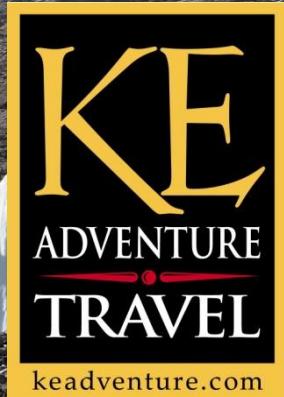
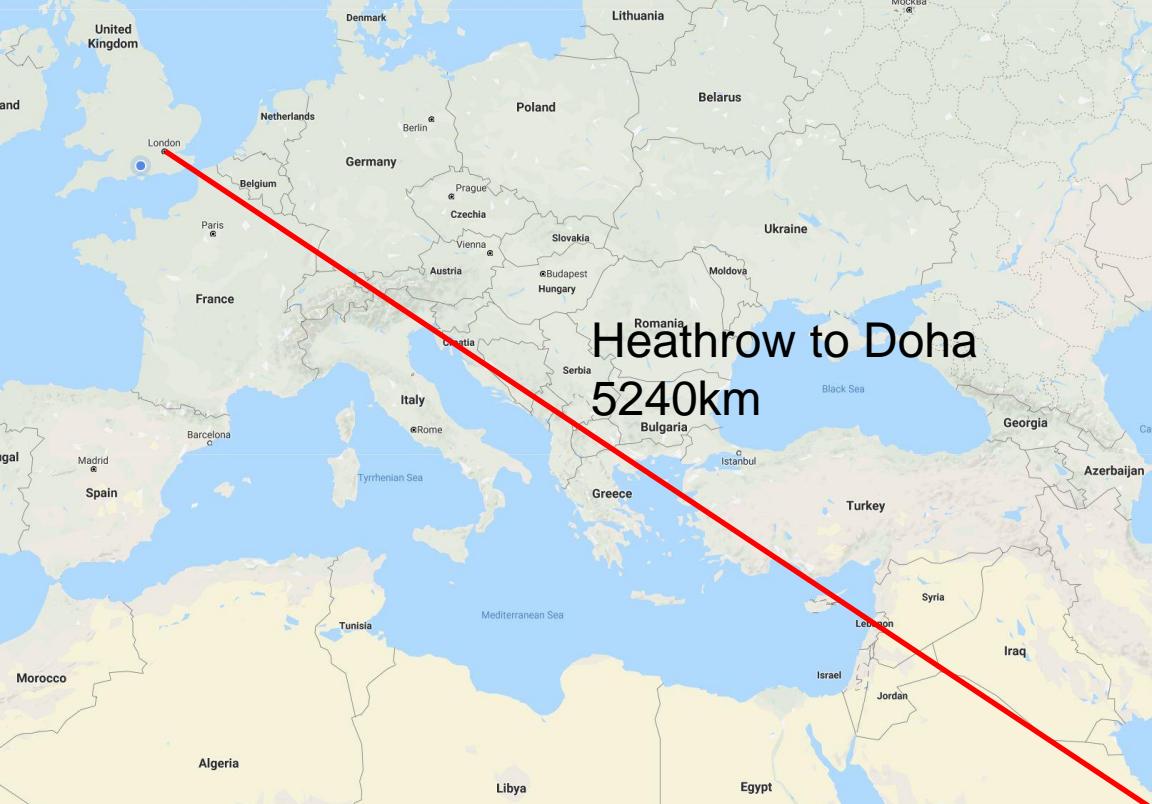


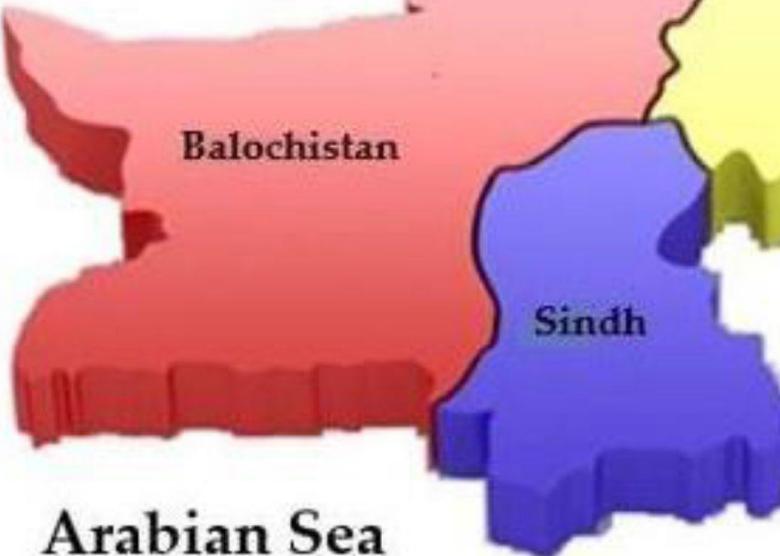
# Into the Throne Room of The Mountain Gods

