



THE WAKHAN CORRIDOR IN
AFGHANISTAN – REMOTE AND
UNSPOILED
PRACTICAL INFORMATION



What to expect on this trip?

The Wakhan Corridor offers a remote, high-altitude adventure through rugged terrain and isolated communities, with no internet, basic accommodation, and simple local meals. Expect multiple checkpoints and permits that must be arranged on the spot during the journey, guided by our local team. This expedition is best suited for experienced travelers seeking raw nature, cultural depth, and total disconnection from modern life.

IMPORTANT: You will not have access to internet and mobile coverage for the majority of this trip.



Visa requirements:

As of July 2025, most nationalities are eligible to receive a visa on arrival when entering the Wakhan Corridor via the land border. However, visa regulations in the region are constantly evolving, and we strongly recommend double-checking the latest requirements at the time of booking. (one notable exception is China).

If you're joining this expedition after participating in our Cultural Tour of Afghanistan, your existing visa may still be valid, depending on the route and duration—our team will help clarify this based on your specific travel plans.

*Please keep in mind your passport must be valid until at least 6 months after the date of arrival.

*Penguin Travel bears no responsibility if your visa is rejected or not received on time.

Accommodation & transportation:

Accommodation in the Wakhan Corridor is provided in local guesthouses with shared facilities, typically housing up to four people per room. Due to the remote nature of the region, single rooms are not available. Expect basic, rustic conditions, where comfort is secondary to cultural immersion and the opportunity to experience local life.

Transportation in the Wakhan Corridor is primarily by 4x4 vehicles, navigating rough, unpaved roads.



Luggage restriction:

For the tour, luggage should be kept to a minimum. We recommend one medium-sized suitcase or backpack per person, along with a small carry-on bag for essentials. Due to space limitations in vehicles, please avoid large or excessive luggage.

Dress code and what to pack:

You may need to wear traditional clothing during your trip, especially when visiting local villages or participating in cultural activities. These garments are available for purchase at local markets upon arrival, and they are an essential part of respecting the customs and traditions of the region. Traditional attire typically includes loose-fitting clothing and headscarves for women (full face covering burqa is not mandatory), and long robes for men.

Other things to pack:

- Modest clothing
- Headscarf (women)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Light jacket or sweater
- Sun protection
- Personal hygiene items (toiletries, wet wipes, hand sanitizer)
- Power adapter (Afghanistan uses plug type C, D and F)
- Power banks



Currency and payments:

The local currency in Afghanistan is the Afghan Afghani (AFN), but US dollars are widely accepted in the Wakhan Corridor, especially in remote areas. It's advisable to bring enough cash in US dollars, as ATMs are scarce and card payments are not possible. Make sure to carry small bills for easier transactions, as change may be difficult to obtain. We recommend exchanging money in Kabul or another major city before heading to more remote regions.

IMPORTANT: you are not allowed to exit the country with more than 500 USD cash at land borders or 5000 USD cash at the airport.

Local payment:

The local payment is part of the total cost of the tour, it is NOT an additional fee.

During this tour, there are a lot of cash expenses that we as an agency need to cover.

That's why to make it safer and easier for our tour leader, they will collect a small amount in cash directly from you during the tour (this amount was already deducted from your invoice).

Having a Local Payment also allows us to keep the cost of our tours competitive and save on operational and administrative costs, so we can pass the savings on to you.

Please note that the local payment doesn't cover tips for the local guides or entry fees.



Local guides and tour leader:

On this tour, you will be accompanied by a tour leader from Penguin Travel (if the group is min. 10 people) and local English-speaking guides.

The tour leader is responsible for organizing the logistics and ensuring that the tour runs smoothly.

The tour leader might have or have not visited the destination before.

The local guides will provide more information about the history and significance of the places you visit.

Some of the sites have their on-site guides.

Tips for the local guide/ tour leader are not included in the package price (we recommend about 5 USD per person per day for the local guide/tour leader and 3 USD per person per day for the driver).

* Please note that there may be differences during your trip compared to the itinerary published on our website. While we strive to adhere to the planned schedule, we might need to make adjustments before or during the trip due to unexpected circumstances and other factors to ensure your safety and the best possible experience.

** Click [here](#) to see our tour itinerary and departure dates.

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AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP!

