

# Into the Throne Room of The Mountain Gods

## K2 & the Gondogoro La

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2018



Trip code GLA







Mitre Peak (6010m)



K2 (Chogori). The world's second highest mountain at 8611m





Broad Peak (8051m)





Gasherbrum IV (7925m) from Concordia





Bride Peak













K2 Base Camp







Praqpa glacier



# Concordia





“For the stone from the top for geologists, the knowledge of the limits of endurance for the doctors, but above all for the spirit of adventure to keep alive the soul of man.”

— **George Mallory**

George Leigh Herbert Mallory  
(*Coll.* 1900-05)





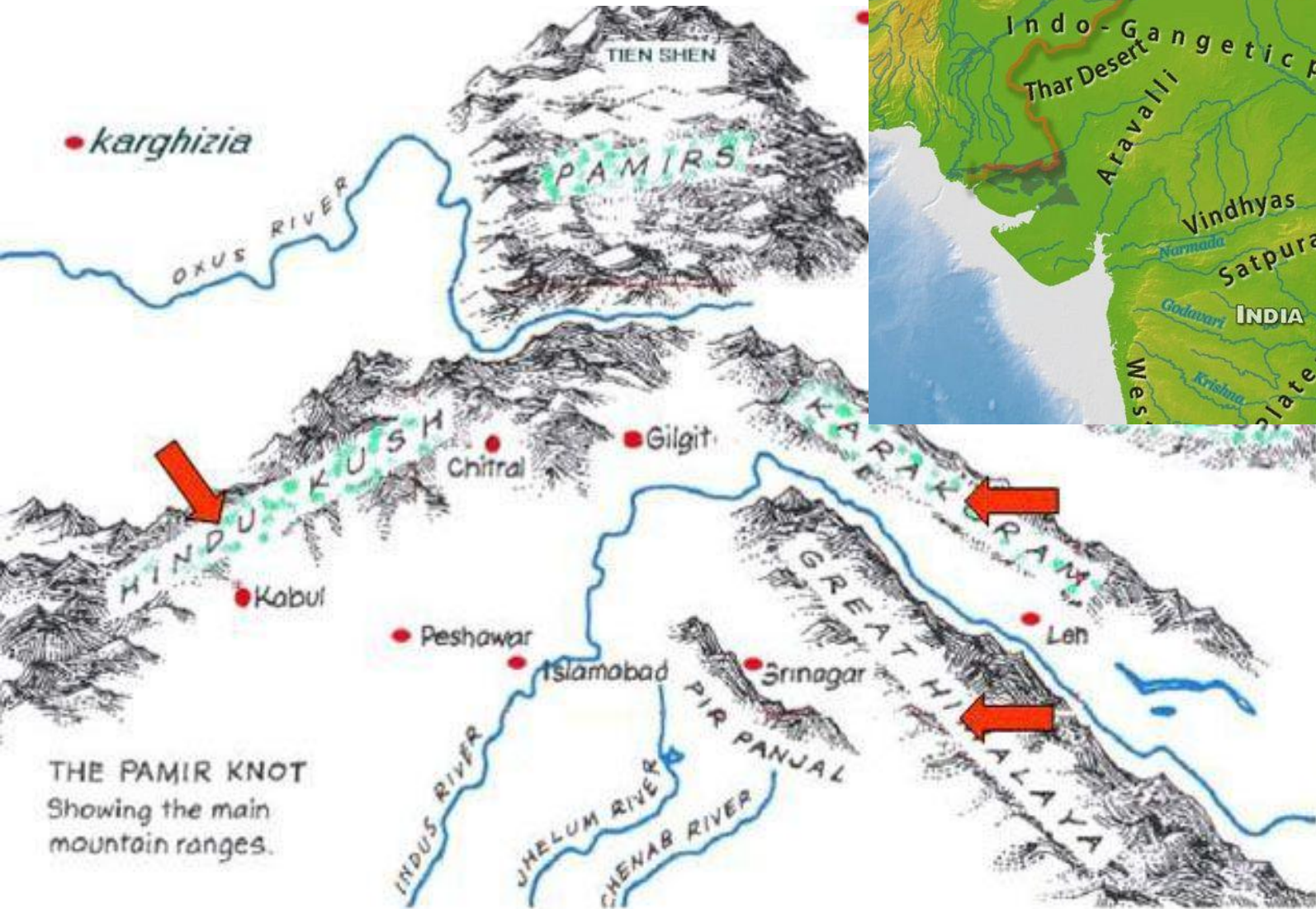








# The great mountain ranges of the *Pamir Knot*





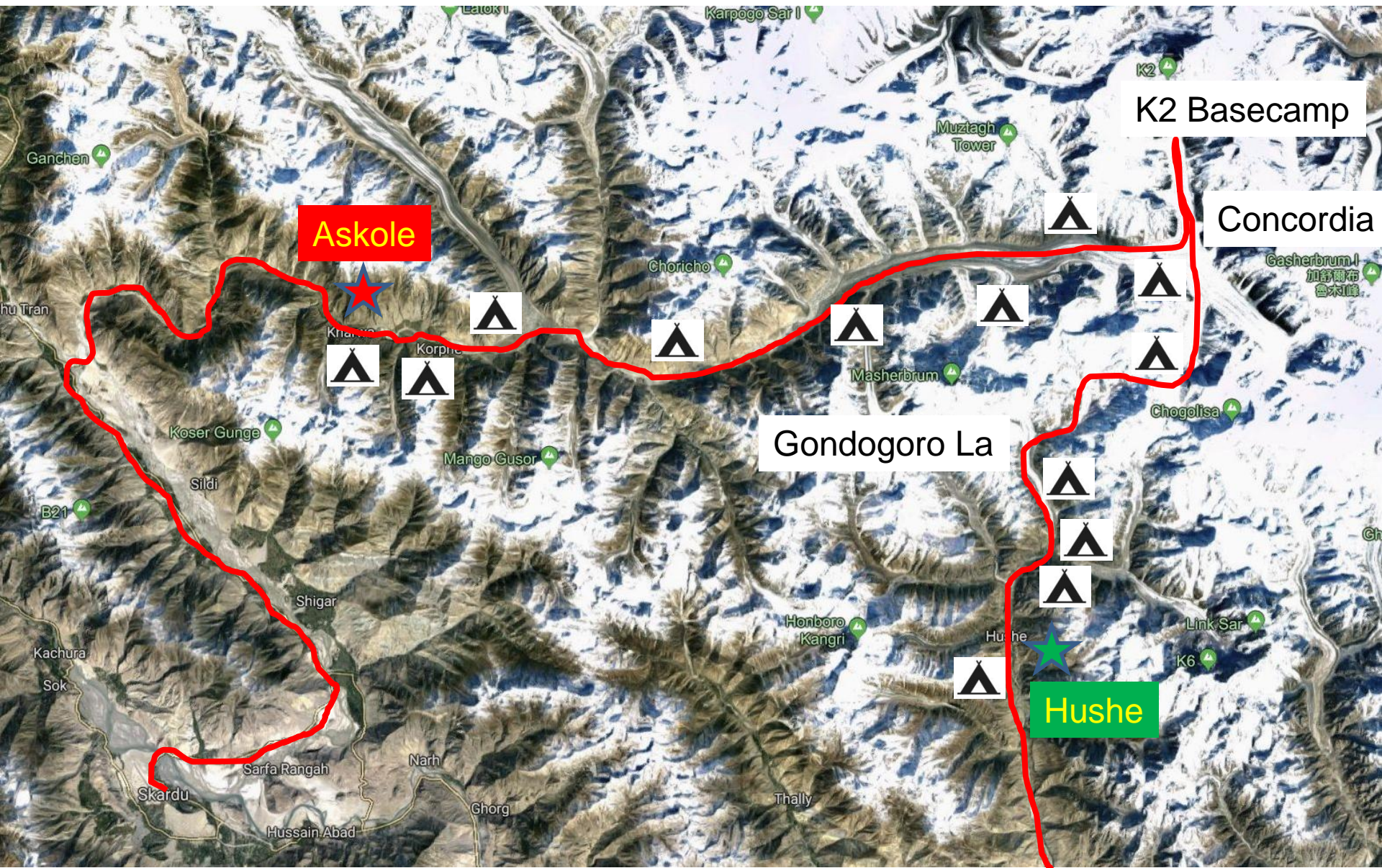


1hr, 300km exciting flight ....  
Or a thirty hour gruelling drive along the Karakoram Highway!