## K2 & the Gondogoro La

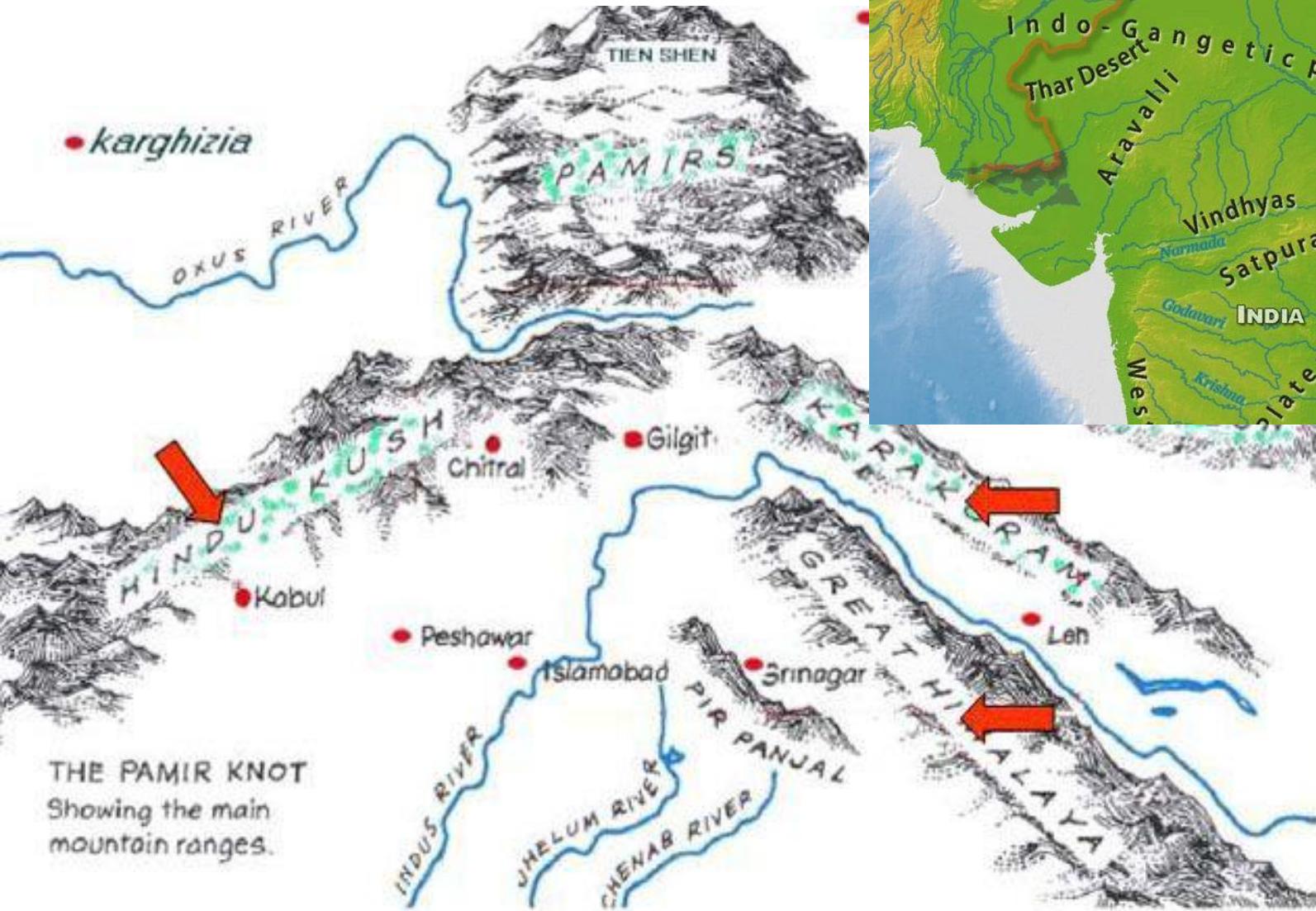


Andy French  
30<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
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# The great mountain ranges of the *Pamir Knot*

