotel , elite hotel , Alpine resort or many more you can find.



»»» Activities in Nathiagali

- Hiking/Trekking: Explore trails like Pipeline, Mukshpuri, Dagri Bangla, and Miranjani.
- Horse Riding: Rent a horse and enjoy scenic trails.
- St. Matthew's Church: Visit this historic colonial-era church.
- Zipline: Experience the thrill at Adventure Park or Alpine Resort.
- Polo Show: Watch a match at Nathia Gali Polo Ground.
- Waterfalls: Discover Sajikot, Harnoi, and Namli Maira waterfalls.
- Samundar Katha Lake: Enjoy ziplining, boating, and camping.
- Camping: Set up camp at Miranjani Top, Mushkpuri Top, or Dagri Bangla Top.
- Ayubia Moto Tunnel: Walk through this historic tunnel.
- Patriata Chair Lift: Enjoy breathtaking views from the chairlift.



»»» Activities in Murreei

- Bhurban: Explore this town's scenic beauty, resorts, golf, and spas.
- Mall Road: Stroll, shop, and enjoy local food.
- Viewpoints: Visit Kashmir Point and Pindi Point for panoramic views.
- Adventure Sports: Try zip-lining, paragliding, and horse riding.
- Ghora Gali: Stay in nearby resorts and enjoy local cuisine.
- Upper and Lower Topa: Visit these high-altitude spots for cool summer relief.



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Explore these and more with Travel Pakistani (travelpakistani.com). Book your Murree/Nathia Gali tour for an unforgettable adventure filled with relaxation and breathtaking landscapes.

UNDER 4 HOURS

Muzaffarabad



Travel time: 3 hours 30 minutes

Best time to Visit: Spring (March to May): The weather is pleasant, with mild temperatures and blooming flowers, making it ideal for sightseeing and outdoor activities.

Autumn (September to November): The temperatures are comfortable, and the scenery is vibrant with fall colors, offering stunning views of the surrounding landscapes.

Accommodation: Muzaffarabad provides a range of accommodation options to fit every budget, from luxurious hotels to affordable guesthouses.

Azad Kashmir's capital, Muzaffarabad, is reachable via the Kohala bridge and Hazara highway from Rawalpindi and Islamabad, 138 kilometres (86 mi) away. It is the largest city and capital of the administrative entity of Azad Kashmir, which is governed by Pakistan. The city is situated close to the junction of the Jhelum and Neelum rivers in the Muzaffarabad District. The district is bordered to the west by the Pakistani province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to the east by the Indian-administered districts of Jammu and Kashmir (Kupwara and Baramulla), and to the north by the Neelum District.

Things to do in Muzaffarabad

Places to Visit

- Red Fort
- Pir Chinasi peak
- Shaheed Gali
- Neelum Valley
- Banjosa Lake
- Toli Pir
- Muzaffarabad City Center
- Chattar Plain
- Rawalakot Road Area
- Muzaffarabad Museum
- Earthquake Memorial Museum
- Kashmiri Clothing and Craft Center
- Local festivals and celebrations
- Traditional music and dance shows
- Paragliding spots
- Neelum River rafting
- View Park
- Failyar Bagh
- Muzaffarabad Wildlife Park
- Indulge in traditional Kashmiri dishes