6hr Jeep ride Skardu to Askole

4-6hr Jeep ride Hushe to Skardu



Trek Askole to Hushe via Concordia, K2 Base Camp and the Gondogoro La.  
16 nights camping



Tony

John

Kirsty

Andy

Andy

Paul

Angie

Fiona

Michael

Robert

Tom

Dario

Mark

Zafyr

Karim

Ali





Winchester



Islamabad





Indus river



Skardu









Jeep drive from Skardu to Askole





Askole





## To Korofon & the Baltoro glacier









Korofon







**KEEP CKNP CLEAN  
JULA CAMP SITE  
(3159 m)**

CKNP Camp Site Regulations:

- \* Camp only in designated sites.
- \* Do not litter, keep camp site clean, put the garbage in waste bins.
- \* Do not disturb / hunt wild animals and birds.
- \* Do not use wild plants for fire.
- \* Cooperate with CKNP waste management staff.

Thank You  
DIRECTORATE OF CENTRAL KARAKORAM NATIONAL PARK, GILGIT - BALTIKISTAN



Jhola







Shingkhang



Lunch at Bardumal



A typical mostly-carbohydrate trek meal





KE guides Tom and Bart







Paiju







Paiju





Paiju Peak (6501m)





# Trango Towers







Returning to Paiju from the Baltoro galcier





Trango (6286m), Cathedral (5607m) and Lobsang (5428m)



Paiju Peak, Trango group and Cathedral





The Chairman!





Liligo glacier river crossing







Khorburtse



The enormous strength of water







Urdukas





Urdukas





Urdukas rocket ships





Only a thin layer of rock on Baltoro ice









Goro II camp and Masherbrum (7821m)





Masherbrum (7821m)





K2 (Chogori). The world's second highest mountain at 8611m





Vigne peaks



Broad Peak and Gasherbrum IV



Gasherbrum IV (7925m)



Broad Peak (8051m)







K2 from Concordia





Wel Come  
to  
Concordia and  
K-2



To K2 base camp...







Broad Peak  
(8051m) base  
camp





Broad Peak (8051m)





Concordia from Broad Peak base camp







Crevasses near K2 base camp



K2 and Godwin Austen glacier















K2 base camp





K2 base camp





K2 base camp





K2 base camp







Mohammed Khan and Chhang Dawa Sherpa (the youngest person summit all fourteen [8000m peaks](#))

Peak	Height
Everest	8848m
K2	8611m
Kangchenjunga	8586m
Lhotse	8516m
Makalu	8485m
Cho Oyu	8201m
Dhaulagiri	8167m
Manaslu	8163m
Nanga Parbat	8126m
Annapurna I	8091m
Gasherbrum I	8080m
Broad Peak	8051m
Gasherbrum II	8035m
Shishapangma	8027m



Returning to Concordia from K2





From Concordia to Ali camp





Baltoro glacial pools





Ibrahim prepares lunch on the Vigne glacier en route to Ali Camp







Vigne glacier and Ali Camp





Vigne glacier and Ali Camp







Ice sculptures near the summit of the  
Gondogoro La (5585m)





Near the summit of the Gondogoro La (5585m). K2, Broad Peak and Gasherbrum's in the background.





Andy stows away a *jumar* ascending device near the summit of the Gondogoro La (5585m)







Gondogoro La (5585m)





A steep decent from the Gondogoro La (5585m) to the Hushe valley, using fixed ropes







Using a Prussic loop and karabiner-on-a-sling to safely descend fixed ropes from the Gondogoro La



To Laila Peak (6096m)





# Huisprung





Ali and Laila Peak (6096m)





A huge rock mushroom!







Flowers and wildlife in the Hushe valley



## Dalsan and Gondogoro glacier





A bracing swim at 4500m...





Look to the west ridge from Dalsan







A reflective moment at Dasan



To Saitcho from Dalsan



Snow leopard prints?



