

# **DISTRICT SHIGAR: THE LAND OF MOUNTAINS**

Shigar district is gateway to great Karakoram, covers an area of 8,500 sq. km. It is located on an ancient trading route from Central Asia. At the head of the Braldo Valley is Baltoro Glacier, 35 miles long, and Shigar's own northern ridge rises to a height of 28,265 ft, the pinnacle of which is the K2, the world's second highest peak. Shigar valley is nearly at half an hour drive from Skardu.

It has a vast agricultural land and several attractive tourist spots. The fertile land of Shigar is irrigated with Shigar River. It is abundant in fruits like grapes, peaches, pears, walnuts and apricots. The valley stretches to 170 km from Skardu to Askole.

Famous Tourist Spots: The restoration and conservation of heritage sites in Shigar is praiseworthy. The 400 years old Shigar fort, which has been restored and is being used as a heritage museum, is a great example of reuse of heritage structures in Pakistan. Amburiq Mosque is another example of heritage preservation. It was recognized with a UNESCO Award for heritage conservation in 2005.

# TRAVEL TIPS

- Confirm your air tickets timely
- Confirm your hotel reservations before traveling
- Get first-hand information about road condition
- Support the community by purchasing local handicrafts
- Keep your national ID card/ passport along with you
- Engage local guide for trekking/camping
- Use LPG or kerosene for cooking and avoid using firewood
- Respect local culture, traditions and religious places
- Do not harm the environment, flora and fauna
- Avoid excessive breaks while driving at Babusar, Deosai and Khunjerab
- Using heavy gears minimize risk and ensure safety
- Dispose of your litter properly and leave the campsite clean
- Cooperate with GB Tourist Police.

# SARFARANGA DESERT



#### **APPROACH**

Dist: 20 Kms (From Skardu City) Accessibility: Car/Jeep Traveling Time: 40 Mins

# **SHIGAR FORT**



# **APPROACH**

Dist: 16 Kms(From Bab-e-Accessibility: Car/Jeep

Traveling Time: 28 Mins



# **APPROACH**

Dist: 78 Kms (From Shigar to Askole)

Accessibility: Jeep Traveling Time: 2 Hr 30 Mins

## JARBA SO LAKE



#### APPROACH

Dist: 18 Kms (From Shigar) Accessibility: Jeep Traveling Time: 51 Mins

# **AMBURIG MOSQUE**



# **APPROACH**

Dist: 2 Kms (From Shigar) Accessibility: Car/Jeep Traveling Time: 10 Mins

### For more Information

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