

10-Day Wakhan Corridor Adventure: from Tajikistan

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Welcome to your extraordinary adventure with Borderless Expeditions! On this 10-day journey into the remote Wakhan Corridor of Afghanistan, you'll travel through rugged mountain landscapes, ancient villages, and untouched nature. This off-the-grid expedition is designed to offer a deep cultural immersion while staying true to our spirit of sustainable adventure travel.

Before starting

Here are a few things to keep in mind as we explore this remote and fascinating area:

1. The Wakhan Corridor is one of the most remote areas in Afghanistan and in the world. Facilities are basic. You'll stay in shared twin rooms, hotels, or camp in nature. Sanitation will vary depending on the location, bring your spirit of adventure!

2. Our expedition supports local families and communities. And work directly with a local group, you'll also have the opportunity to interact with hospitable Afghani and Wakhi people along the way.

3. Travel is by the legendary UAZ combi expedition van. Reliable, rugged, and made for off-road adventures, it's a key part of the experience.

Get ready to discover one of the last untouched corners of Central Asia! This is more than a trip; it's a journey through ancient paths and unforgettable human encounters.



Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Tajikistan Border to Kunduz Accommodation: Hotel Meals: Lunch² and Dinner²

- Early morning pickup at Panji Poyan/Sherkhan Bandar border
- Assistance with Afghan visa on arrival (100 USD)
- Drive to Kunduz
- Obtain regional permits for Badakhshan
- Overnight stay in Kunduz hotel

Day 2: Kunduz to Faizabad via Taloqan Accommodation: Hotel Meals: Breakfast², Lunch² and Dinner²

- Drive to Talogan
- Visit the bazaar and explore briefly
- Continue to Faizabad
- Overnight in Faizabad guesthouse

Day 3: Faizabad to Ishkashim Accommodation: Hotel Meals: Breakfast², Lunch² and Dinner²

- Scenic drive through Zebak region
- Stop at scenic viewpoints and local villages
- Evening walk around Ishkashim
- Overnight in a hotel in Ishkashim

Day 4: Ishkashim to Qala-e Panja Accommodation: Camping Meals: Breakfast², Lunch¹ and Dinner¹

- Visit the Ishkashim market
- Drive through the breathtaking Wakhan corridor until Qala-e Panja
- Visit the ancient Qala-e Panja fortress
- Overnight in tent around Qala-e Panja



Day 5: Qala-e Panja to Sarhad-e Broghil Accommodation: Camping Meals: Breakfast¹, Lunch¹ and Dinner¹

- Full day drive through Wakhi villages
- Cross hanging bridges and remote valleys
- Visit Sargas hot spring
- Overnight camping in Sarhad-e Broghil

Day 6: Sarhad-e Broghil Exploration Accommodation: Camping Meals: Breakfast¹, Lunch¹ and Dinner¹

- Trek towards Broghil Pass³
- Explore one of the nearby glaciers (if accessible)
- Meet Wakhi and Kyrgyz locals
- Overnight camping in Sarhad-e Broghil

Day 7: Sarhad-e Broghil to Qazideh Accommodation: Homestay or camping Meals: Breakfast¹, Lunch¹ and Dinner¹

- Return along Wakhan Corridor
- Stop at Yamit hot springs
- Overnight in tent or homestay in Qazideh

Day 8: Qazideh to Faizabad Accommodation: hotel Meals: Breakfast², Lunch¹ and Dinner²

- Morning drive through Khandud and Ishkashim
- Visit petroglyphs near Ishkashim
- Overnight in a hotel in Faizabad

Day 9: Faizabad to Kunduz Accommodation: hotel Meals: Breakfast², Lunch² and Dinner²

- Morning drive through Khandud and Ishkashim
- Visit petroglyphs near Ishkashim
- Overnight in a hotel in Kunduz



Day 10: Departure Options Meals: Breakfast²

- Option 1: Early morning drive to Tajikistan border
- Option 2: Drive to Kunduz for onward travel to Mazar-i-Sharif (not included)
- Option 3: Arrange vehicle to Hairatan (for crossing to Uzbekistan not included)
- Option 3: Arrange vehicle to Kabul

Price: 1199 EUR per person (Price for package expedition all inclusive).