K6 & Namika



Saitcho





Bocce at Saitcho







Namika (6325m)



Charakusa glacier







Hushe village

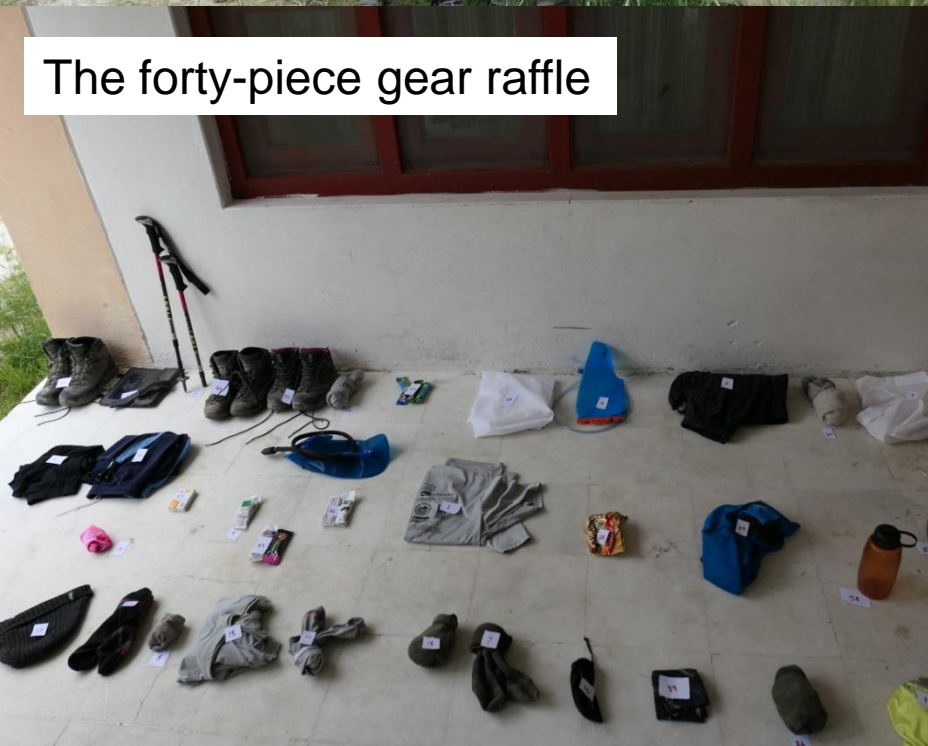




Tips for the porters, cooks and guides



The forty-piece gear raffle







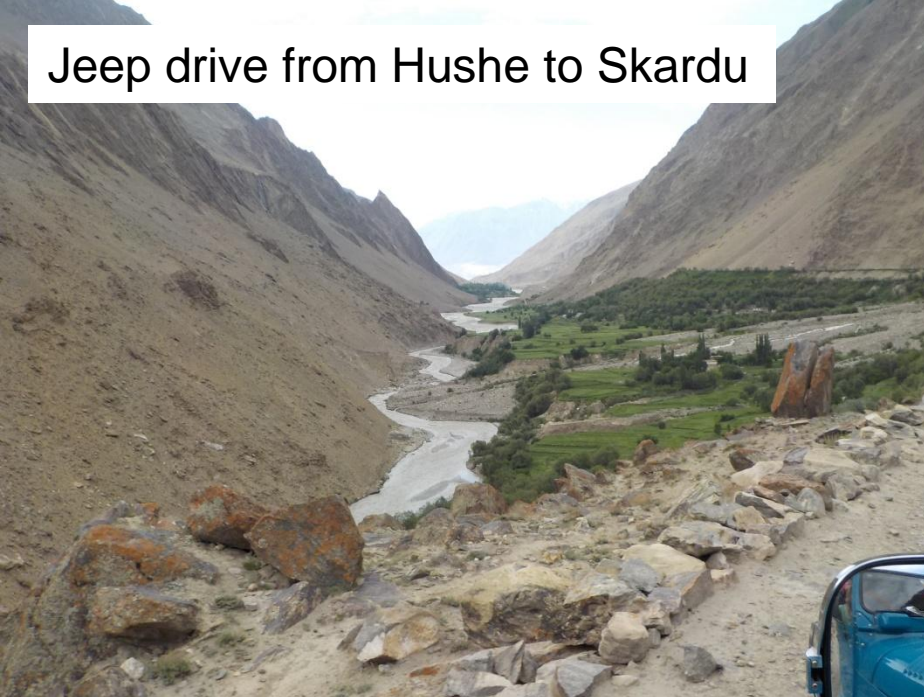


Hushe village





Jeep drive from Hushe to Skardu







Khapalu





Raja Bazaar, Rawalpindi







"I like to eat the forehead and the eyes"







Election fever in Raja Bazaar, Rawalpindi







A giant sheep/goat/llama?











