

Kalash Festival

CHILIMJUSHT 13-16 MAY

The Kalasha spring Festival known as Zhoshi by the Kalash themselves and “Chilimjusht” by the local people, with its all colours and glory will commence from 13th and last until 16th May, to welcome the summer season of the year. Since it’s the most colourful festival of the Kalash people, thousands of national and international tourists come to attend it, creating for themselves, lifetime memories in the United valleys of Kalash.

The unique group dance of the Kalash people, coupled with the bewitching scenery of the valleys, is the real essence of the festival is worth seeing. People, who long to know the important but hidden facts about the smallest community of the earth, would ever love to join the festival.

This is not a mere gathering of people, but rather embodies the outstanding and unparalleled peace, unknown to the world, surrounds us there. This festival also gives us an opportunity to see how these few people remained true to their ancestors and preserved the great heritage which they received from their forefathers in the shape of culture. This festival is unique in its nature and has no other examples in this big world.

Chitral, the valley of mesmerizing beauty, the hidden treasure of nature, peace-loving and hospitable people and much more to explore is still a hidden paradise for travellers, researchers, nature lovers and adventurers.

Under the shadow of Tarich Mir, the highest mountain range of Hindukush, the home of fairies is 412km and 368 km away from Islamabad and Peshawar respectively.



Kalash community in Chitral are welcoming this romantic, captivating and enchanting beauty of the upcoming spring season, and inviting the travellers to join them to celebrate this wonderful event with wonderful people of the world.

Sky Nation Tourism is an inbound tour Company and travel consultant with over 07 years experiences of mountain tourism is pleased to serve you with our comprehensive and economical tour packages for the travellers and tourists for upcoming events in Chitral, including the Kalash famous event of **Chilimjusht** to be held on 13-16 May 20.

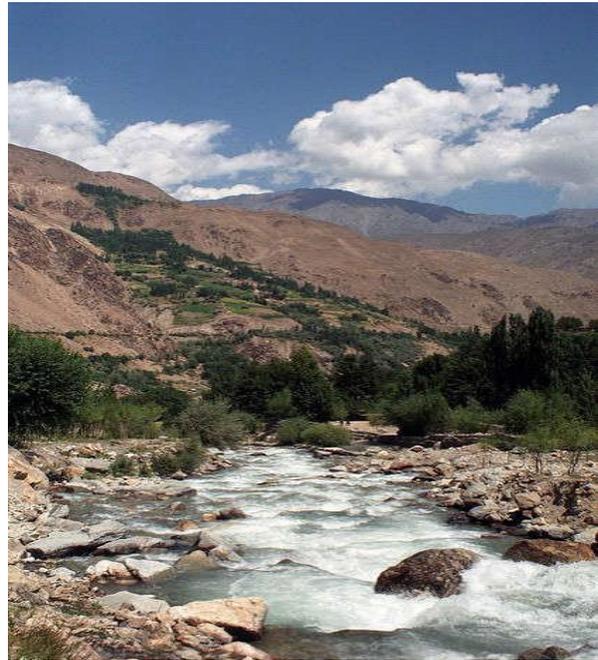
Day excursion of Garumchashma Lotkoh:

Your trip to Kalash festival will give an additional value of money you are spending on your tour to Chitral is one full day exploration trip to Injigan, 45 km in the extreme north west of Chitral on the gateway to Central Asia is popularly known Garam Chashma.

The historical popularity of the area is because of its shortest land route from Chitral to Central Asia (just 200 km), used to be the hub of trades and pilgrimage routes for traders, travelers and conquerors.

In the 11th century, an Ismaili scholar, philosopher and preacher came to this area and initiated preaching, teaching converted the Kalash/ Budapest into Islam. He stayed in the cave, well known as "Gharo Ziarat" and prayed inside the cave for 40 days with full fasting. On completion of this spiritual empowerment, he comes out from the cave and hundreds of people movement called "Piro Pathak" celebrated on 2nd of February every year.

The land of memory, pilgrimage and roots of spirituality remains the identity of the area. In the recent past history, the popularity of the area came out in 1972 when the then Prime Minister Mr Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto visited the area and explored its attraction and beauty.