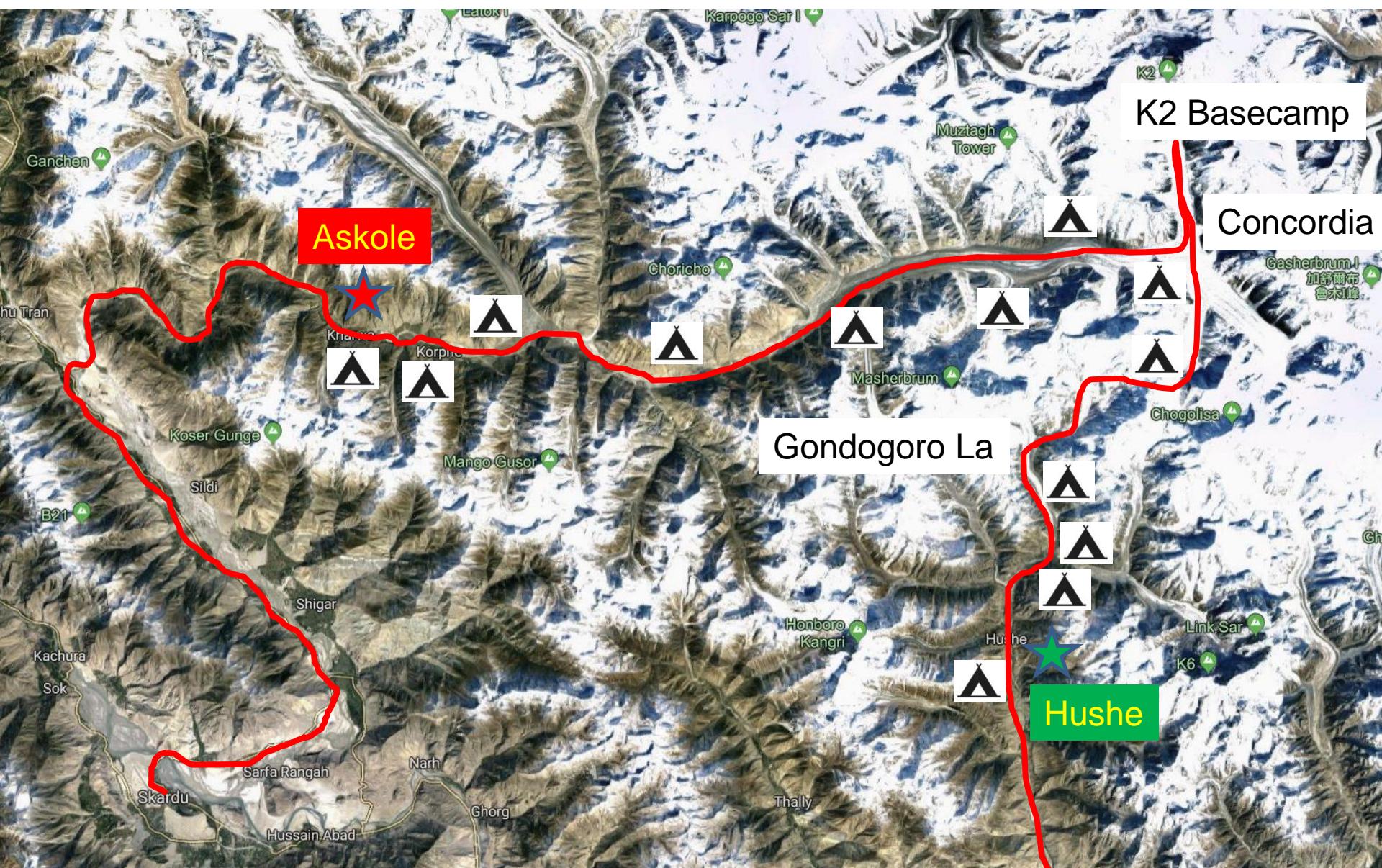




1hr, 300km exciting flight....  
Or a thirty hour  
gruelling drive along  
the Karakoram  
Highway!