Islamabad Cultural Heritage Museum





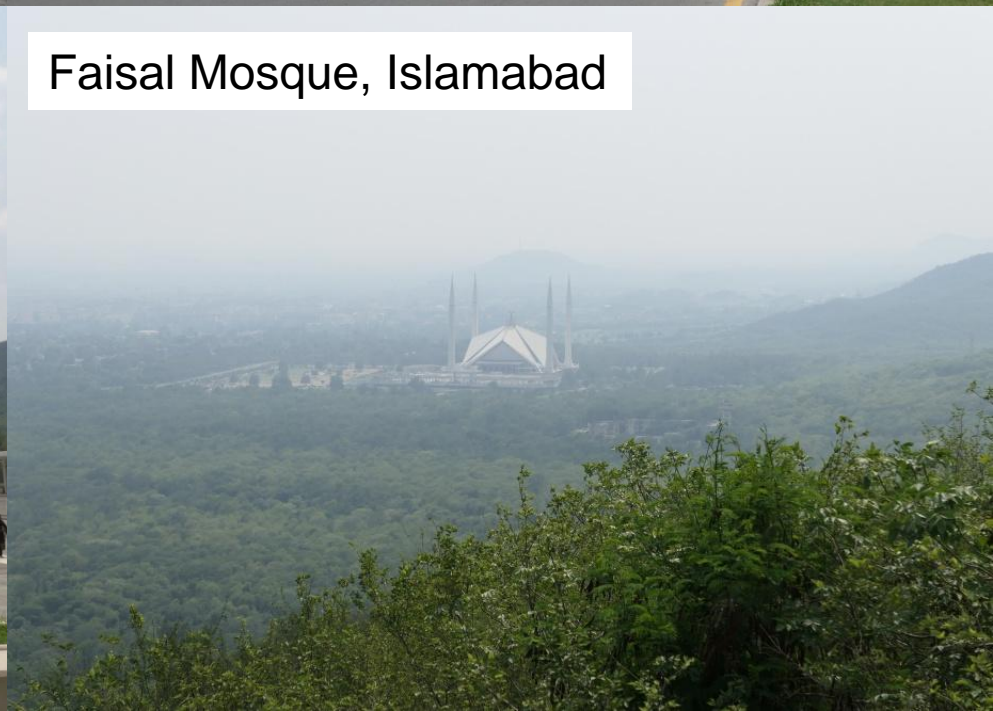


