

# **LAND OF TOURISM: DISTRICT GHANCHE**

Ghanche is easternmost district of Gilgit-Baltistan. It is home to a wide range of historical sites and architectural points of interest including Chaqchan Mosque and Khaplu Palace - both exemplify local craftsmanship and traditional woodwork. Kashmiri craftsmen brought over by the rulers of Khaplu incorporated both local and Kashmiri building elements to develop a range of splendid structures in the region. Ghanche district has its own cultural festivities and the people of the district love to celebrate the festivities occasionally with their traditional tunes, dance and songs. The famous dances of the region are Mandoq Taimo and Ragi Taimo.

Languages: Balti is the local language while Urdu and English are also

Famous Tourist Spots: Khaplu palace, a prime example of Royal residence in the area, and Chaqchan Mosque; the oldest mosque in Baltistan.

Popular activities: Ghondoghoro pass in the valley is base camp of Masherbrum peak and one of the most popular and challenging treks of the world. Trekking, Camping and Fishing of Trout fish are some of the popular activities of the area.

# 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

### **KHAPLU FORT**



Dist: 2.9 Kms (From Khaplo City) Accessibility: Car/Jeep Traveling Time: 10 Mins

## SAILING VALLEY



Dist: 9 Kms (From Khaplo City) Accessibility: Car/Jeep Traveling Time: 26 Mins

#### THALLEY VALLEY



#### **APPROACH**

Dist: 50 Kms (From Khaplo City) Accessibility: Car/Jeep Traveling Time: 1 Hr

### **CHAQCHAN MOSQUE**



# **APPROACH**

Dist: 1 Kms (From Khaplo City) Accessibility: Jeep Traveling Time: 6 Mins

## **KHARFAQ LAKE**



# **APPROACH**

Dist: 32 Kms (From Khaplo City) Accessibility: Car/Jeep Traveling Time: 1 Hr

#### **HUSHE VALLEY**



# **APPROACH**

Dist: 59 Kms (From Khaplo City) Accessibility: Car/Jeep Traveling Time: 02 Hr 30 Min

#### For more Information

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