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



## Winchester



## Islamabad



Indus river



Skardu







Ed & Fiona



Ibrahim



# Jeep drive from Skardu to Askole



Askole



## To Korofon & the Baltoro glacier





Korofon





# Jhola





Shingkhang

Lunch at Bardumal

# A typical mostly-carbohydrate trek meal



KE guides Tom and Bart



On the Baltoro glacier.  
Trango, Cathedral and Lobsang  
mountains in the background.





Paiju





Paiju



Paiju Peak (6501m)



Trango Towers





Returning to Paiju from the Baltoro galcier



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

On the Baltoro to Khorburtse



The Chairman!



Drained glacial lake near Khorburtse camp



# Liligo glacier river crossing







Khorburtse

The enormous strength of water





Urdukas



Urdukas



Urdukas rocket ships



Only a thin layer of rock on Baltoro ice





Baltoro glacial lake





Gasherbrum IV (7925m)

Goro II camp and Masherbrum (7821m)



Masherbrum (7821m)



Goro II camp and Masherbrum



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



Vigne peaks





Mitre Peak (6010m)

Gasherbrum IV (7925m) from Concordia



Welcome  
to  
Concordia and  
K-2



To K2 base camp...



Kurt, Fiona, John, Andy & Andy en route to K2 via Broad Peak base camp



Concordia from the route to Broad Peak base camp





Broad Peak  
(8051m) base  
camp





Towards K2 base camp



Praqpa glacier



Another Broad Peak base camp



Crevasses near K2 base camp

K2 and Godwen 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



Cirrostratus clouds above Concordia



# 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





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



Near the summit of the Gondogoro La (5585m)



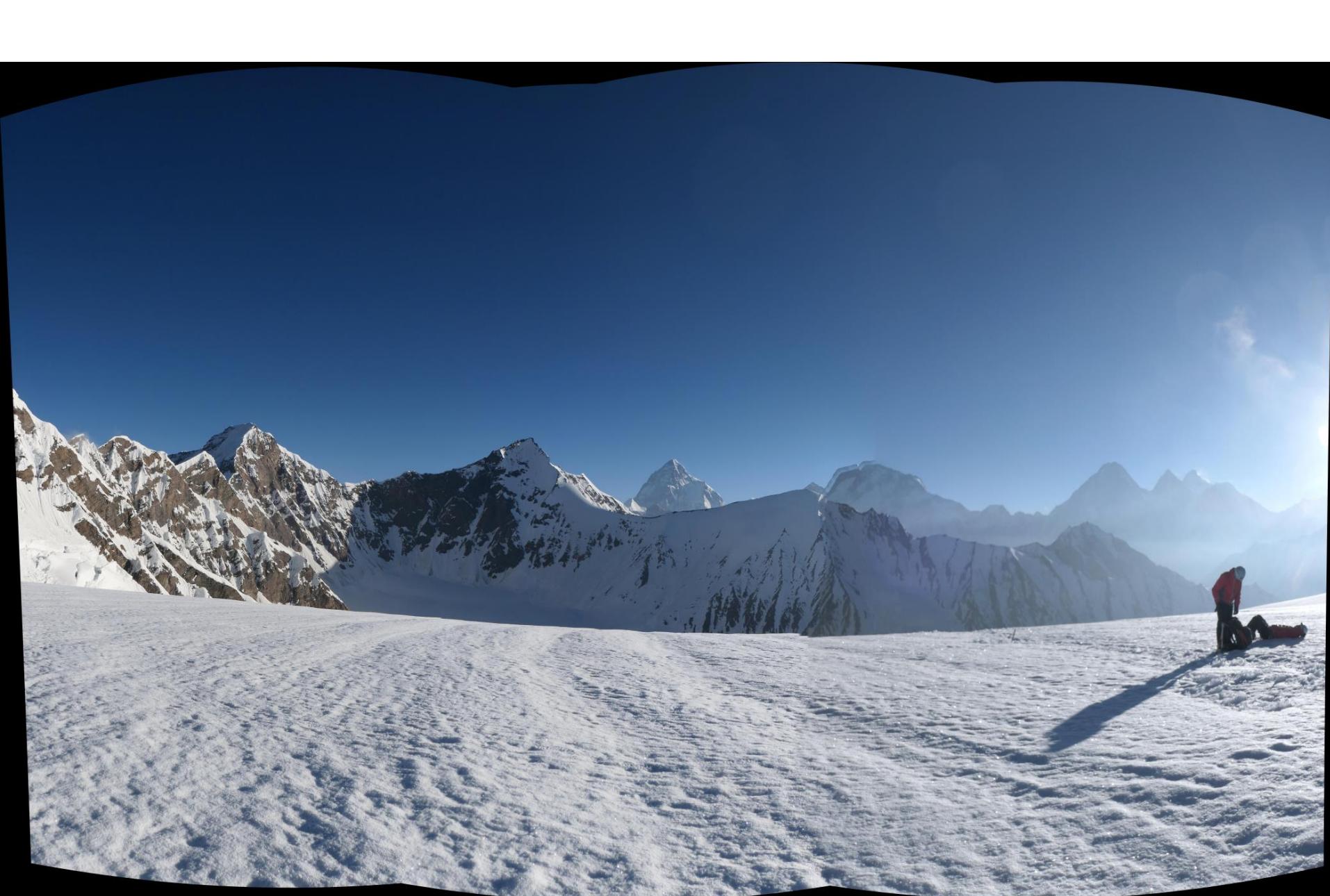
Andy stows away a *jumar* ascending device near the summit of the Gondogoro La (5585m)





