**Lakes of Pakistan**

Nature bestows Pakistan with beautiful lakes famous around the globe. There are countless lakes in Pakistan. Northern Pakistan has enormous fresh water supplies due to the presence of the largest glacier reserves outside the polar region. Pakistan also has world’s mightiest mountain ranges the Karakorum, the Himalayas and the Hindu Kush. These ranges receive huge snowfall which is the main source of fresh water in the lakes. The crystal clear lakes in Pakistan are famous for their calmness and wild nature. Most of the lakes in Pakistan freezes during the winter season. Therefore, the right time for visiting them is during the summer season. Some of the most famous lakes in Pakistan are Saif Ul Malook Lake, Rush Lake, Shangri-La Lake, and Ratti Gali Lake etc. the detail are given below.

SAIF UL MALOOK LAKE: Saif Ul Malook Lake is the most famous lake in Pakistan. It is also famous as “Lake of Fairies”, Lake Saif Ul Malook is extraordinarily beautiful. This lake is Located in Kaghan Valley, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Lake Saif Ul Malook is famous for its unparalleled beauty. Name of the lake “Saif Ul Malook” is associated with a fairy tale in which Prince, Saif Ul Malook fell in love with a Fairy Princess, [Badi Ul Jamal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prince_Saiful_Malook_and_Badri_Jamala" \t "_blank). This fairy tale is also a reason for its popularity among travellers.

RUSH LAKE: Rush Lake is also very famous and the highest alpine lake in Pakistan.  It is located in Nagar Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan.  Rush Lake is among the highest lakes in the world. It is surrounded by the lush grassland and rocky ground. Rush Peak is the highest peak nearby the lake. This lake is accessible via Nagar Valley.

SHANGRI-LA LAKE: Shangri-La means “Heaven on Earth”. It is a famous lake situated in Skardu, Gilgit-Baltistan. It appears to be a water heart from above which makes it even more beautiful. Shangri-La Lake is also among the famous lakes in Pakistan. In addition, this lake is surrounded by the famous Shangrila Resort.

RATTI GALI LAKE: Ratti Gali is one of the famous alpine lakes in Pakistan. The Lake got its name from dark red flowers spread across the nearby mountains. Ratti Gali Lake exists in Neelum Valley, Azad Kashmir. The lake is locally famous as “Dowarian Lake” because of the nearby village having the same name. Ratti Gali Lake is surrounded by green pastured mountains. The flora and fauna of this lake are very diverse. In addition to this lake, Neelum Valley is famous for many lovely lakes in Pakistan.

SHANDUR LAKE: Shandur Lake lies in Shandur Valley which is located in a high mountain pass. Chitral and Gilgit are accessible via Shandur Pass. This lake is also one of the most beautiful lakes in Pakistan. Surroundings of Shandur Lake has a flat grassy land. Shandur Valley is also home to the World’s Highest Polo Ground. Shandur Polo Festival is famous around the world. The locals observe this beautiful festival every year from 7th to 9th of July.

SHEOSAR LAKE: Sheosar Lake is also famous as “Shausar Lake or Blind Lake”. This lake is among the most famous lakes in Pakistan. This lake is located in Deosai Natural Park, Gilgit-Baltistan. Sheosar Lake spreads with beautiful grasslands. Deosai is also famous for many beautiful lakes in Pakistan. Sheosar Lake is one of the highest lakes in the world.

CHITTA KATHA LAKE:It is also among the notable lakes in Pakistan. Chitta Katha means “White Stream”. It is a deep bowl-shaped water reservoir in Shounter Valley, Azad Kashmir. The lake lies in the middle of snow-peaked mountains and wild rocky terrain. Therefore, this Lake is accessible via Kel, Azad Kashmir.

ATTABAD LAKE: Attabad Lake is an amazingly beautiful lake in Pakistan. It is also famous as “Gojal Lake” and is present in Gojal Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan. This lake was a result of a massive landslide which shook the valley in January 2010. Consequently, people use to cross Attabad Lake using a boat. But in September 2015 a road tunnel was also built. Attabad Lake became a popular tourist spot with time.

DUDIPATSAR LAKE: Dudipatsar Lake is a beautiful lake in Pakistan. It is also famous as Dudipat Lake. The lake lies between snow-peaked mountains and shaded valleys in Lulusar-Dudipatsar National Park. “Dudi” means white, “Pat” means mountain and “Sar” means lake. This lake lies in North of Kaghan Valley, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The flora and fauna of Dudipatsar Lake are also beautiful and vast.

KARAMBAR LAKE: Karambar Lake is also famous as “Qurumbar Lake”. This lake is located in Ghizer Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan. It is also a famous and second highest lake in Pakistan. Moreover, Karambar Lake is one of the highest biological active lakes in the world. This lake lies in the middle of grassy highland and snow-peaked mountains.

**Rivers of Pakistan:**

The rivers are as follows Alingar River, Astore River, Badrai, Baein, Bara River, Basol River, Braldu River, Bunhar River, Chenab River, Dasht River, Dori River, Gambila River, Ghaggar-Hakra River, Ghizer River, Gilgit River, Gomal River, Hapdrok River, Haro River, Hingol River, Hispar River, Hub River, Hunza River, Hushe River, Indus River, Jhelum River, River Jindi, Kabul River, Kech River, Khurmana River, Korang River, Kunar River, Kundar River, Kunhar River, Kunhar River Spot-Boi, Kurram River, Ling Stream, Logar River, Mula River (Pakistan), Nala Palkhu, Nall River, Neelum River, Panjkora River, Panjnad Panjnad River, Panjshir River, Pech River, Poonch River, Rakshan River, Ravi River, Rigvedic rivers, Rupal River, Saltoro River, Satpara Stream, Shaksgam River, Shigar River, Shingo River, Shyok River, Soan River, Sukleji River, Swat River and Zhob River.

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