



# 10 Days, Ski and Snowboard in Afghanistan



## DETAILED ITINERARY:

### Day 1: Kabul

- Pick up from the airport and get back to the hotel. Meet the rest of the group and have a short briefing about the upcoming trip.
- Sightseeing around Kabul city
- Visit Sakhi Shrine also known as the Blue Mosque
- Go to Bibi Mahru Hill for great views
- Overnight in Kabul.

### Day 2: Kabul - Bamyan

- Flight from Kabul to Bamyan
- Bamyan is the capital of the Hazarajat - home of the Hazaras and one of the most peaceful places in Afghanistan
- When we arrive in Bamyan we will have time to look at the hillsides containing many caves in which monasteries and Buddhist carvings were once situated.



- The Buddhas of Bamyan were once the world's largest standing Buddhas. The statues were blown up and destroyed in March 2001 by the Taliban.
- Overnight in Bamyan

### **Day 3-5: Ski in the slopes of Baba Mountains**

Skiing in Afghanistan is a new and unique activity that mainly takes place in the Central Afghanistan, Bamyan. Crossing from the local villages meeting motivated boys with their wooden homemade skies and going to Baba Mountain slopes provide an excellent skiing experience. Because of their great height it makes for a long and thrilling descent. Since 2012, it has always been peaceful in Bamyan, which has led to an increase in skiing activity. Some of the most popular skiing locations in Bamyan are Qazan, Khushkak, Chapdara where you will be visiting. You will meet locals who are walking up for hours to get the amazing ride of skiing down the mountains

### **Day 6-7: National Park and surroundings.**

You will spend 2 days in and around Bamyan, an area of striking natural beauty. The mountains and valleys are dotted with ruins from Afghanistan's past as well as friendly Hazara villages. It is one of the few places in Afghanistan where we can walk freely and safely in a rural environment.

The Lapis Lazuli blue waters of Band-e-Amir are often the highlight of any trip to Afghanistan. Legend has it that the dams that separate the 5 lakes were made by Ali, the prophet Mohamed's cousin and son in law. However geologists insist they are natural dams made from mineral deposits. The lakes contrast to the stark landscape surrounding them only adds to the beauty of this area. Feel free to take a boat ride round the beautiful lake.



### **Day 8: Sightseeing around Bamyan.**

- The natural landscape of Dragon Valley
- Visit to Shahr e Zohak which is a historic city ruins also known as the Red city. The citadel was destroyed by Genghis Khan.
- Shahr e Gholghola is an archaeological site located near the town of Bamyan. Also known as the City Of Screams

### **Day 9: Panjshir Valley.**

- Morning flight from Bamyan – Kabul
- Arriving in Kabul we will drop of our luggage where it will be taken back to our hotel
- We will then drive to the Panjshir Valley, described as the most beautiful place in Afghanistan by locals. We will stop to view the tomb of Ahmed Shah Massoud, the Lion of the Panjshir and Afghanistan's most universally revered Mujahedin commander, as well as stopping off at a local restaurant on the banks of the Panjshir River.
- Overnight in Kabul

### **Day 10: Kabul Sightseeing and flight home.**

- Depending on the time of your flight, we will do some extra sightseeing in Kabul, buy some souvenirs and get ready to fly back home after an amazing eye opening journey.