

Into the Throne Room of The Mountain Gods

K2 & the Gondogoro La

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2018



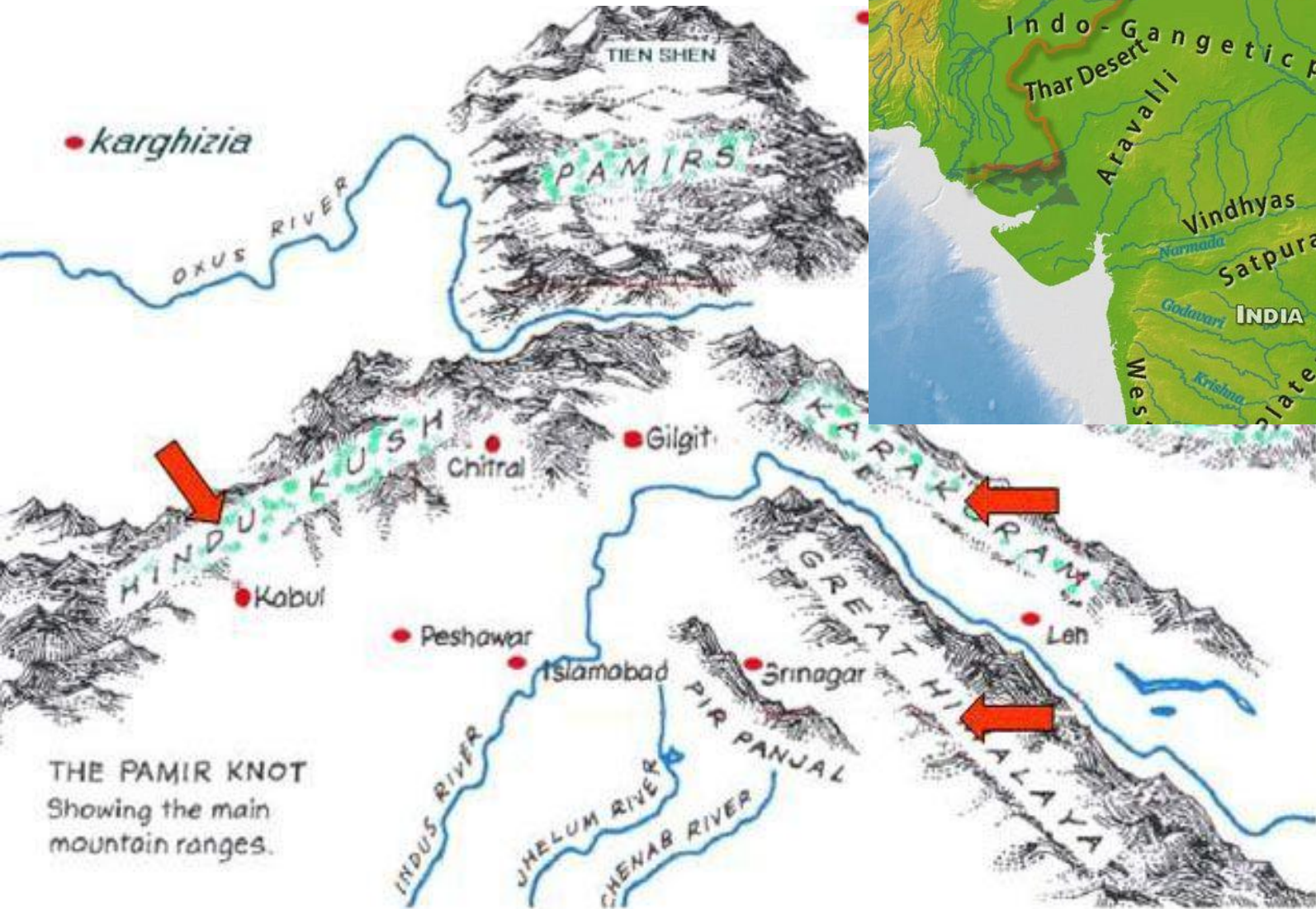




Skardu & K2
Baltistan