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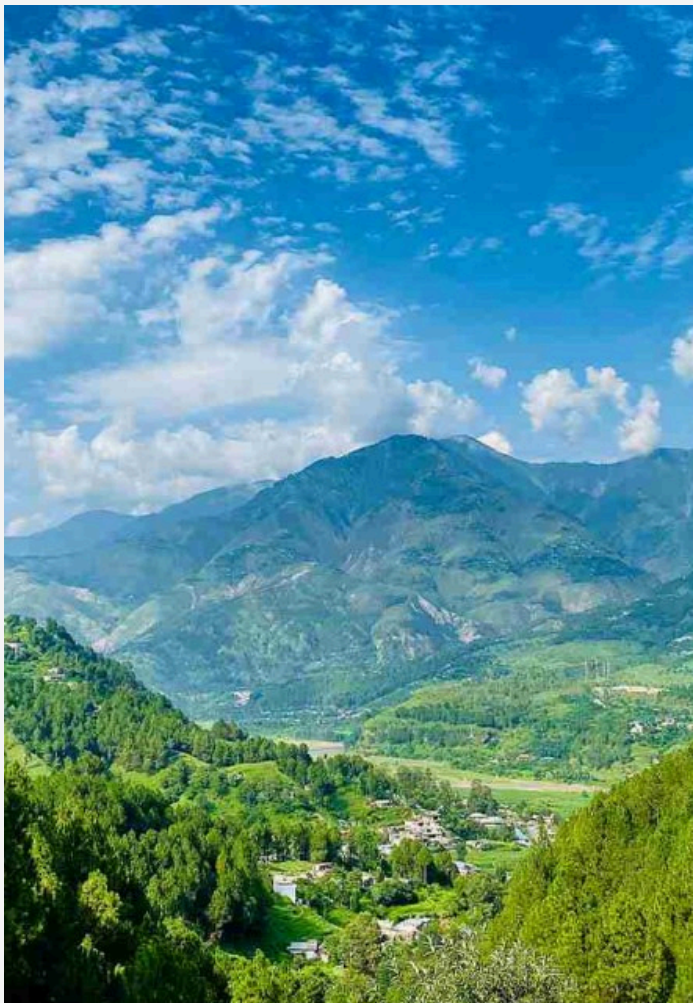
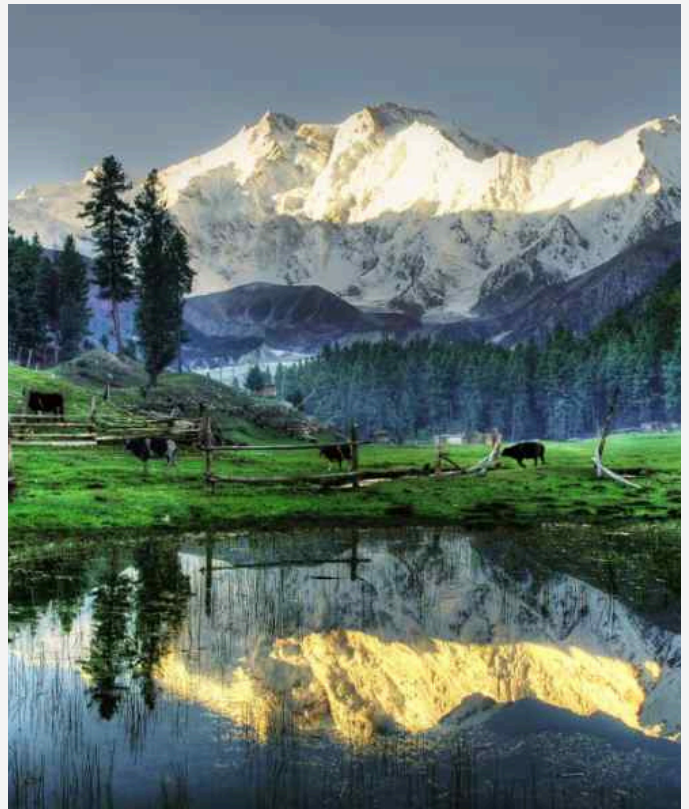


BALAKOT

Travel time: 3 hours 50 minutes

Best time to Visit: You can visit whole year but summer season is best.

Accommodation: Balakot provides a range of accommodation options to fit every budget, from luxurious hotels to affordable guesthouses.



- **Location :** Nestled on the right bank of the Kunhar River, Balakot lies two-thirds of the way from the river's source at Lake Dharam Sar in the Kaghan Valley.
- **Scenic Beauty :** Surrounded by lush valleys, majestic mountains, and the serene Kunhar River, Balakot offers a peaceful retreat from urban life.
- **Gateway to Adventure :** Balakot serves as the entrance to the picturesque Kaghan Valley and the enchanting Shogran Plateau, attracting nature lovers and adventure seekers.
- **Outdoor Activities :** Enjoy a range of activities including hiking, fishing, and exploring local culture amidst Balakot's pleasant climate and stunning landscapes.
- **Relaxation & Exploration :** Whether seeking relaxation or adventure, Balakot provides a charming and tranquil setting for an unforgettable experience.

UNDER 6 HOURS

SHOGRAN

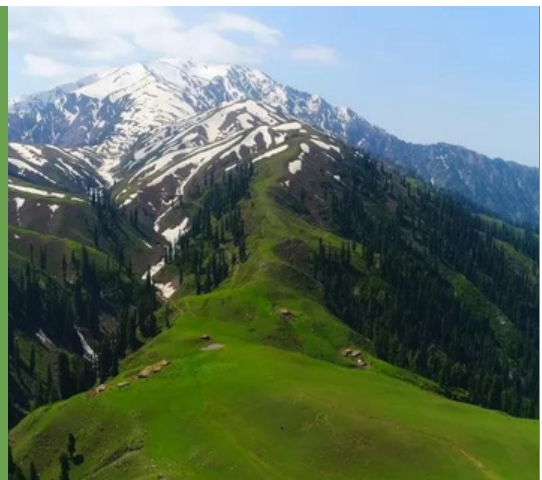
TRAVEL TIME: BETWEEN 5 TO 6 HOURS

Best time to Visit: You can visit whole year but The best time to visit Shogran Valley is in the summer months of June to August when the temperature is usually around 20 °C (68 °F) during the day and 3 °C (37 °F) at night.



Accommodation: Shogran Valley offers a range of accommodation options to suit different preferences and budgets. Like Cedarwood , Pinepark or Lalazar and many more.

Shogran is one of Pakistan's most popular hill stations and tourist attractions. Shogran Valley is situated in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Pakistan, which is home to the well-known Kaghan Valley. Around 7,749 feet rise above sea level is Shogran's elevation. It is located 34 kilometers (21 mi) away from Balakot.



You'll find the reflection of fairy meadows in the expanse of Siri Paye. Its temperate summertime environment makes it the ideal place to escape the scorching heat of Pakistan's plains. It offers everything you might want in a dream vacation.