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)





Flowers and wildlife in the Hushe valley

# Dalsan and Gondogoro glacier



A bracing swim at 4500m...





A reflective moment at Dasan

To Saitcho from Dalsan



Snow leopard prints?



K6 & Namika

# Saitcho



# Bocce at Saicho



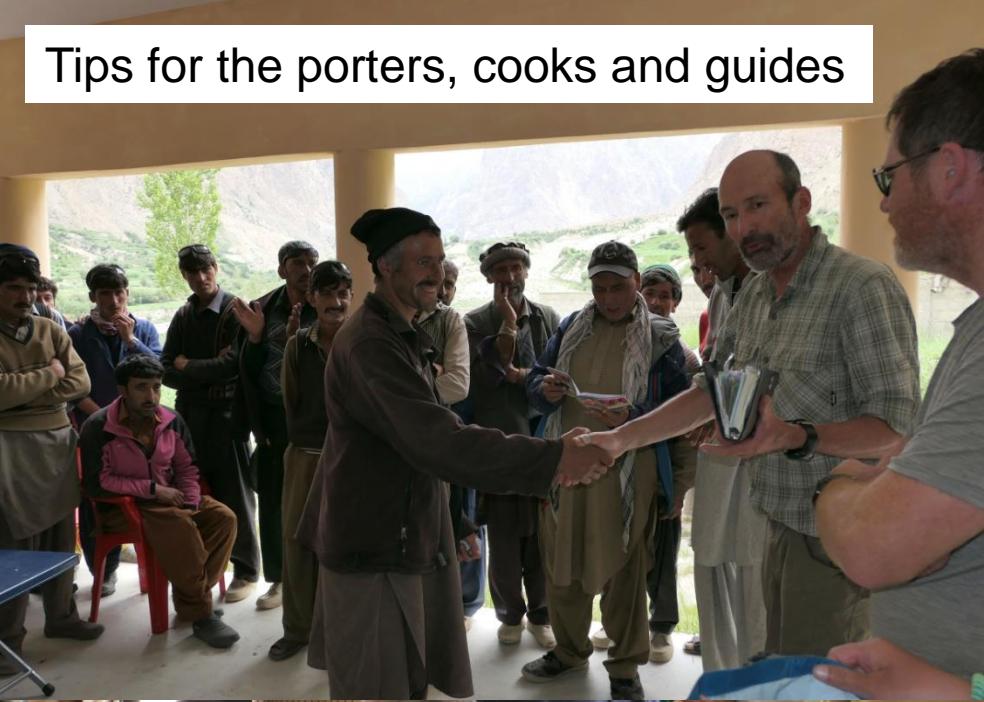


Hushe village

The Chairman and Andy at Hushe



Tips for the porters, cooks and guides



The forty-piece gear raffle





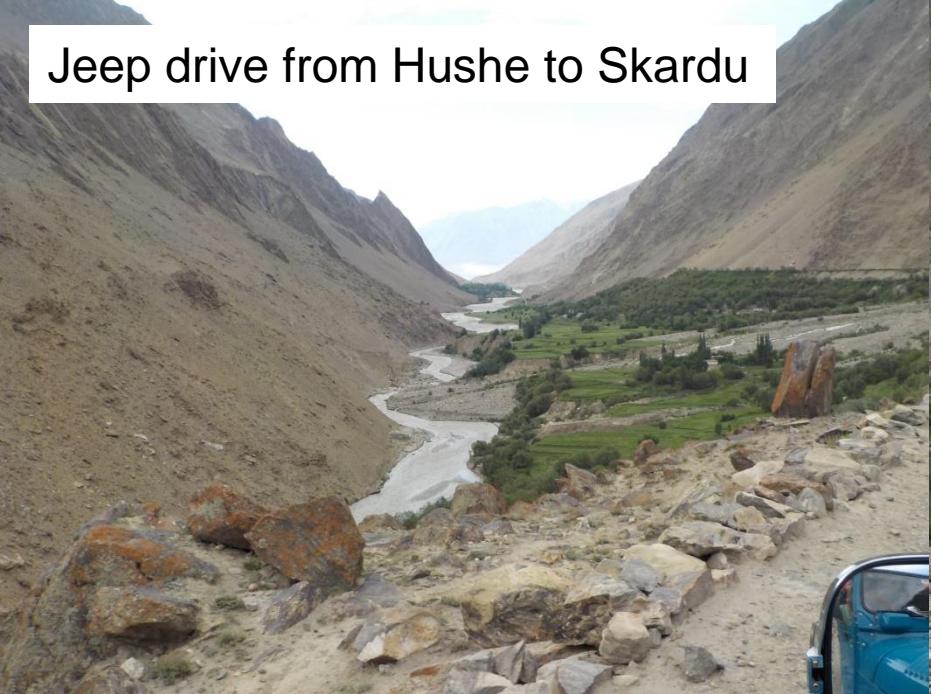
South face of Masherbrum (K1) (7821m)



Hushe village



## Jeep drive from Hushe to Skardu



# Raja Bazaar, Rawalpindi







A giant sheep/goat/llama?