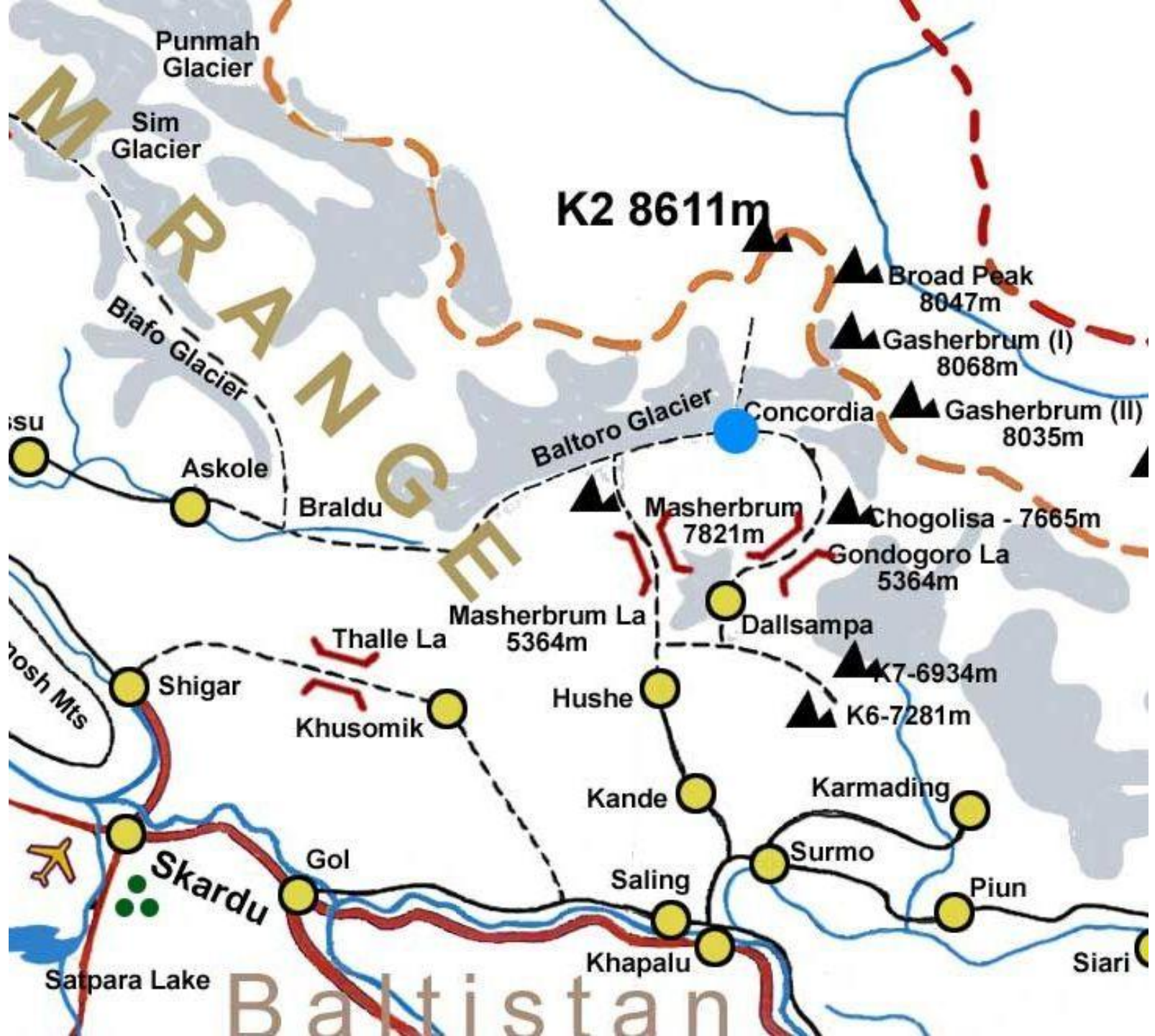


The great mountain ranges of the *Pamir Knot*



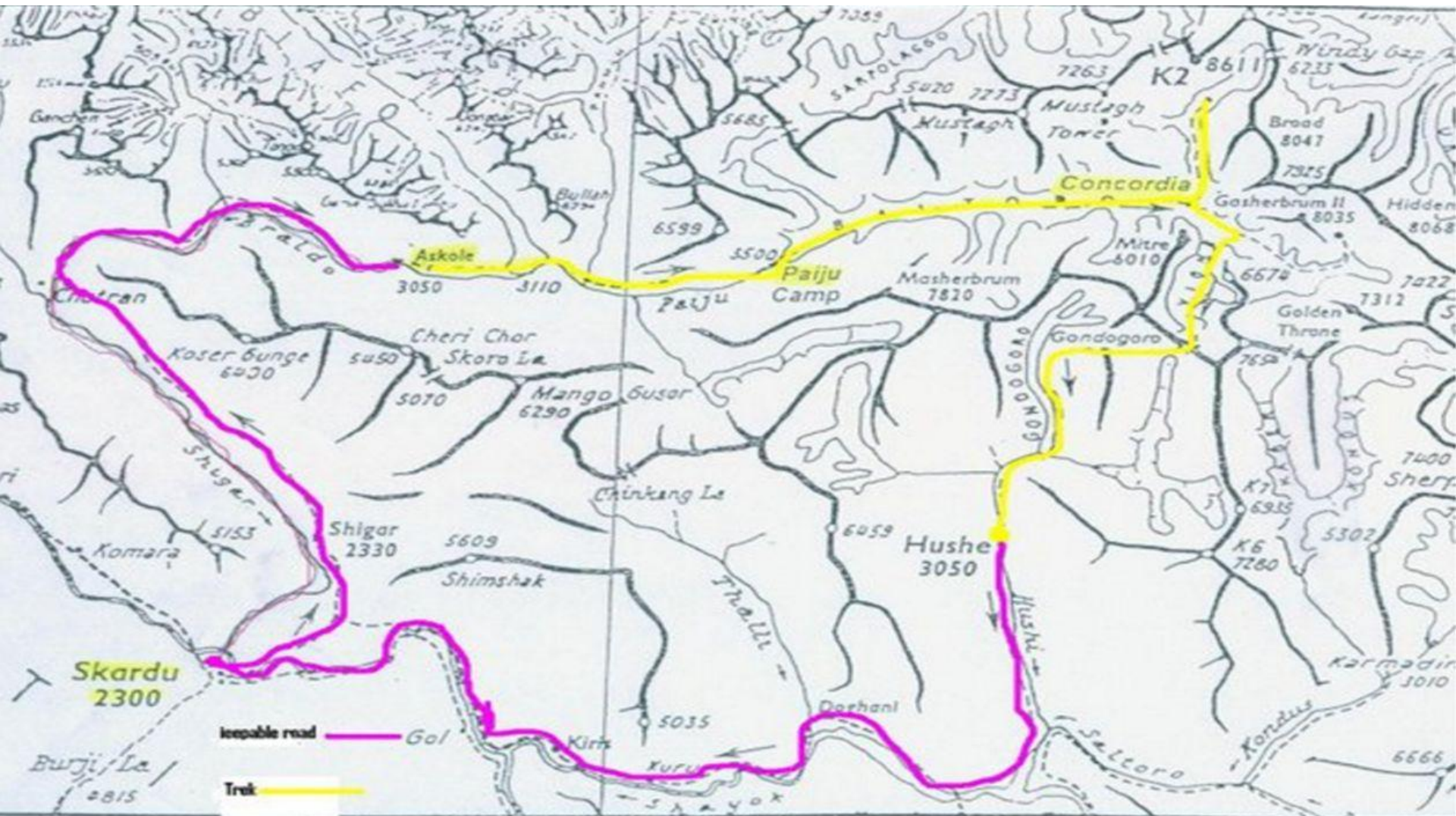


1hr, 300km exciting
flight
Or a thirty hour
gruelling drive along
the Karakoram
Highway!