>>> THINGS TO DO IN SHOGRAN VALLEY

- Horse Riding in Siri Paye.
- Short Hikes to Makra Peak or halfway up to Siri Paye.
- Take the bumpy Jeep ride up the hill.
- Swinging at Shogran's Top.
- Sit by the lake and enjoy the sound of winds and rippling water
- Arrange a camp in the Siri Paye and talk to the stars at night.
- Sit with a group of friends around a bonfire and narrate haunting stories.
- Interact with the local people to know more about their lives.



Travel time: Between 5 to 6 hours

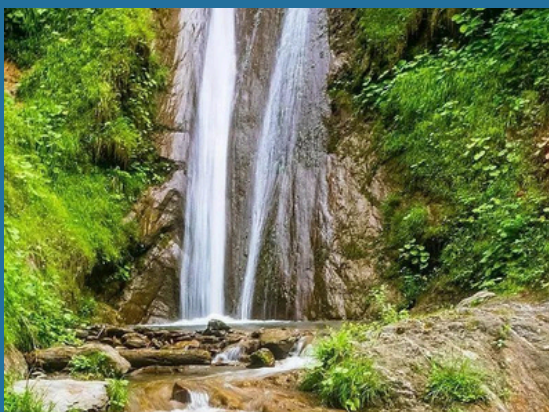
Best time to Visit: You can visit whole year but the best time to visit Sharan Valley is in the summer months of June to August.

Accommodation: A Sharan Valley offer huts/camps or pods for stay.

SHARAN VALLEY

>>> 6 Hours

Sharan Valley, nestled in the Kaghan Valley at an altitude of 7872 ft, is a pristine and peaceful destination. The KPK government has developed wooden huts and camp pods, enhancing accessibility without compromising its natural beauty. Located 30 km from Balakot and 16 km from Paras, the journey to Sharan requires a 4x4 jeep for the rugged, hilly track from Paras. Visitors are greeted by thick pine trees and lush grass along the way, making Sharan Valley a serene and unforgettable experience.



>>> Things to do in Sharan

- Relax at Sharan Forest: Enjoy beautiful views and a tranquil atmosphere.
- Explore Sharan Waterfall: Visit and explore the surrounding area.
- Hiking and Trekking: Discover scenic trails and forests, and enjoy short hikes to viewpoints and small waterfalls.
- Horse Riding: Rent a horse to explore lush meadows.
- BBQ Party: End your day with a BBQ and bonfire, perfect for chilly nights.
- Camping: Spend the night under the stars in Sharan Forest.

SWAT VALLEY



Travel time: Between 5 to 6 hours

Best time to Visit: If you prefer pleasant weather conditions then April to September/October.

If snowfall then end December to March.

Accommodation: Swat Valley offers a variety of hotels to cater to different preferences and budgets. For a luxurious stay, consider Serena Hotel Swat or Pearl Continental Hotel Malam Jabba, Roomy hotel in Kalam all are offering elegant rooms, stunning views, and top-notch amenities.



Activities in Swat

- **Traditional Food:** Enjoy kabuli palao, lamb dishes, dum pukht, warjalay, trout fish, and chapali kabab.
- **Trekking:** Explore trails like Mahodand Lake, Kandol Lake, Daral Lake, and Gabin Jabba.
- **Malam Jabba:** Enjoy hiking, biking, fishing, chair lift, zipline, skiing, and snowboarding. Activities for children are also available.

6 HOURS



Swat Valley: The Switzerland of Pakistan

The magnificent Swat Valley popularly known as the Switzerland of Pakistan, is situated in north of Peshawar. In ancient times Swat had 1400 monasteries & it is said that Buddha himself visited Swat for preaching peace & love. Its old name was Udyana (Land of Gardens).

Swat Valley is famous for its natural wonders that include its breathtaking diverse landscape and natural wildlife. The local culture & hospitality of the Swat Valley compels tourists to visit.





Activities in Kalam

- Jeep Ride: Explore Kalam, Ushu Forest, Mahodand Lake, Desan Meadows, and Green Top.
- River Rafting: Experience thrilling river rafting in Kalam.
- Mahodand Lake: Enjoy boating, fishing, and horse riding.

Activities in Mingora

- White Palace & Swat Museum: Visit the White Palace (Saidu Sharif) and explore Gandhara artifacts at the museum.
- Historical Buddhist Sites: See Butkara Stupa, Buddhist Ruins, Amlok Dara Stupa, and Shingardar Stupa.
- Fizagat Park: Enjoy a leisurely stroll in this beautifully maintained park with lush greenery and scenic views.



Under 8 to 9 hours Naran Valley

Travel time: between 8 to 9 hours

Best time to Visit: From late May to early September.

During this period, the weather is pleasant, and the roads are accessible, allowing for comfortable travel and outdoor activities.



Accommodation: Naran Valley offers a variety of hotels to cater to different preferences and budgets like you can find Roomy , The Sarai hotel, Flatties hotel Naran and etc.