Raja Bazaar, Rawalpindi

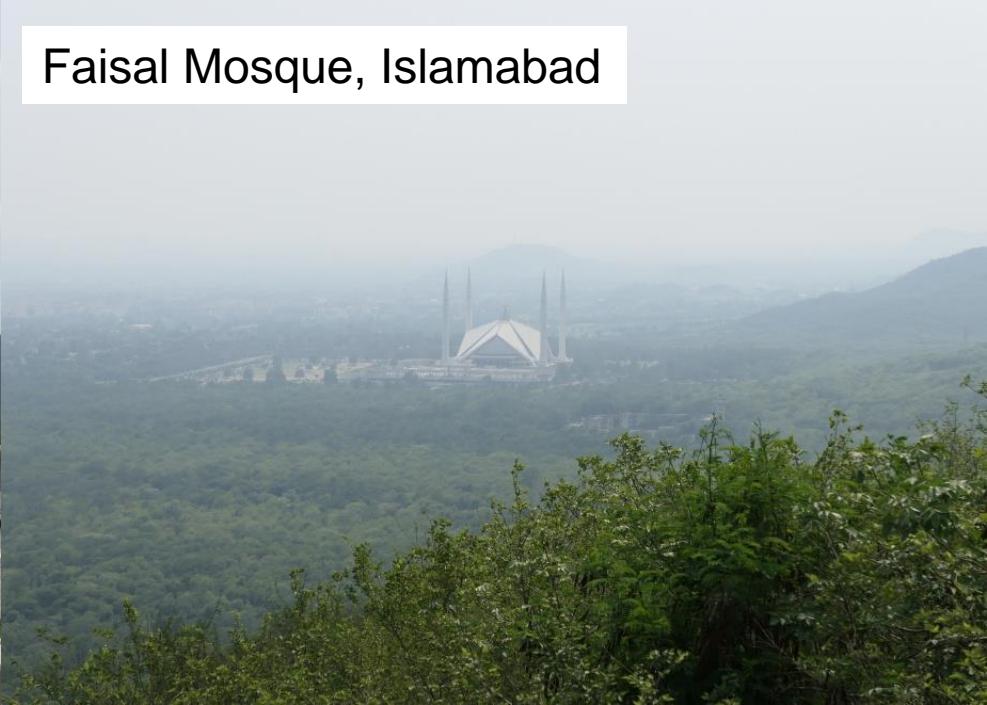


Islamabad Cultural Heritage Museum