6hr Jeep ride Skardu to Askole

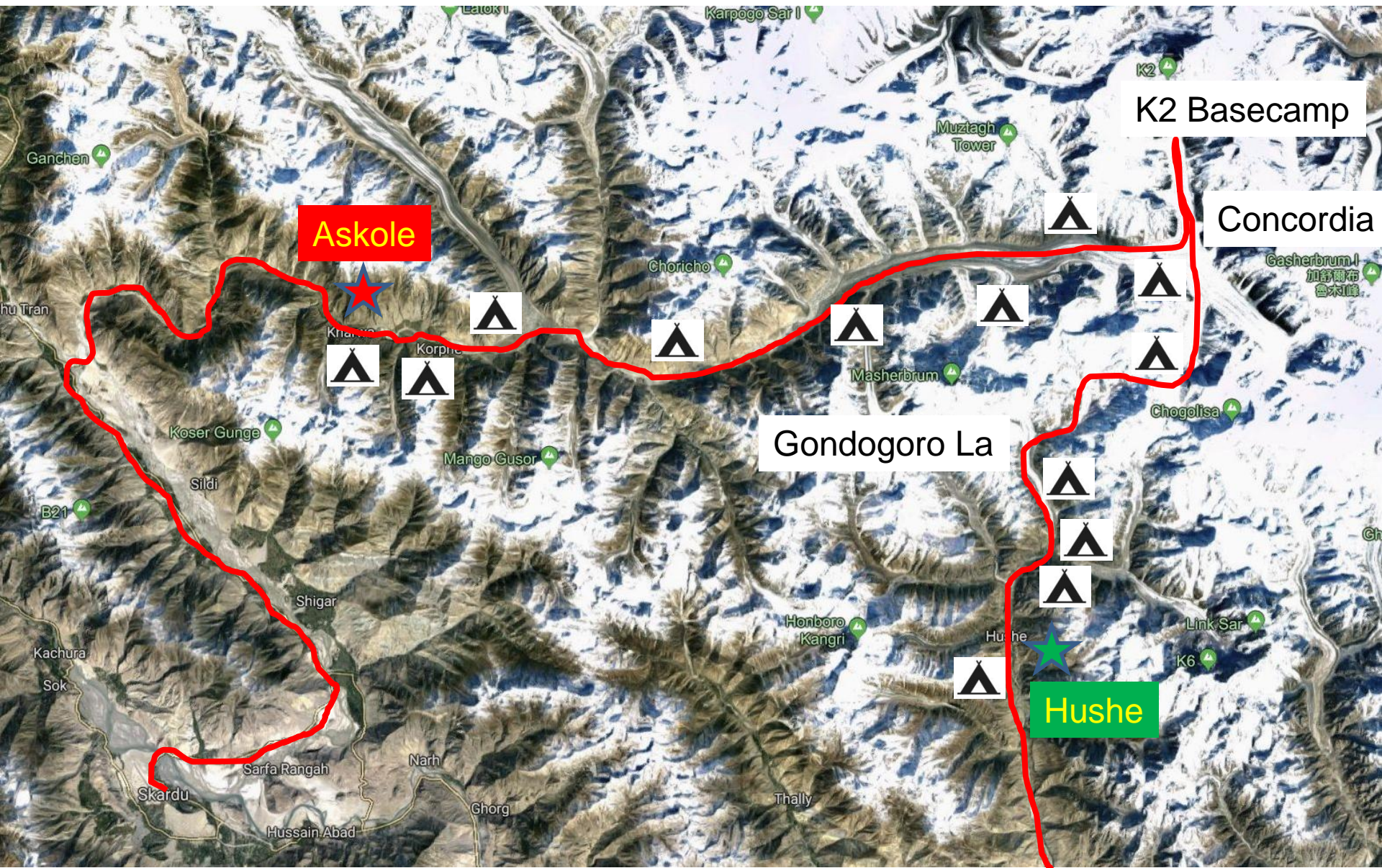
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16 