Baltistan truck decorations

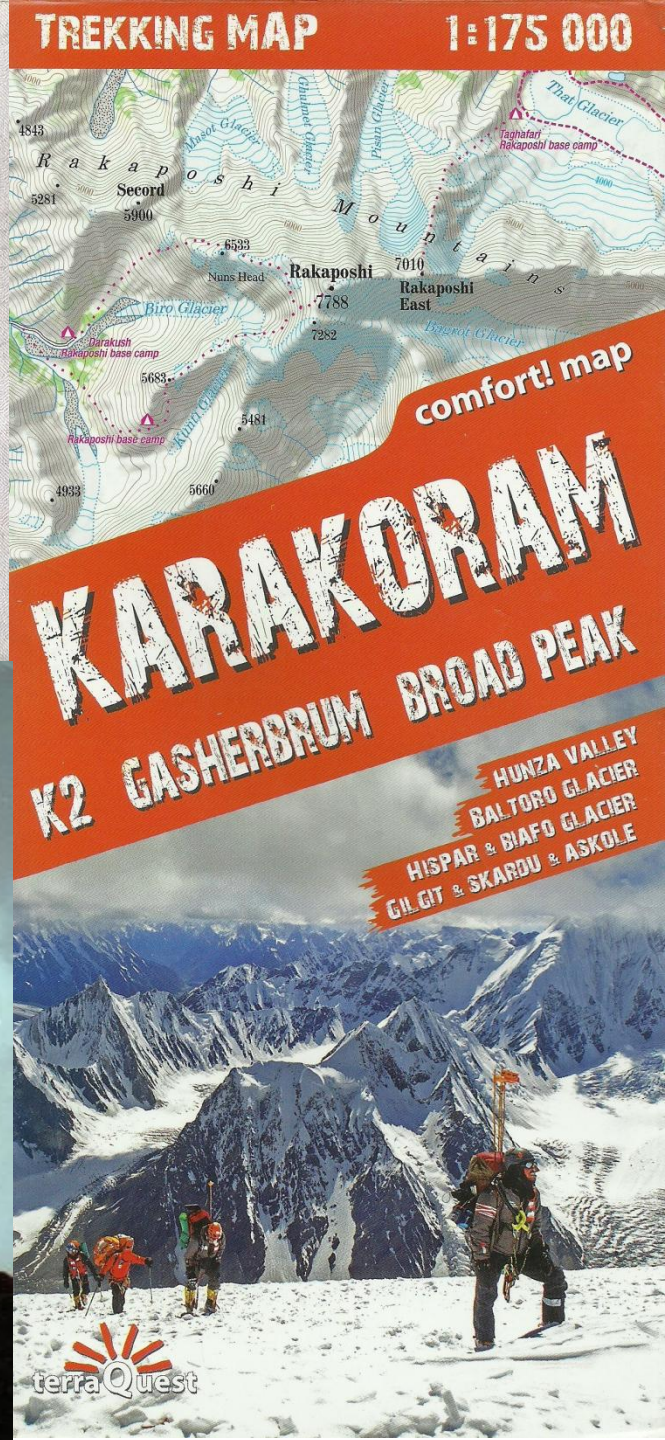
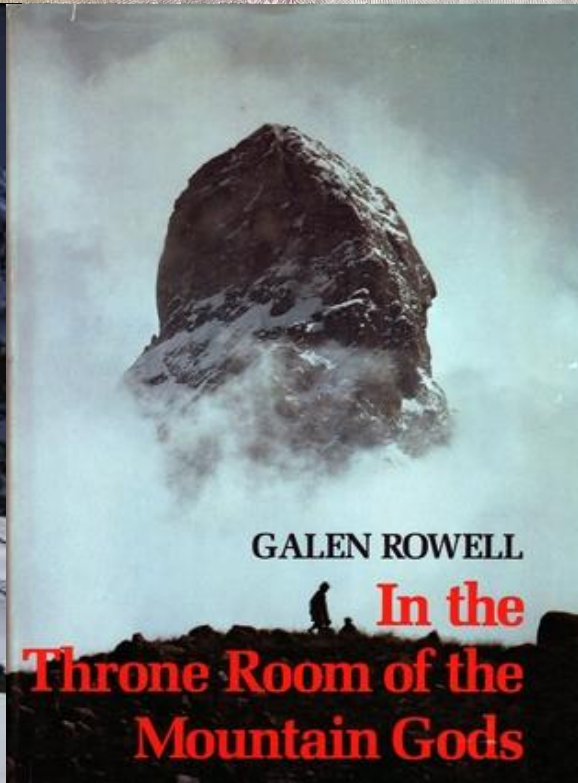