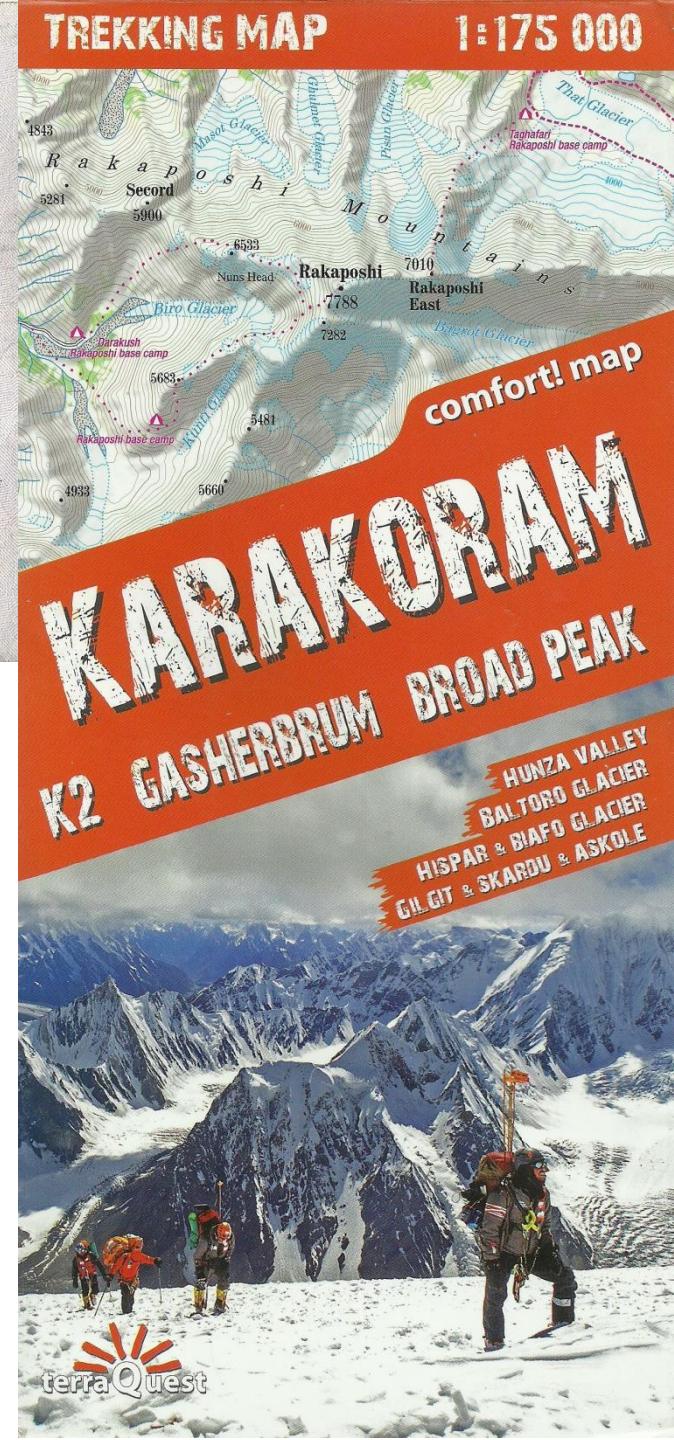
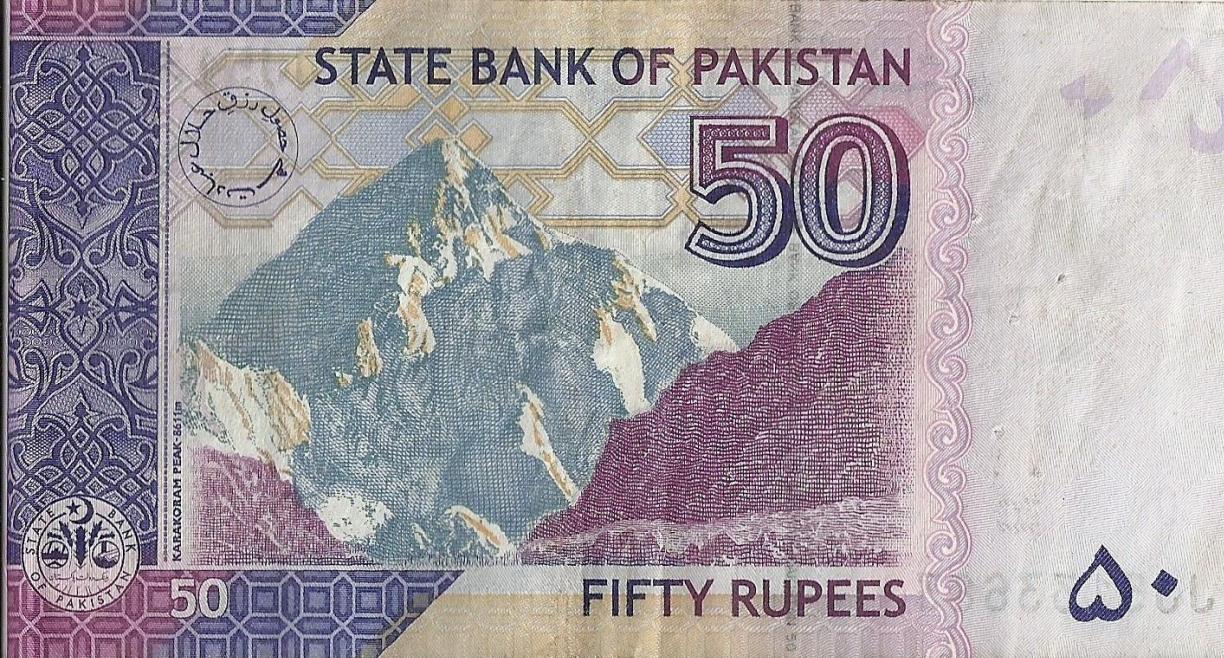




