Islamabad

Islamabad is the capital city of Pakistan, and is federally administered as part of the Islamabad Capital Territory. Built as a planned city in the 1960s to replace Karachi as Pakistan’s capital, Islamabad is noted for its high standards of living, safety and abundant greenery.

With a population of 1,014,825 as per the 2017 Census, Islamabad is the 9th largest city in Pakistan, while the larger Islamabad-Rawalpindi metropolitan area is the country’s third largest with a population exceeding four million.

Islamabad is located in the Pothohar Plateau in the northeastern part of the country, between Rawalpindi District and the Margalla Hills National Park to the north. The region has historically been a part of the crossroads of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the Margalla Pass acting as the gateway between the two regions.

The city’s master-plan, designed by Greek architect Constantinos Apostolou Doxiadis, divides the city into eight zones, including administrative, diplomatic enclave, residential areas, educational sectors, industrial sectors, commercial areas, and rural and green areas. The city is known for the presence of several parks and forests, including the Margalla Hills National Park and Shakarparian Park. The city is home to several landmarks, including the Faisal Mosque, the largest mosque in South Asia and the fourth largest in the world. Other landmarks include the Pakistan’s National Monument and Democracy Square.
Venue

Islamabad Serena is a five-star hotel. This luxurious hotel is located at the foot of the Margalla Hills, four kilometres from Rawal Lake and six kilometres from the Lok Virsa Museum.

The elegant rooms and suites include free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs. Suites have separate sitting areas and some have balconies. Room service is available 24/7.

All room stays include a continental breakfast buffet and airport transfers. The nine dining options include an upscale regional restaurant and a Middle Eastern cuisine, as well as a café-patisserie and a rooftop lounge. Other amenities include two pools, spa, sauna and a gym.

For more details, please visit the hotel’s website:

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Security

Islamabad is definitely the safest city in Pakistan. As security in the country improves, tourism in Pakistan is really starting to be on the radar of the most adventurous travelers. Recently, the United Nations (UN) has declared Pakistan a ‘Family Station’ for its international staff, effective 14 June 2019.

UN’s ‘Family Station’ is a duty station category, which allows its international staff to be joined by their family members in their respective country or place of assignment. This category indicates that the duty station is safe after evaluation by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security.