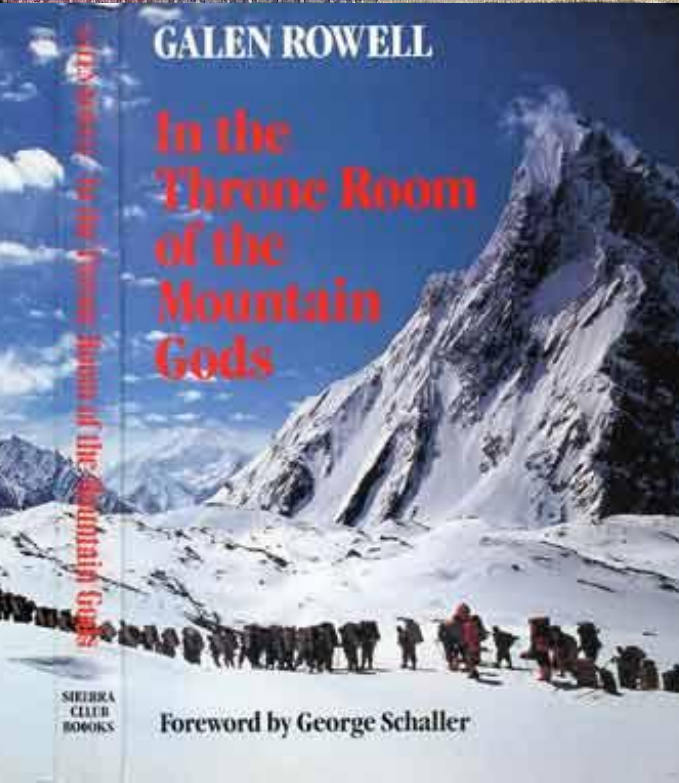
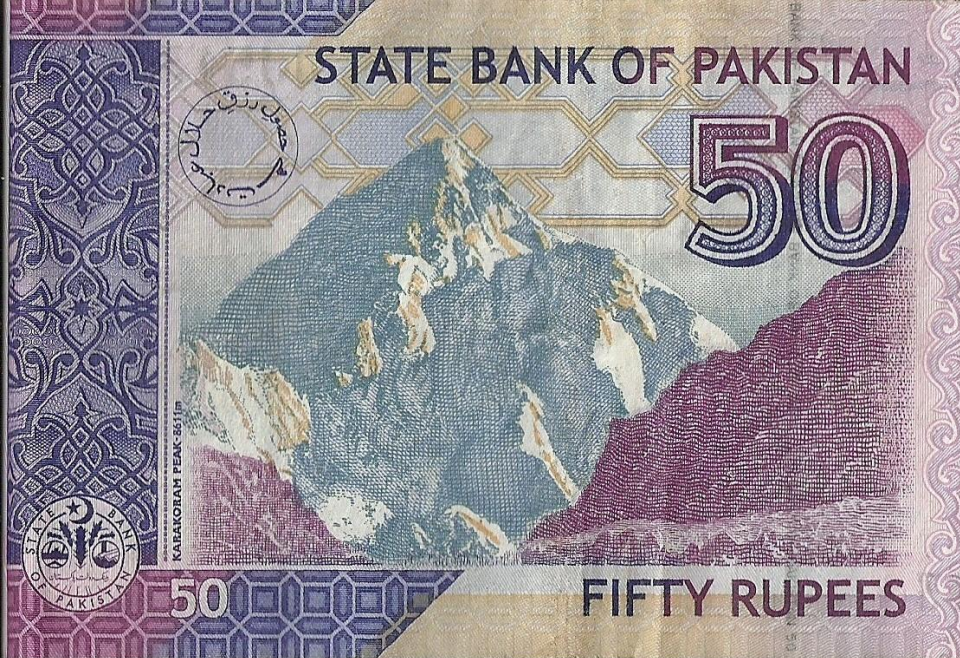