Naran Valley, also known as Naran Kaghan, is famed for its stunning landscapes, including tall mountains, sparkling lakes, and lush meadows. Located in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at 2,500 meters above sea level, it's a popular tourist destination known for its beautiful weather and hiking opportunities. The valley attracts many visitors annually, with Babusar Pass offering access to Gilgit Hunza in summer.

ACTIVITIES IN NARAN

»»» EXPLORING SCENIC SITES

- Natural Wonders: Visit Saiful Muluk Lake, Lulusar Lake, and Babusar Pass.
- Jeep Safari: Navigate rugged terrain and enjoy Himalayan views.
- Rafting: Experience thrilling whitewater rafting on the Kunhar River.
- Zipline Adventures: Try the longest ziplines in Kaghan, River Kunhar, and Babusar Top.
- Bonfire & BBQ: Enjoy evenings with bonfires and BBQ in Naran Valley.
- Photography: Capture stunning landscapes from peaks to meadows.
- Fishing: Try trout fishing in the lakes and River Kunhar.
- Hiking: Explore trails leading to scenic lakes.

KUMRAT VALLEY

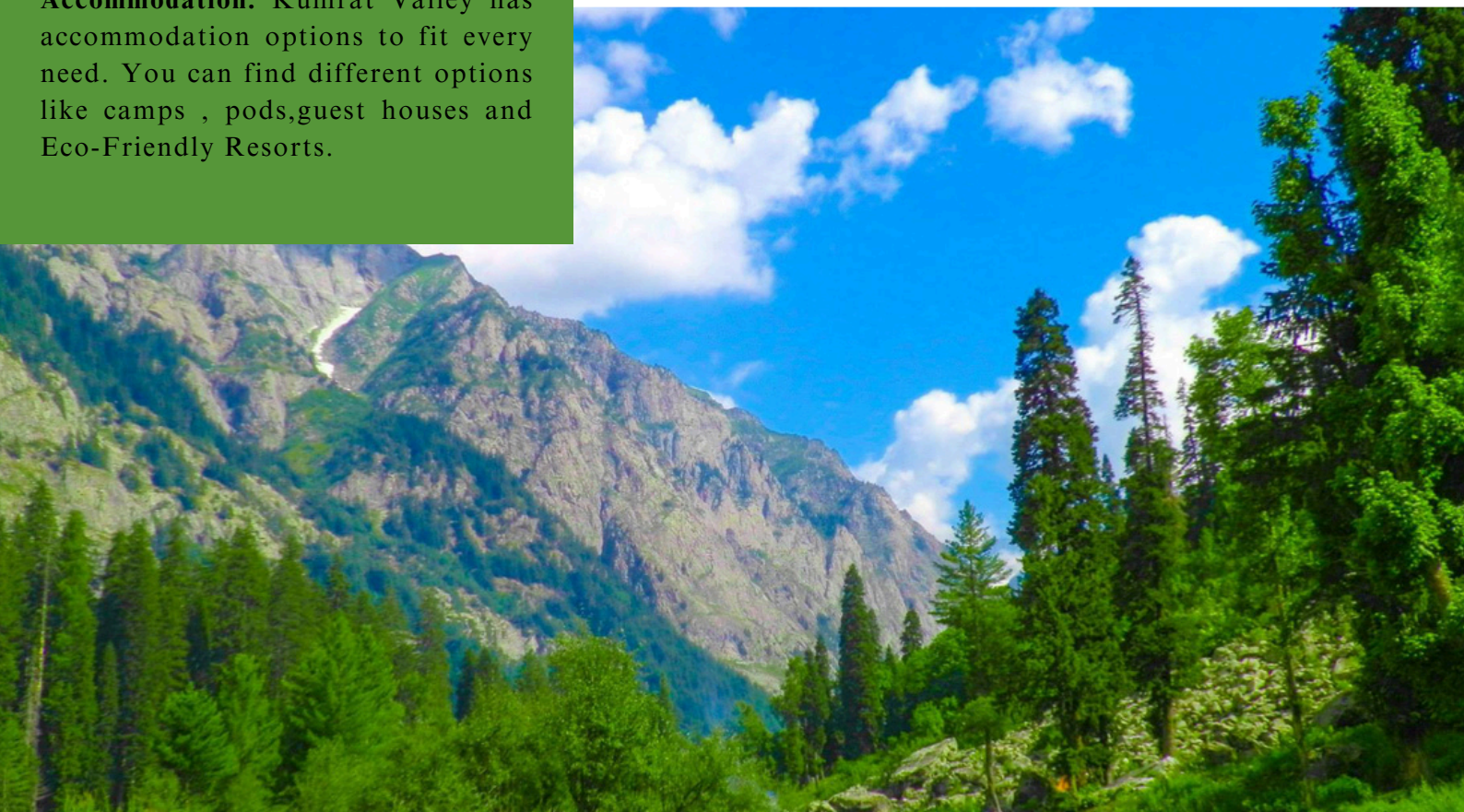
Travel time: Between 8 to 9 hours.

Best time to Visit: The best time to visit Kumrat Valley is around the Spring season and summer seasons when the temperature stands around 20 degrees Celsius.

Accommodation: Kumrat Valley has accommodation options to fit every need. You can find different options like camps, pods, guest houses and Eco-Friendly Resorts.