nights camping

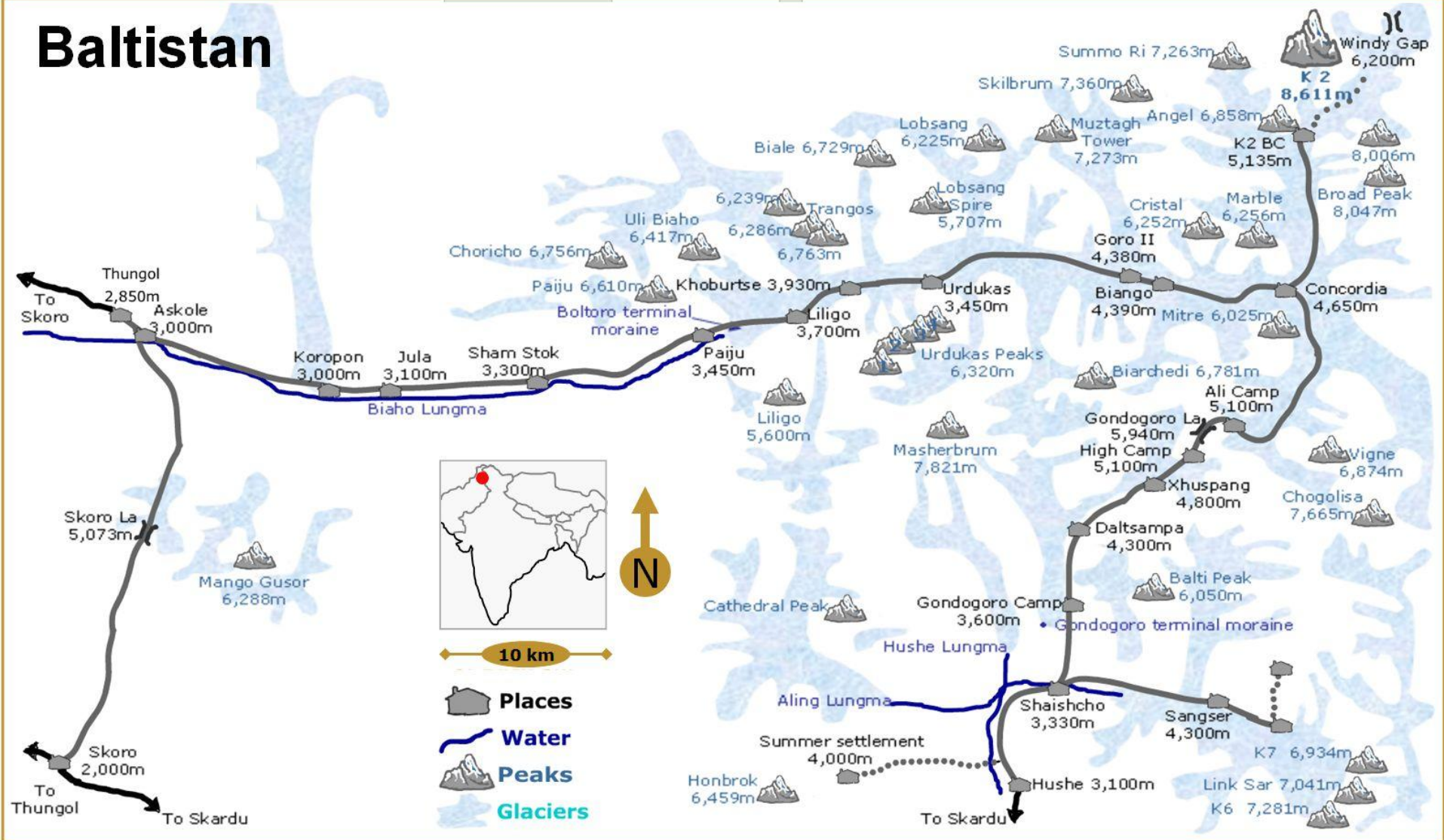
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Baltistan