Faisal Mosque, Islamabad



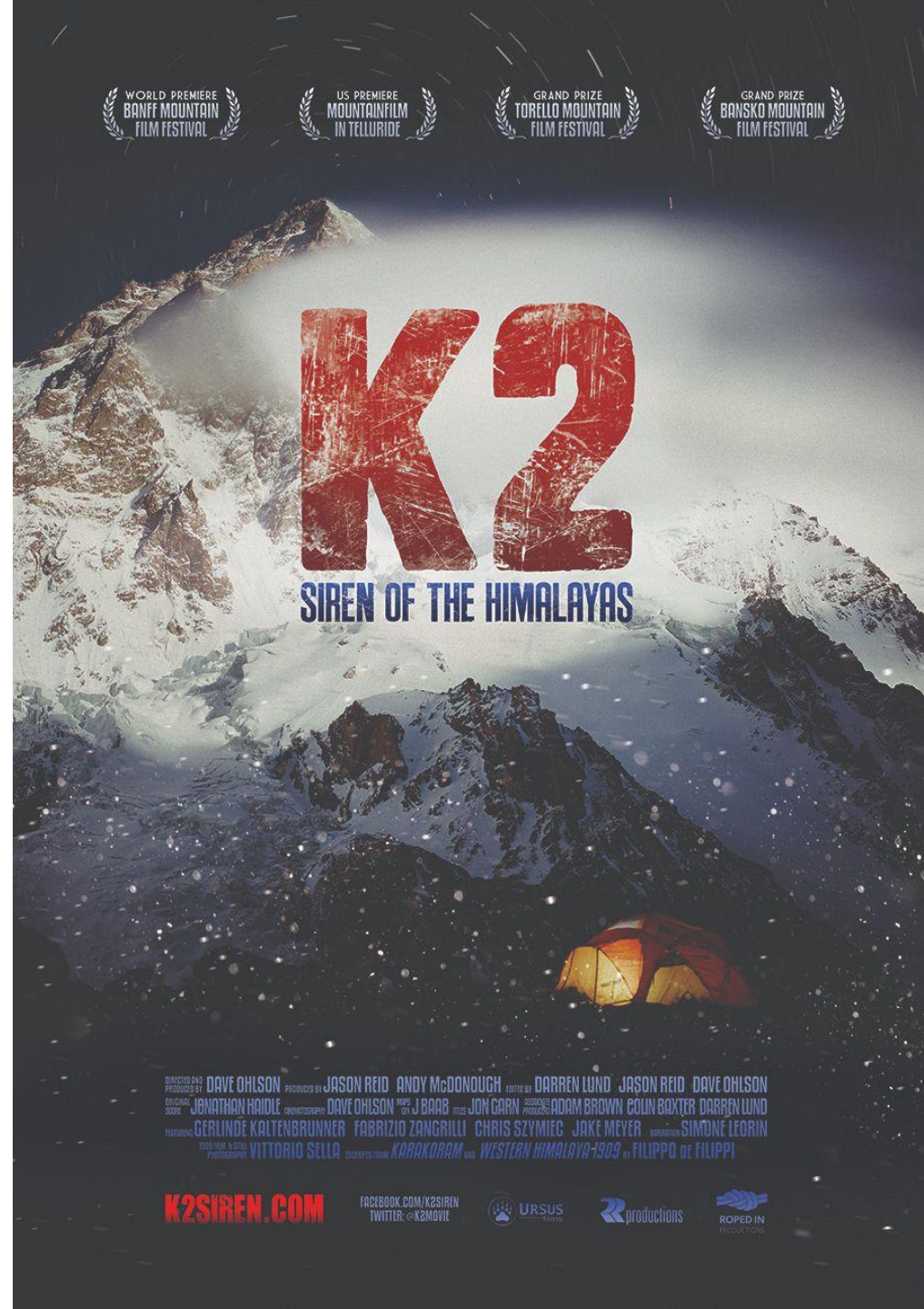
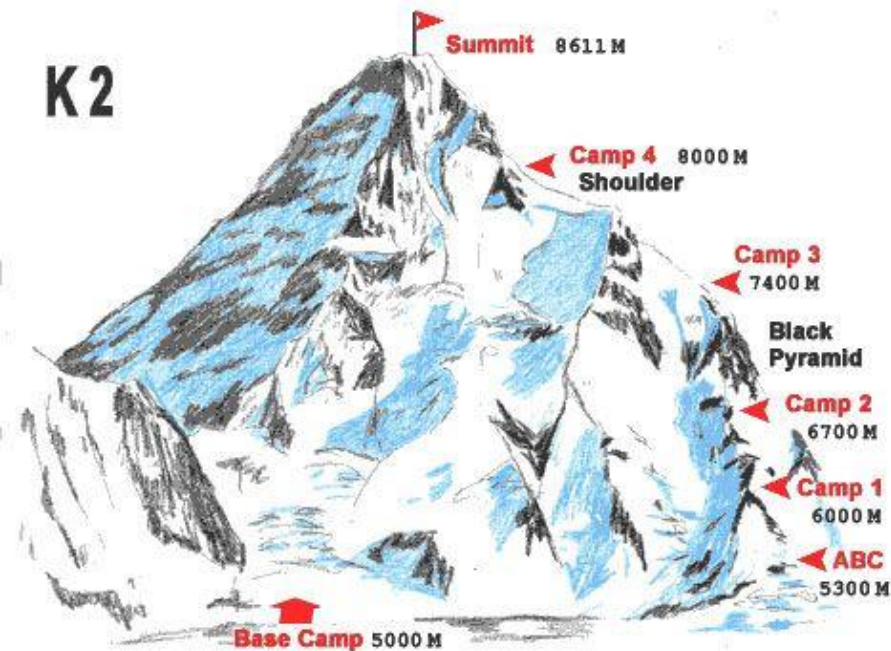








## K2 virtual flyby





# Questions