»»» A HIDDEN GEM IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Kumrat Valley, in Upper Dir District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is a stunning, lesser-known destination about 45 minutes from Thal. Stretching 35 kilometers, it offers beautiful spots and breathtaking views. The journey features winding roads and scenic landscapes, with highlights including trekking to Jahaz Banda and exploring its serene grasslands.



ACTIVITIES IN KUMRAT VALLEY



- **Trekking/Hiking:** Explore trails like Jahaz Banda, Kund Banda, and Katora Lake.
- **Fishing & River Exploration:** Enjoy fishing and picnicking by the Panjkora River.
- **Quad Biking:** Navigate challenging landscapes and enjoy thrilling rides.
- **Bike Riding:** Explore scenic views and rugged trails on a bike.
- **Airgun Shooting:** Try target shooting with airguns in designated areas.



- **Camping:** Spend nights under the stars at Thal, Kumrat Forest, or Jahaz Banda.
- **Waterfall Exploration:** Visit waterfalls such as Panjkora River, Do Kala Chashma, and Kala Chashma.
- **Wildlife Safari:** Spot snow leopards, brown bears, deer, and birds.
- **Bonfire Night:** Enjoy evenings with bonfires.
- **Relaxation & Meditation:** Find serene spots for relaxation and meditation.



NEELUM VALLEY



TRAVEL TIME: BETWEEN 8 TO 9 HOURS

Best time to Visit: Best time to visit Kashmir is during the months of March to September.

Tourists come to Kashmir valley so they too can witness this 'heaven on earth' and enjoy all that it offers. During this period two seasons are covered in Kashmir. Spring (March to early May) and Summer (early May to late September).

Accommodation: When it comes to accommodation in Neelum Valley, you'll be spoilt for choice. From luxury suites to more affordable options. You can find hotels according to your own choice in Keran , Sharda, Arang kel and taobat.

ACTIVITIES IN NEELUM VALLEY

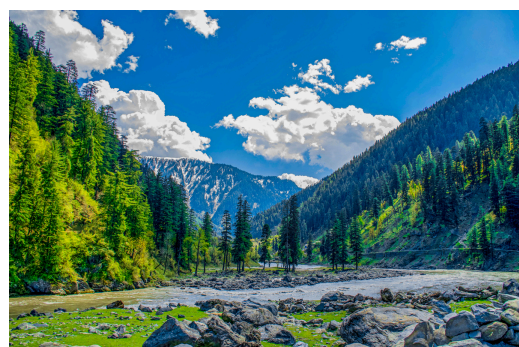
- **Jeep Safari:** Explore Ratti Gali, Taobat, Patlian Lake, Baboon Valley, and Noori Top.
- **Paragliding:** Experience breathtaking views of Muzaffarabad from above.
- **Boating at Sharda:** Enjoy peaceful boating on the Sharda River.
- **Trekking & Hiking:** Trek to Ratti Gali Lake, Chitta Katha Lake, and Shounter Lake.
- **Camping:** Camp along the banks of the Neelum River.
- **Fishing in Taobat:** Fish for trout in the Neelum River.
- **Explore Mughal Architecture:** Visit Sharda Peeth and other Mughal ruins.

- **Location:** Neelum Valley is the northernmost district of Azad Kashmir, about 100 km from Muzaffarabad City.
- **Scenic Beauty:** Known as the "Paradise on Earth," it boasts stunning landscapes with snow-capped mountains in winter and fantastic weather in summer.
- **Tourist Attraction:** This beautiful spot captivates visitors, making it an unforgettable destination.



THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION FOR ADVENTURE AND RELAXATION

Neelum Valley, with its captivating beauty and diverse activities, is the perfect destination for both adventure and relaxation. Whether you're looking for thrilling experiences or a peaceful retreat, Neelum Valley offers an unforgettable escape into nature's paradise.





CHITRAL VALLEY

Chitral is famous for its natural beauty, the simplicity of its residents and its unique culture. The landscape of Chitral is extremely mysterious, with its steep harsh mountains, lush green valleys, beautiful pastures and big glaciers.

• Visit Forts and Historical Sites

1. Birmoghasht Fort
2. Shahi Mosque
3. Chitral Fort

Travel time: Between 8 to 9 hours

Best time to Visit: When to visit Chitral. The best season to visit Chitral is from April to September.

Chitral is also famous because of the Kalash Valley, which is a place of Kalash people who are the descendants of Alexander the great. Kalash Valley is a source of attraction for people all around the world. The unique culture and way of living of Kalash people make them different from the rest of the people.

• Attend Local Festivals

1. Chilam Joshi Festival (Kalash Spring Festival): May 13 – 16
2. Uchal Festival (Kalash Summer Festival): August 20 – 22
3. Choimus Festival (Kalash Winter Festival): December 15 – 22

ACTIVITIES IN CHITRAL

- **Trekking and Hiking**

Chitral offers diverse trekking and hiking routes for all skill levels.

- **Explore the Valleys of the Kalash**

1. Discover the unique culture of the ancient pagans known as the Kalash.
2. Participate in their festivals and immerse yourself in their traditions.



