



STFP promotes tourism practices that are environmentally sustainable, economically beneficial to the local communities, and educational experience for tourists.

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Eco-Adventure trip to Cholistan Desert

In the south of Punjab along the border of India lies the mysterious desert of Cholistan. This vast dry expanse holds in its heart a treasure of historical sites, cultural heritage and rich variety of wild life.

The desert of Cholistan was once the lush green valley of great Hakra River which suddenly disappeared about 4000 years ago and with it went the glory of this land. The jungles vanished, wildlife migrated and civilization living along its banks moved on to the fertile banks of Indus River.

Through this tour we will take you to Cholistan desert at the time of the year when its landscape looks its best and you will get a chance to explore the hidden grandeur of the vast wilderness of this magical desert. You will visit desert villages, nomadic settlements, shrines of sufi saints, Lalsohanra National Park and remains of the old fort of Derawar.

Date: 8 to 11 November

Day: Thursday to Sunday

Duration: 4 days

Departure Time: 0800 hours

Base: Lahore

Per head Fee: Rs.11,900/-

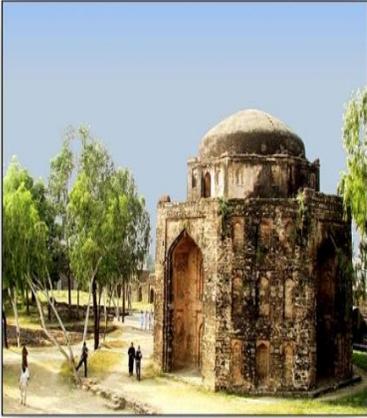
Booking Deadline: 5th November

To register for this trip please send us an email at: stfp.info@gmail.com

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Day trip to Rawat Fort and Rohtas Fort



Rawat Fort

*"The World is a book,
and those who do not
travel read only a page".*

St. Augustine

Rohtas Fort is a symbol of the determination and strength of its builder, Sher Shah Suri. The fort, 12 km in circumference, is located 98 km from Islamabad in a gorge 16 km North West of Jhelum. The construction of the fort started in 1543 and took over three years to complete. The original intent in building the fort was to block possible entry of the Mughal Emperor Humayun, who after his defeat had fled to Iran. The second objective was to punish and defeat the turbulent Gakkhars who had control of the valley and were allies of the Mughals. The fort could not have been more strategically located – protected as it was by ravines and the river Kahan. However, it lost its importance as a frontier garrison when Akbar built the great fort at Attock on the Indus in the 1581. Himalayan Wildlife Foundation has undertaken conservation and restoration of Rohtas Fort to bring back to this great structure some of its past glory.

Rawat Fort was built in early 16th century by the Gakkhars, a tribe of the Pothohar plateau. It is 17 km east of Rawalpindi on the Grand Trunk Road. The fort was scene of a battle between the Gakhar chief Sultan Sarang Khan and Sher Shah Suri, the builder of Rohtas Fort. The fort is almost in square shape, has two gates and contains a mosque. There are many graves inside including Sultan Sarang Khan and his 16 sons.