Tony



John



Kirsty



Andy



Andy



Paul



Angie



Fiona



Michael



Robert



Tom

Dario

Mark

Karim



Ali

Zafyr



Winchester



Islamabad



Indus river



Skardu







Jeep drive from Skardu to Askole



Askole





To Korofon & the Baltoro glacier





Korofon



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



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



Paiju



Paiju Peak (6501m)





Trango Towers





Returning to Paiju from the Baltoro galcier



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

Paiju Peak and the Trango group above the Baltoro glacier



Paiju Peak, Trango group and Cathedral



On the Baltoro to Khorburtse



The Chairman!



Drained glacial lake near Khorburtse camp



Liligo glacier river crossing





Mulefest at Khorburtse





Khorburtse



Khorburtse

The enormous strength of water





Urdukas





Urdukas rocket ships



Urdukas



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Only a thin layer of rock on Baltoro ice





Baltoro glacial lake





Baltoro-bergs, en route to Goro II camp







Gasherbrum IV (7925m)



Karim leads the way to Goro II

Goro II camp and Masherbrum (7821m)





Goro II camp

Masherbrum (7821m)



Goro II camp and Masherbrum





Concordia – the amazing Karakorum glacial junction!

Mitre Peak (6010m) from Concordia



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



Mitre Peak (6010m)

Gasherbrum IV (7925m) from Concordia





Wel Come
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



K2, 8611m





Broad Peak
(8051m) base
camp



Concordia from Broad Peak base camp



Broad Peak (8051m)





Towards K2 base camp



Praqpa glacier



Another 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

Bride peak (7668m) from Broad Peak base camp



Broad Peak (8051m)



Returning to Concordia from K2



K2 and Broad Peak



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



Vigne glacier and Ali Camp



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Vigne glacier and Ali Camp





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



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.



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)





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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)