- **Traditional Food**

Explore traditional foods in Chitral, Kalash Valley, and Bhunni.

- **Jeep Safari**

Experience the thrill of off-road adventures in Gol National Park, Qaqlashat Meadows, and Upper Chitral.

- **Hunting of Migratory Birds**

Available from January to April.

- **Horse Riding at Shandur Polo Festival**

Participate in horse riding during the Shandur Polo Festival held annually at Shandur Pass.

- **Yak Safari at Broghil**

Enjoy the stunning landscapes of Broghil Valley.

- **Rafting and Fishing**

Enjoy rafting and fishing on the Kunar River and Chitral River.



Travel Pakistani Tour Guide Services

Travel Pakistani can arrange all these activities for a comprehensive and enjoyable experience in Chitral.

»»» UNDER 15 HOURS

HUNZA



Travel time: Between 14 to 15 hours

Best time to Visit: The region experiences all four seasons. May – September (summer) are undoubtedly the best months to visit Hunza for epic trekking opportunities and general enjoyment.



Hunza Valley in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan, is famed for its stunning landscapes and is often called "paradise on earth." A peaceful and popular destination for tourists worldwide, it tops the list of magical places to visit. The best times to visit are autumn and spring.

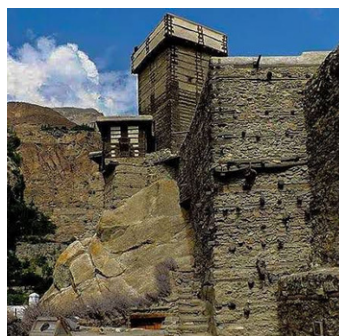


Accommodation: There might not be a single, large, opulent hotel large enough to house every traveler. There will be some amazing possibilities, too, including five-star resorts, flats, spa retreats, and even campsites with rustic shelters—perfect locations, for sure.

HUNZA ACTIVITIES



- **Ziplines:** Thrilling ziplining at Hussaini and Rakaposhi.
- **Yak Safari:** Unforgettable yak safari in Shimshal, Passu, Wakhan, Nagar, and Baltistan.
- **Attabad Lake:** Enjoy swimming, jet skiing, boating, fishing, and ice skating.
- **Historical Sites:** Visit Baltit Fort, Altit Fort, Ganish Village, and the Silk Route viewpoint.
- **Trekking & Hiking:** Explore trails to Ultar Sar Base Camp and Rakaposhi Base Camp.
- **Traditional Food:** Sample chapshuro, dumplings, and apricot-based treats.



- **Khunjerab Pass:** Visit one of the world's highest border crossings.
- **Apricot Blooms:** See stunning apricot blooms in spring.
- **Fruit Plucking:** Enjoy fresh cherries, apples, apricots, almonds, and walnuts.
- **Kayaking:** Paddle through Borith Lake's scenic waters.

- **Wildlife Spotting:** Look for Marco Polo sheep, ibex, and birds in Khunjerab National Park.
- **Karimabad Bazaar:** Shop for jewellery, gems, handicrafts, and traditional headgear.
- **Jeep Safari:** Experience rugged trails in Shamshal Valley, Kho Point, and Chipurson.



UNDER 17 HOURS

SKARDU



Travel time: Between 14 to 15 hours

Best time: Late Spring (April to June):

This is considered the best time to visit Skardu. The weather is pleasant, and the snow from winter has melted, making the roads and trekking trails more accessible.

Summer (July to August):

These months are warm and comfortable, with daytime temperatures ranging from 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F).

Early autumn (September to October):

The Skardu weather remains pleasant during these months. It's a good time for trekking and enjoying the scenic beauty of Skardu.

● The Gateway to Majestic Peaks and Lush Valleys

Skardu, in northern Pakistan's Gilgit-Baltistan, epitomizes beauty, serenity, and wilderness. It connects to some of the world's highest peaks, including K2, K3, and Gasherbrum, attracting climbers worldwide. Baltistan's five valleys—Shigar, Skardu, Khaplu, Rondu, and Kharmang—are known for their luscious peaches, apricots, apples, and pears.

Accommodation: There might not be a single, large, opulent hotel large enough to house every traveler. There will be some amazing possibilities, too, including five-star resorts, flats, spa retreats, and even campsites. For example Shangrila Resort, Shigar Serena, Khaplu Serena, Qayyam Skardu, Tibet Motel Skardu and many more.



Things to Do in Skardu

- Discover Attractions:
 - Shangrila Resort: Enjoy the lakeside charm.
 - Skardu Fort: Visit for sweeping vistas of the surrounding valleys.
- Star Gazing at Deosai Plains:
 - Spend the night under clear skies, perfect for stargazing.
- Camping Nights:
 - Set up tents and have a campfire in Deosai and Katpana Desert.
 - Enjoy starry skies and outdoor adventures.
- Trekking:
 - Explore stunning routes like Baltoro Glacier trek, K2 Base Camp trek, and Concordia trek.
- Enjoy Boating:
 - Take leisurely boat rides on Shangrila Lake or Upper Kachura Lake.
- Indulge in Fishing:
 - Engage in trout fishing in nearby rivers or lakes.
- Deosai National Park:
 - Known as the "Land of Giants," it is best visited in summer for its natural beauty.
- Visit Local Markets:
 - Explore lively markets with handicrafts, gemstones, and traditional attire.
- Rock Climbing and Mountaineering:
 - Experience thrilling rock climbing and mountaineering expeditions.