Date: 18 November

Day: Sunday

Duration: 09 hours

Departure Time: 0800 hours

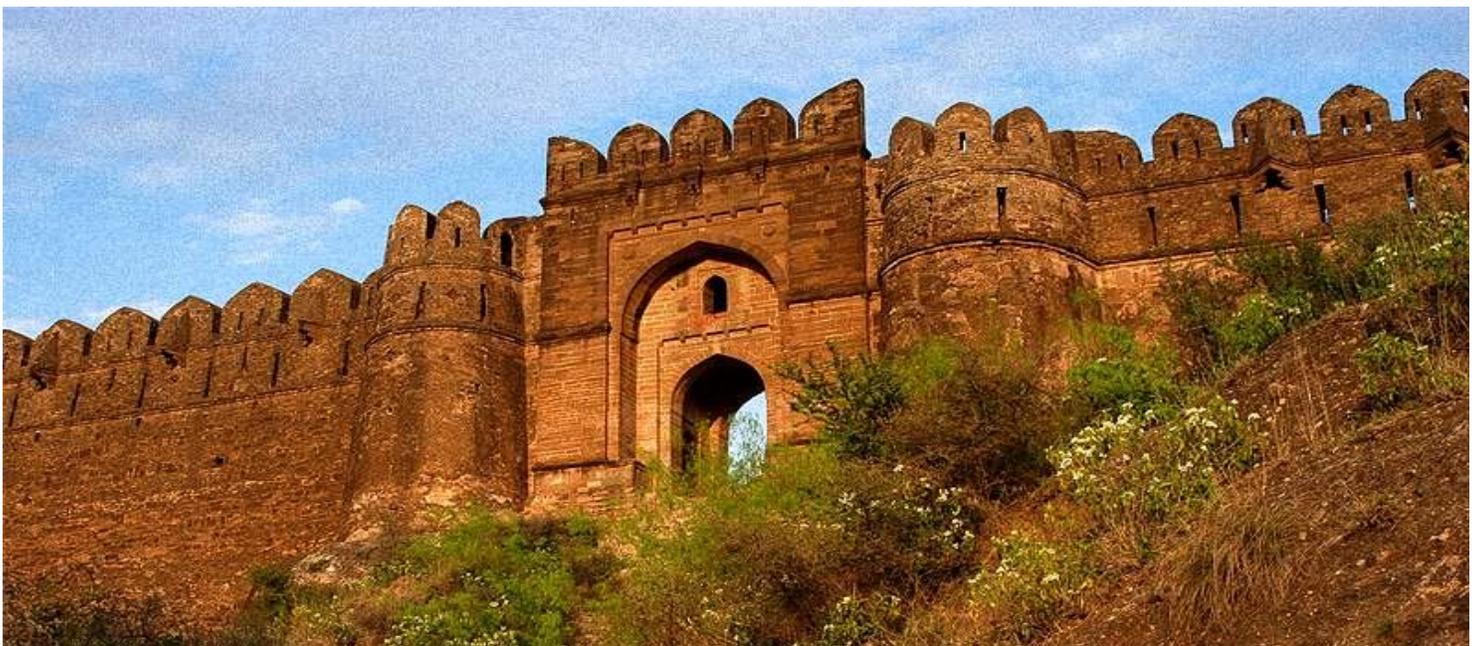
Base: Islamabad

Per head Fee: Rs.1,100/-

Booking Deadline: 15th November

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Day trip to Thatta, Makli, Haleji and Keenjhar Lakes

At a distance of about 102 km to the east of Karachi, on the main highway, lies the ancient town of Thatta. It was, once the capital of Sindh. It is now famous for some of the most picturesque and interesting specimen of indo-Muslim architecture. Makli, the biggest necropolis of the world is also located near Thatta. One can see thousands of old graves, many of them enshrined in magnificent tombs decorated with intricate engraved designs and embroidered with floral patterns and few of them with beautiful glistering blue glazed tiles. Haleji and Keenjhar are two lakes in this area which attract thousands of migratory birds during the winter months. Many species of birds can be watched here.

STFP in collaboration with Indus for All Program of WWF Pak is arranging this weekend trip for those who like to explore rich cultural and natural heritage of this area.



Keenjhar Lake

Date: 25 November

Day: Sunday

Duration: 09 hours

Departure Time: 0800 hours

Base: Karachi

Per head Fee: Rs.1,900/-

Booking Deadline: 21st November

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"It is the quality of our experiences, the satisfaction, excitement or joy that we get or fail to get from them that will determine how those experiences will change us, in short what we learn."

John Holt





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"Our past is a story existing only
in our minds. Look, analyze,
understand, and forgive. Then, as
quickly as possible, chuck it."

Marianne Williamson

What is Sustainable Tourism?

Sustainable tourism is travel designed to minimize the impact of humans on the places they visit, encourage protection of both cultural heritage and the environment and provide long-term, socially just economic opportunities for local residents

Isn't Sustainable Tourism the same thing as Ecotourism?

Not exactly. Sustainable tourism should not be confused with ecotourism, which is low-impact travel to fragile rural or wilderness areas. While sustainable tourism and ecotourism share several components, you don't have to go to a pristine natural destination to become involved in sustainable travel. Sustainable tourism development guidelines and management practices are applicable to all forms of tourism in all types of destinations, including mass tourism and the various niche tourism segments. Sustainability principles refer to the environmental, economic, and socio-cultural aspects of tourism development, and a suitable balance must be established between these three dimensions to guarantee its long-term sustainability.

Upcoming Events

- Indus dolphin and bird watching trip to Taunsa Barrage (22-24 December)
- Day trip to Takhta-i--Bahi (16 December)
- Day trip to Khewra Salt Mines (30 December)

Field trips are also open for your family members and friends, so you are welcome to invite them on these trips with prior intimation to the concerned staff of STFP at the time of signing up. Minimum group size for each trip is 8 persons.

Your participation in our trips, expeditions and knowledge sharing events provide support to STFP's mission of increasing awareness through exploration, environmental education, exchange of ideas and research work.

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