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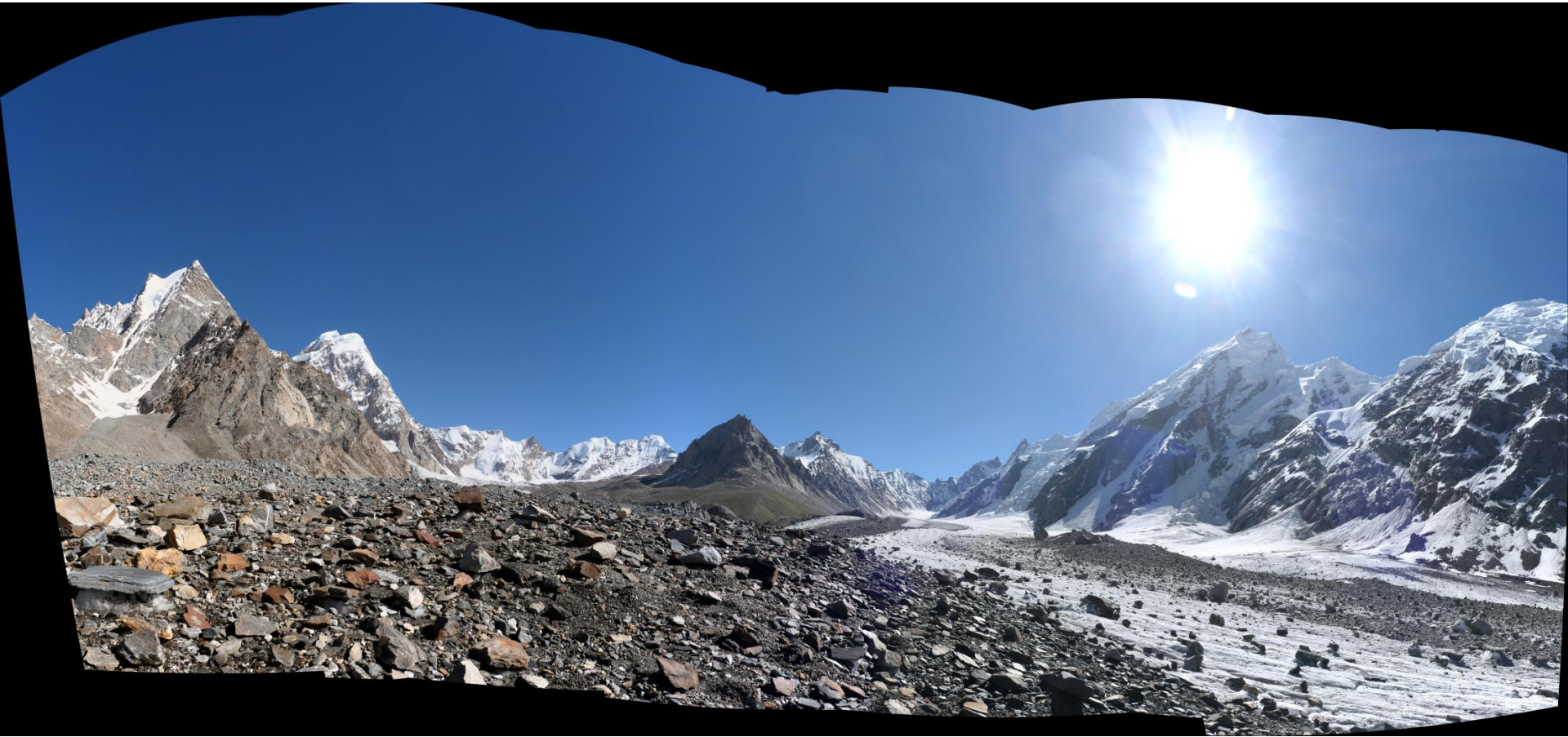
Huisprung



Ali and Laila Peak (6096m)



Looking back towards the Gondogoro La from the Hushe valley



A huge rock mushroom!





Flowers and wildlife in the Hushe valley

Dalsan and Gondogoro glacier



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A bracing swim at 4500m...



