



**SHIGAR FORT**  

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**RESIDENCE**

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# Welcome to Shigar Fort Residence

## - *The Palace on the Rock*

*Built upon a huge boulder at the foot of a steep rock, Shigar Fort/Palace is known locally as Fong Khar – literally, the Palace on the Rock. It is located in oasis-like surroundings, irrigated by the waters from the glaciers of Baltistan – one of the most impressive regions in the high Karakoram ranges and unsurpassed in natural beauty and cultural richness.*

The complex at Shigar comprises the 400-year-old Fort/Palace and two more recent buildings, the “Old House” and the “Garden House”. The former Palace of the Raja of Shigar has been transformed into a 13-room heritage guesthouse, with the grand audience hall (see back cover) serving as a museum of Balti culture and featuring select examples of refined woodcarving, as well as other heritage objects.





Furnishing of the 13 historic rooms is discreet and tasteful, utilising simple wooden furniture and hand-woven textiles produced by craftsmen from the neighbouring village. Original features, such as bed niches, woodcarvings and screens have been conserved as integral parts of the rooms. They provide a rare and unique atmosphere, which cannot be experienced anywhere else in Pakistan.

The “Garden House” has been converted into a guesthouse with seven modern rooms, each including a television. The verandas off each room overlook the traditional Amacha garden, which is shaded by a centuries-old Chenar tree and features a Kashmir-style pavilion set within a square water basin.

The “Old House” features the reception, a guest lounge, terraces and restaurant areas. There is easy access to the orchards and garden areas, which offer spectacular views and numerous areas for relaxation and leisure activities.





## *Our Accommodations*

### *The Old Fort/Palace*

#### *Heritage Royal Suite*

Originally the Raja's royal summer quarters.

Price: 12,000 PKR \$200 USD

#### *Heritage Suites*

Originally served as the royal women's chambers.

Price: 9,000 PKR \$150 USD

#### *Heritage Premier Rooms*

Spacious historic rooms with sitting areas.

Price: 7,500 PKR \$125 USD

#### *Heritage Deluxe Rooms*

Historic rooms with original architectural details.

Price: 6,000 PKR \$100 USD

#### *Heritage Studio Rooms*

Cozy historic rooms with a single bed.

Price: 4,200 PKR \$70 USD







## The Garden House

### *Garden Suite*

Extra-spacious suite and balcony facing the Baradari monument.

Price: 4,500 PKR \$75 USD

### *Garden Balcony Rooms*

Price: 4,000 PKR \$65 USD

### *Standard Garden Rooms*

Price: 3,500 PKR \$60 USD

Discounted rates are available for groups.

## Guest Services & Facilities

Business Centre

Meeting Room and Audio-Visual Facilities

Restaurant and Garden Terrace

Turkish Lounge

Garden House Lounge

Traditional Guest Kitchen

Museum and Park Grounds

Gift Shop

Transportation and Helicopter Landing

Excursions and Cultural Tours





## Getting There

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) operates a Boeing 737 flight daily, from Islamabad to Skardu. A spectacular one-hour flight treats passengers to dramatic views of the Karakoram, Himalayan and Hindukush mountain ranges, with views of five 8000+ metre peaks, including the famous K-2 and Nangaparbat. Shigar is located 45 minutes by road from Skardu airport. Driving from Gilgit takes roughly five hours by car. Those visitors arriving by helicopter are met at the Shigar helipad and escorted to the residence.

## Leisure Activities

While many visitors choose the Shigar Fort Residence for its beauty and tranquillity, there are a variety of activities in the area. These range from hiking to the old Shigar Fort or trekking to K-2 base camp; day hikes to remote valleys and other points of interest such as the Deosai plateau; visits to cultural sites that reflect the unique mix of Hindu, Buddhist and Islamic influences, including the “Buddha Rocks” and the nearby settlements of Khaplu, Kiris and Kharmang; a short hike to the “organic” village of Nangasoq, near Skardu; a visit to the hot springs at Chutron (two hours from Shigar); or perhaps a polo match in the birthplace of the game. The staff at the Residence can help arrange these and other excursions.



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