¹Meal prepared by guide

² Meal at local restaurant/guesthouse

³ If pass not accessible, possibility to switch to Daliz Pass

Inclusions

- Transportation in UAZ combi expedition vehicle
- Experienced English-speaking driver-guide
- Accommodation in shared twin rooms (guesthouses, hotels and tents)
- All meals as per itinerary (9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners)
- Entry and permits for Wakhan Corridor
- Bottled water, tea, and coffee

Exclusions

- International flights
- Afghan visa fee (100 USD)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Supplement for single room



Meals

We balance hygiene and authenticity by mixing meals prepared by our guide and food served in vetted local restaurants.

This approach helps minimize the risk of food poisoning, which can be common in remote areas of the Wakhan. By taking control of food preparation, we can maintain higher hygiene standards and carefully select ingredients.

Please inform us of any dietary requirements well in advance of the expedition.

Bookings and Payment Conditions

Payments must be made in full at the time of booking unless explicitly agreed otherwise. The booking will be confirmed in writing via a confirmation email.

Cancellation

If you wish to cancel your booking, you must notify us in writing. The cancellation date is the date we receive your written notification. Cancellation charges will apply as follows:

Cancellation Charges:

- More than 60 days before departure: 15% of the total trip cost
- 60-30 days before departure: 30% of the total trip cost
- 29-15 days before departure: 60% of the total trip cost
- 14 days or less before departure: 100% of the total trip cost

Note:

You have the right to transfer your booking to another person up to 14 days before departure free of charges.

Why Choose Borderless Expeditions?

- Travel in the iconic UAZ expedition vehicle
- Small group sizes for a more intimate experience
- English guide with deep knowledge of the region
- Authentic cultural interactions and overnight stays in natural settings
- Prepared meals from clean and fresh ingredients
- Commitment to sustainable and responsible expedition



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What's the best time to visit the Wakhan region?

A: The ideal time for our Wakhan expedition is from mid-June to mid-September. During these months, the weather is most favourable, and mountain passes are typically clear of snow.

Q: How physically demanding is this expedition?

A: While our UAZ expedition vehicle does most of the hard work, you should be in reasonably good health. We'll reach altitudes up to 4,000m, so some basic fitness is recommended.

Q: What about altitude sickness?

A: Altitude sickness can affect anyone, regardless of fitness. Our itinerary is designed to allow for gradual acclimatization. Stay hydrated and inform your guide if you feel unwell. Consider consulting your doctor about altitude medication before the trip.

Q: What type of accommodation can I expect?

A: We offer a mix of authentic local experiences. You'll stay in basic hotels on the way and new tents own by Borderless Expeditions. Facilities are often simple, reflecting the remote nature of the region.

Q: What's the food like on this expedition?

A: You'll experience a mix of local cuisine and carefully prepared meals by your guide. Let us know if you have any food restrictions or allergies.

Q: Do I need a visa?

A: You may need visas for both Tajikistan and Afghanistan depending on your nationality. We can assist with visa information, and we will assist you for the Afghan visa, but please check the latest requirements for your nationality.

Q: What should I pack?

A: Pack for varying weather conditions. Bring warm layers, a good jacket, comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Don't forget any personal medications, and a camera for those stunning mountain views!

Q: Is Wi-Fi available during the expedition?

A: Wi-Fi is very limited in the Wakhan region. It is best to prepare for limited connectivity during most of the expedition.

Q: How many people are in an expedition group?

A: Our UAZ expedition vehicle comfortably seats 6 travelers plus your guide/driver. We keep our groups small to ensure a more personal experience and to minimize our impact on the local communities we visit.

Q: Is it safe to travel in this region?

A: While the Wakhan passes through remote areas, it's generally safe for tourists. As your guide, I'm experienced with the route and local customs. However, as with all travel, it's important to exercise common sense and follow local advice.

Remember, part of the adventure is embracing the unexpected! If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to ask. We're here to ensure you have an unforgettable journey through the "World most remote areas"!