FIVE DAY ECONOMIC TRIP ISLAMABAD TO ISLAMABAD:

Day 01: May 14: Departure to Kalash valley from Islamabad/Rawalpindi/Pew. Full day derives 10-12 hours with a break for lunch on way to Kalash valley and overnight with Kalash Guest House (subject to availability) otherwise in the camping.

Day 02: May-15: Stay in Kalash guest house in Bumburat valley or in camps- enjoyed full day Kalash festival till late night- dancing with the community and participating in the event.

Day 03: May-16: Stay in Kalash for full day exploration and overnight at Chitral (Chitral Guest House)

Day 04: May-17: Explore Garumchashma, the natural beauty of valley leading towards Central Asia at just 200 km crossing narrow straits of Afghanistan. This valley remained the focal point of Afghan cold war with Russia. On the way back to Chitral you will enjoy Markhor- the most endangered species on the planet. O/N at Chitral Guest House

Day 05: May-18: Full day drive from Chitral to Islamabad/Rwp/Peshawar and lunch on way at Timergira or Chikdara.

Cost of the itinerary:

The cost of the itinerary for five days:

The cost of the proposed itinerary is **34,500 PKR per person** based on the minimum group size of 12 pax or above.

The cost of the proposed itinerary is **21,500 PKR per person** based on the minimum group size of 25 pax or above

Note: The cost will increase proportionately with less size and decrease with larger size of group members.

Includes:

- Transport from Islamabad to Dir by coasters and Dir to Kalash, Garumchashma and drop at Dir by Jeep
- Full board based Hotel/Guest House or camping facilities subject to availability during the festival day.
- Guide from Islamabad to Islamabad
- Home stay facilities if required during the trip
- Sharing and double occupancy based accommodation
- Private transport with 4 pax in one Jeep.

Not included:

Personal items, including warm cloths, trekking shoes, mineral water, tips, cold drink, juices, additional fruits or food or tea.

Dos and Don'ts for Everyone:

- Always ask permission before photography
- Don't harass women in any way
- Don't walk into people tents uninvited
- Don't disturb the working in field
- Don't drink alcohol in public places
- Buy local products
- Don't carry arms
- Use dedicated parking area
- Security is for your safety, always cooperate with security
- Don't throw stuff on to the tourist places
- Don't take photography at dangerous places
- Make your kind cooperation with Sky Nation Tourism team

Recommended Gear:

