



Pakistan Three Cups of Tea Fundraising Tour – 14 days: September/October 2010

Islamabad – Chitral – Bumburet – Mastuj – Gupis – Karimabad – Gilgit – Skardu – Islamabad

If you were inspired by Greg Mortenson and his book “Three Cups of Tea; One man’s mission to promote peace... one school at a time,” please join Red Lantern Journeys CEO, **Ambrose Bittner**, and photojournalist, **Beb C. Reynol**, on this adventure through the mountains of Northern Pakistan to raise money for the Central Asia Institute (CAI). Our inaugural tour to Pakistan involves a remarkable driving odyssey through the valleys and mountains of Northern Pakistan where the CAI has built some of their schools. During the tour, Beb will provide instruction on travel photography techniques for capturing exceptional scenes and portraits.

Day 1: Arrive in Islamabad. You will be welcomed at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a late afternoon tour of the city with visits to the folk heritage museum, the Shakarparian Hills, Saidpur Village, Faisal mosque and the Raja bazaar. Stay overnight in Islamabad.

Day 2: Islamabad to Chitral. Fly to Chitral. Afternoon, tour Shahi mosque, Chitral bazaar, polo ground, and Chitral Fort. Stay overnight in Chitral.

Day 3: Chitral to Bumburet. Drive through the beautiful Bumburet Valley. Arrive in Bumburet and visit Kalash houses, an old graveyard, Kafir prayer place, and a local home. Stay overnight in Bumburet.

Day 4: Bumburet. Enjoy a full day excursion to Rumbur Valley. Return to Bumburet in the afternoon for free time and rest. Stay overnight in Bumburet.

Day 5: Bumburet to Mastuj. Take a full day drive to Mastuj. Arrive in the late afternoon. Stay overnight in Mastuj.

Day 6: Mastuj to Gupis. Take a full day drive to Gupis via Shandur Pass (3700m). Stop for lunch in Phander, and continue on drive arriving in Gupis in the late afternoon. Stay overnight in Gupis.

Day 7: Gupis to Karimabad. Drive to Karimabad. Stop in Gilgit for lunch and a short tour to the Gilgit suspension bridge and the colourful bazaar. Continue on to Karimabad arriving in the late afternoon. Stay overnight in Karimabad.

Days 8: Karimabad. Tour Karimabad, stopping at the bazaar, the Baltit Fort, and Ganish Tower. Drive to Gulmit for an afternoon walk through the Gulmit village to the suspension bridge. Drive back to Karimabad in the late afternoon. Stay overnight in Karimabad.

Day 9: Karimabad to Gilgit. Morning free for photography or other activities on your own in Karimabad. Drive to Gilgit in the afternoon. Stay overnight in Gilgit.

Days 10: Gilgit to Skardu. Embark on a full day drive to Skardu. Arrive in Skardu in the late afternoon and transfer to your hotel. Stay overnight in Skardu.

Day 11: Skardu. Go to Shigar Fort for lunch and take a walk through the village. Drive back to Skardu in the late afternoon. Stay overnight in Skardu.

Day 12: Skardu to Islamabad. Fly to Islamabad in the morning. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Evening is free for your own activities. Stay overnight in Islamabad. (If flight cancels, drive to Chilas with overnight stop.)

Day 13: Islamabad. Enjoy a free day to relax and explore on your own. Stay overnight in Islamabad. (If flight is canceled, drive from Chilas to Islamabad with afternoon free. Overnight in Islamabad.)

Day 14: Transfer to the airport for departure.

Call us at 1-877-362-2793 for more information or to book this tour.



Red Lantern Journeys is a registered seller of travel in Washington (# 602422249) and California (# 2100207).

The Central Asia Institute name is used with its permission, which in no way constitutes an endorsement, expressed or implied, of any product, service, company, or individual.



Photo courtesy of the Central Asia Institute

Tour Cost:

\$6850 per person, double occupancy

Group Size: min 6, max 10

This Tour Includes:

- Airport transfers.
- All private tours and excursions as outlined in the itinerary.
- All surface transportation as per the itinerary by air-conditioned car or non-air-conditioned 4x4 where required.
- Hotel accommodation inclusive of all taxes and service charges.
- All meals while on tour.
- Services of local English-speaking guides for all visits and excursions.
- Entrance fees.
- Flights from Islamabad to Chitral and from Skardu to Islamabad (assuming flights are operational).
- A \$300 per person donation by RLJ to the CAI

This Tour Excludes:

- International airfare and airport departure taxes.
- Visa fees.
- Travel Insurance.
- Tips and expenses of a personal nature.
- Personal donations to the CAI