Dalsan and Gondogoro glacier



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



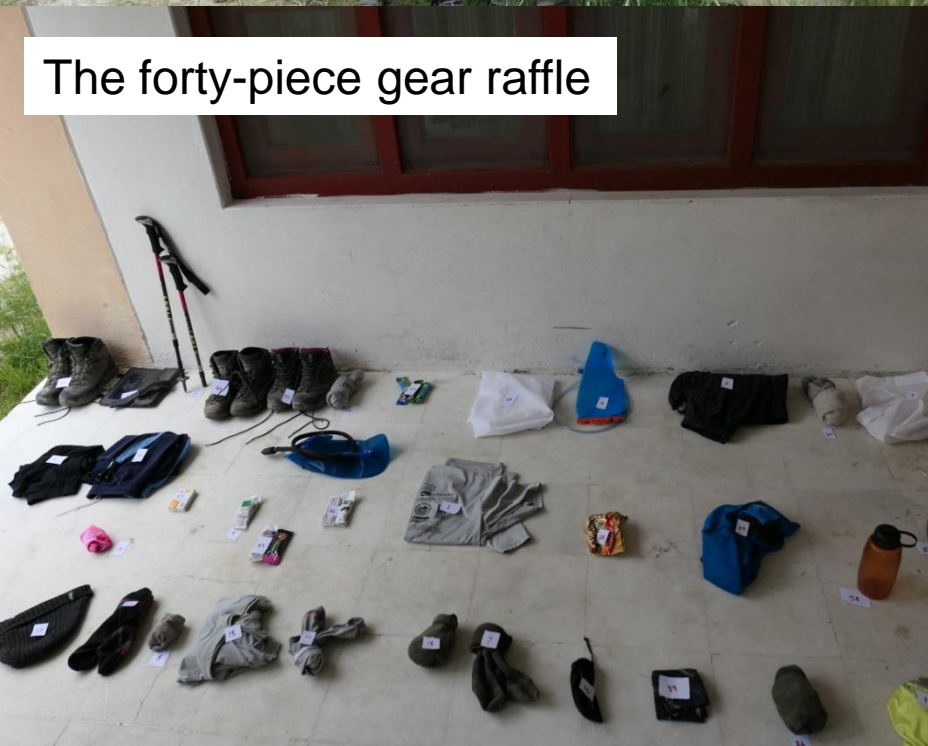
The Chairman and Andy at Hushe



Tips for the porters, cooks and guides



The forty-piece gear raffle





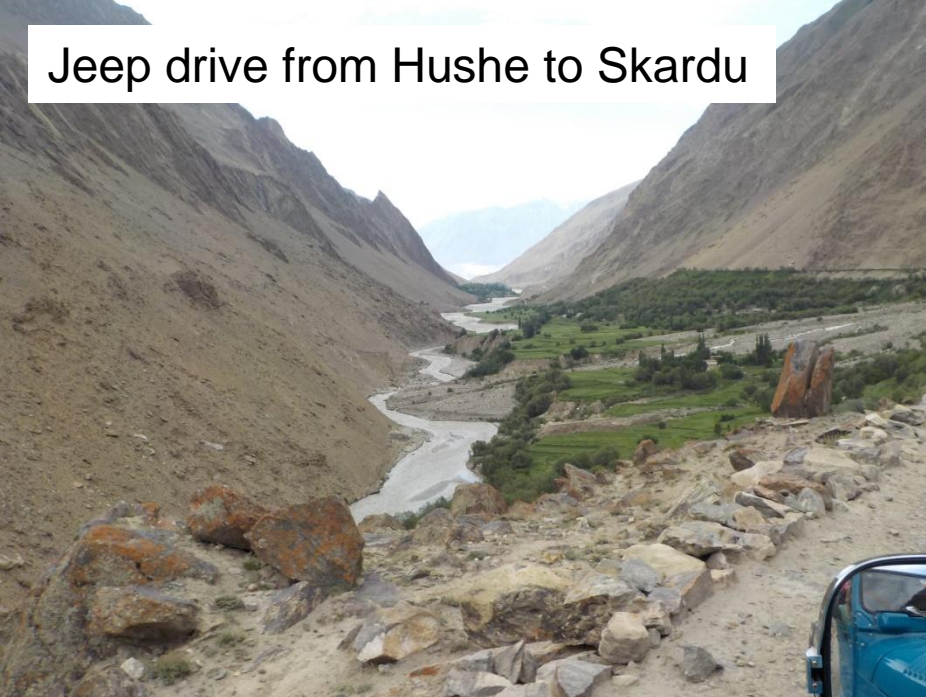
South face of Masherbrum (K1) (7821m)



Hushe village



Jeep drive from Hushe to Skardu





Khapalu



Raja Bazaar, Rawalpindi





“I like to eat the forehead and the eyes”







A giant sheep/goat/llama?