Baltistan truck decorations



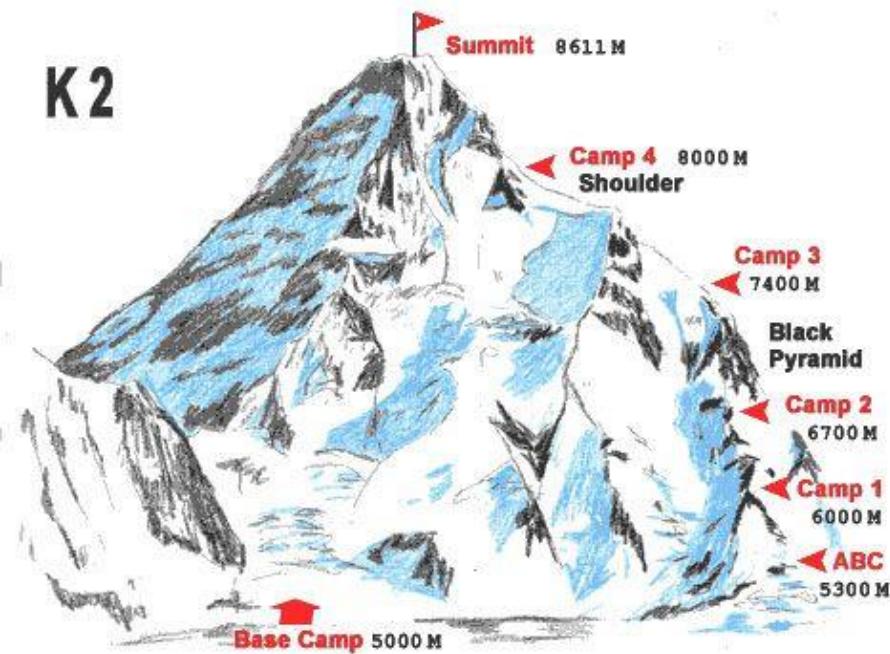
Faisal Mosque, Islamabad





Prince Luigi  
Amedeo, Duke  
of the Abruzzi  
(29 January 1873 –  
18 March 1933)

## K2 virtual flyby



# Questions