• Do activities at Safranga Desert :

Safranga Desert, also known as Cold Desert in Skardu offers a unique landscape and several activities for visitors to enjoy. Here are some activities you can experience at Safranga Desert:

- Horse Riding
- Paramotoring
- Dirt bike motoring
- Atv ride
- Desert walk
- Camping
- Sarfaranga Desert Jeep Safari
- Paragliding at Sarfaranga Cold Desert
- Sarfaranga Desert Quad Bike Safari



EXPLORING PAKISTAN'S RICH HISTORICAL HERITAGE

Pakistan's history, from the ancient Indus Valley Civilization to the Gandhara and Mughal eras, is rich and diverse. This heritage shines through its archaeological sites, architecture, and vibrant traditions. Exploring Pakistan offers a glimpse into one of South Asia's most historically significant regions.

PAKISTAN'S DIVERSE HISTORICAL LEGACY

1. **Indus Valley Civilization:** Discover the ancient urban centers of Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, showcasing advanced city planning from 2500 BCE.
2. **Gandhara Civilization:** Marvel at the Greco-Buddhist art in Taxila and Peshawar, dating back to the 1st century BCE.
3. **Islamic Period:** Visit stunning Mughal landmarks like Lahore Fort, Badshahi Mosque, and Shalimar Gardens.
4. **Colonial Era:** Explore British colonial architecture, including the Karachi Port and Lahore Railway Station.
5. **Modern Era:** See how Pakistan continues to celebrate its heritage through museums, festivals, and preserved sites.

WHY PRESERVE AND PROMOTE HISTORICAL SITES?

- **Cultural Identity:** Connect with Pakistan's rich past and understand its diverse cultural roots.
- **Educational Value:** Learn from tangible links to history, perfect for students and researchers.
- **Tourism Boost:** Attract visitors, boosting the local economy and creating jobs.
- **Art and Architecture:** Protect unique styles and craftsmanship for future generations.
- **International Recognition:** Gain global attention and support with prestigious designations like UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



Discover Taxila: A Journey Through History

1. TAXILA MUSEUM: A DIVE INTO ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

Explore galleries filled with artifacts from various historical periods. Enhance your visit with guided tours, capture the intricate carvings from the Dharmarajika Stupa, and explore research opportunities for students and scholars. Check the schedule for special events, and don't forget to visit the souvenir shop. Open daily from 9 am-12:30 pm and 2:30 pm-4 pm. Tickets: PKR 20 (locals), PKR 500 (foreigners).

2. JAULIAN BUDDHIST MONASTERY:

Tour the well-preserved structures, capture the beauty of the stupa and landscape, and engage in the Healing Buddha Ritual. Guided tours offer insights into history and architecture. Best visited in spring and autumn. Tickets: PKR 20 (locals), PKR 500 (foreigners).



3. DHARMARAJIKA STUPA: A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The Dharmarajika Stupa, also known as Chir Tope, is the oldest and largest Buddhist complex situated on the eastern route along the Tamra stream, about three kilometers from Taxila Museum. Open daily from 9 am-12:30 pm and 2:30 pm-4 pm. Tickets: PKR 20 (locals), PKR 500 (foreigners).



4. SIRKAP: THE ANCIENT CITY OF MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE

Sirkap is an ancient city located in Taxila, known for its rich Buddhist history. In its prime, Sirkap was a lively city with houses, streets, shops, and places of worship. Tickets: PKR 30 (locals), PKR 500 (foreigners).

Mohenjo-Daro:

Mohenjo-Daro, in Sindh province, is a key ancient city of the Indus Valley Civilization, showcasing advanced urban planning with well-organized roads and drainage systems. Archaeologists discovered many artifacts there, including pots, jewellery, statues, and seals with undeciphered writing. Though the civilization's decline remains a mystery, Mohenjo-Daro is a UNESCO World Heritage site, offering a glimpse into life thousands of years ago.



Harrapa:

Harappa, in Punjab, Pakistan, is an ancient site where evidence of the Indus Valley Civilization was first discovered. Around 5,000 years ago, it thrived as part of this ancient urban culture known for trade and city life. Archaeologists have found pottery, tools, and jewelry, giving insights into daily life. Harappa offers a window into the past, helping us understand ancient civilizations, with remains open for visitors to explore and learn about its inhabitants from thousands of years ago.



Khyber Pass



Khyber Pass, located between Pakistan and Afghanistan in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province lies the historic Khyber Pass. This ancient trade route has long been a strategic military location, shaping the course of numerous historical invasions. Among its key features are the impressive Bab-e-Khyber and the formidable Jamrud Fort, both standing as testaments to the pass's rich heritage. Today, the Khyber Pass continues to be significant, balancing its historical legacy with current security measures to maintain its importance in the region.