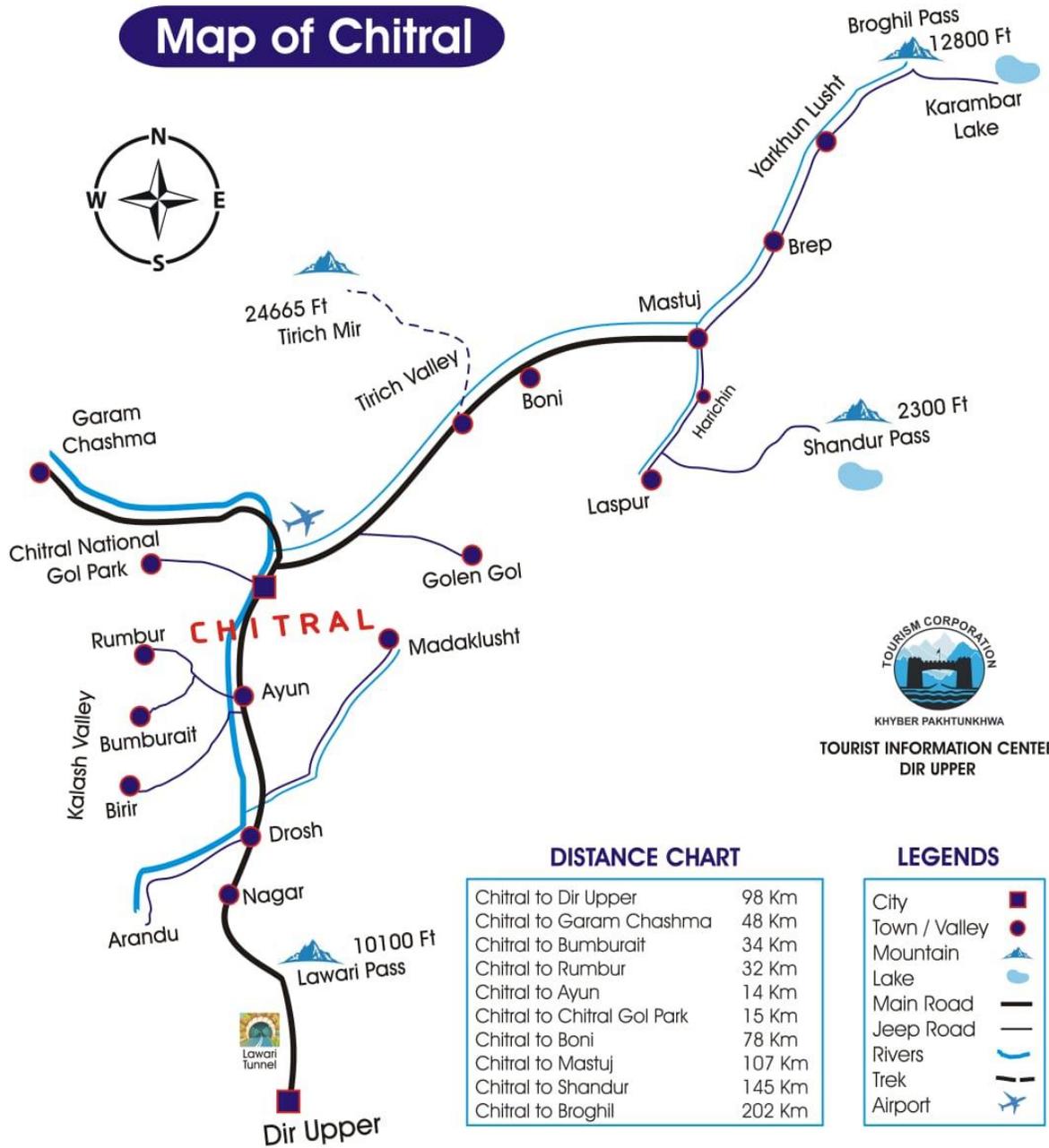
- NIC is must
- Trekking boots/Joggers/Comfortable Shoes/Slippers
- Back Pack
- Torches with extra batteries
- Waterproof lower and Jacket
- Thermals (both upper and lower)
- Fleece/Sweaters
- T shirts for day trekking
- Water bottle
- Socks, preferably woolen (03-04 pairs)
- Gloves (highly recommended)
- Muffler (highly recommended)
- Beanie (highly recommended)
- Hand wash/soap/sanitizer, wipes, tooth paste and all other necessities
- Sun Block and Sun glasses
- Power bank and Charger

Terms and Conditions For The Tour

- Room type 04 bed Sharing
- Single or double room will be provide on demand
- No hidden fees / Charges
- Mode of payment 50% in Advance Cash
- Time Table must be follow
- First Aid at any stage/an emergency
- Rush can disturb our time plan
- Conform Your Booking at least 07 days before departure
- Refreshment expense &entry fees will be paid by the tourist
- Infant will be free child (05-10 years) will charges 50% of the tour Package

Chitral Valley Map:

Map of Chitral



**TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER
DIR UPPER**

DISTANCE CHART

Chitral to Dir Upper	98 Km
Chitral to Garam Chashma	48 Km
Chitral to Bumburait	34 Km
Chitral to Rumbur	32 Km
Chitral to Ayun	14 Km
Chitral to Chitral Gol Park	15 Km
Chitral to Boni	78 Km
Chitral to Mastuj	107 Km
Chitral to Shandur	145 Km
Chitral to Broghil	202 Km

LEGENDS

City	
Town / Valley	
Mountain	
Lake	
Main Road	
Jeep Road	
Rivers	
Trek	
Airport	



Lowari Tunnel