Rohtas Fort: A Historical Marvel

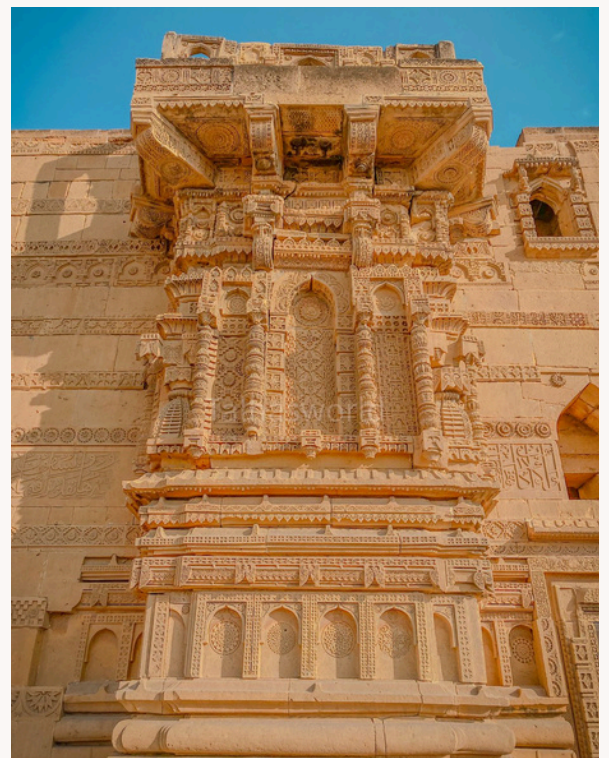
Rohtas Fort, situated near Jhelum in Punjab, Pakistan, is an extraordinary example of 16th-century Muslim military architecture. Built in the 16th century, it covers 70 hectares and was constructed by Sher Sha Suri, the founder of the Suri dynasty, in 1541.

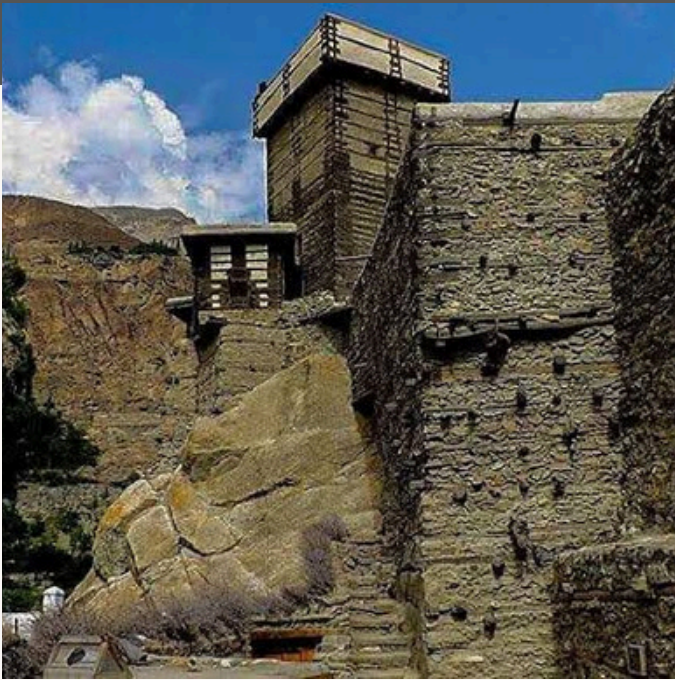
- Recognized for its Outstanding Universal Value, Rohtas Fort stands out as a unique example of Muslim military architecture in central and south Asia.
- It served as a model for Mughal architecture, blending traditions from Turkey and the Indian subcontinent.



Makli Necropolis

Located in Thatta, Sindh province, stands one of the largest funerary sites in the world, with a history spanning several centuries. This remarkable site is renowned for its intricate tombs and mausoleums, which honor kings, queens, saints, and scholars. Visitors are struck by the rich cultural and architectural diversity found here, as the site showcases a blend of various styles and influences, reflecting the region's rich historical tapestry.





Altit and Baltit Forts

In the stunning Hunza Valley of Gilgit-Baltistan, Altit and Baltit Forts stand as timeless symbols of the region's rich feudal history. Altit Fort, with its ancient and intricate architecture, showcases the traditional craftsmanship of centuries past. Just a short distance away, Baltit Fort is known for its strategic location and unique design, which highlight its historical significance. Both forts have been carefully preserved and continue to attract tourists with their fascinating stories and breathtaking views, offering a glimpse into the area's heritage and charm.



Ranikot Fort

Located near Sann in the Jamshoro District of Sindh province, Ranikot Fort is often called the "Great Wall of Sindh" due to its impressive size—making it one of the largest forts in the world. The fort is known for its massive walls, several gates, and the inner fortresses of Meeri and Shergarh. Even though Ranikot Fort is very impressive, its origins remain a mystery. Many legends and stories surround it, which makes it even more fascinating.

Research the historical site before your visit to understand its significance and any special guidelines. Visit our site [Travel Pakistani](https://www.travel-pakistan.com) for more information.



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