Islamabad Cultural Heritage Museum

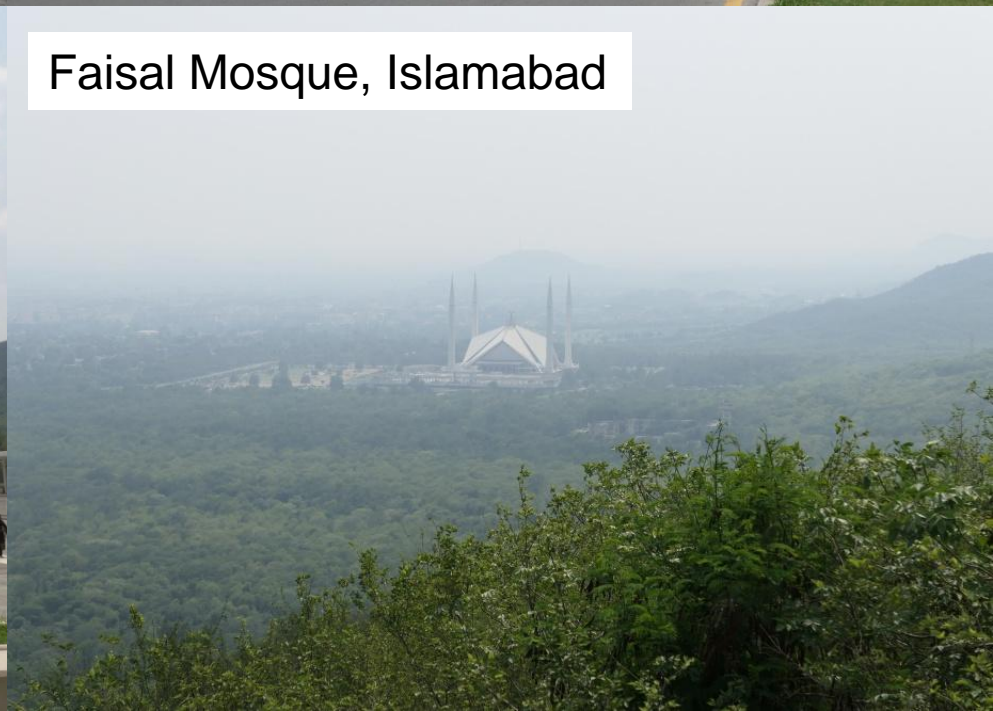


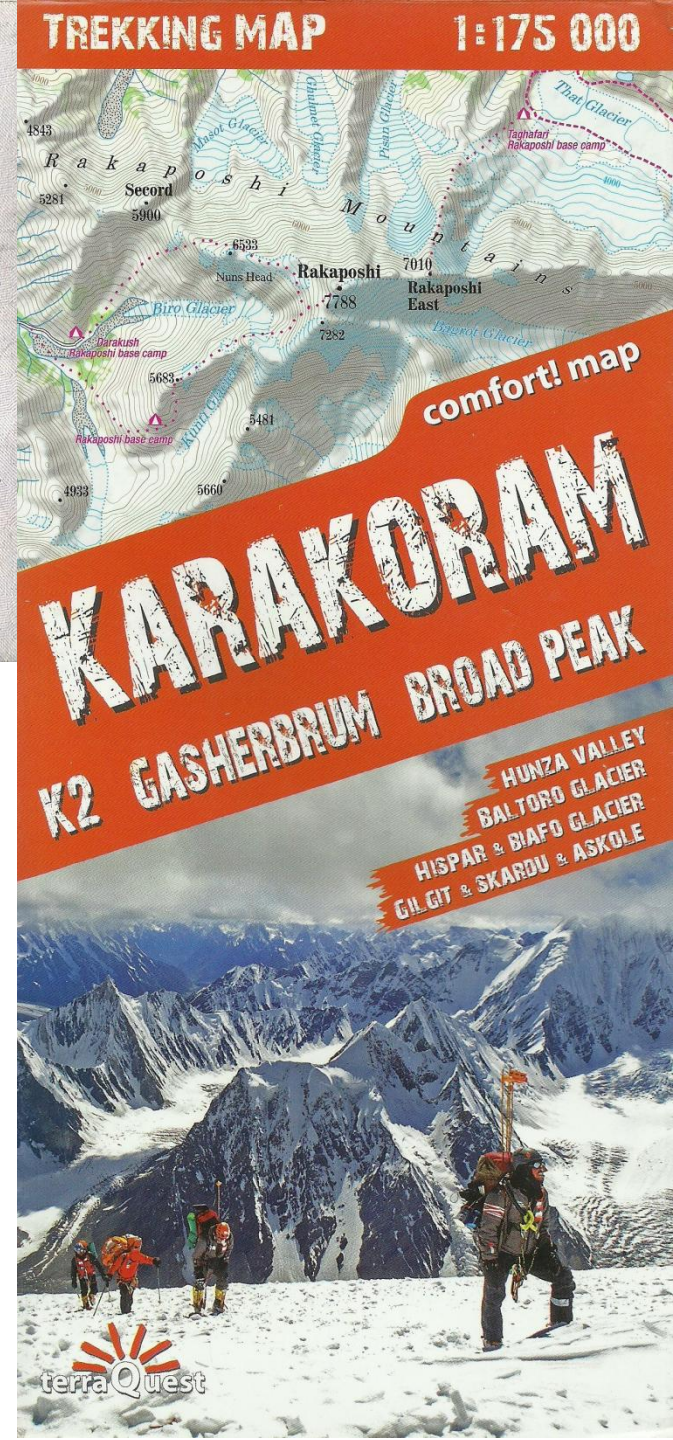
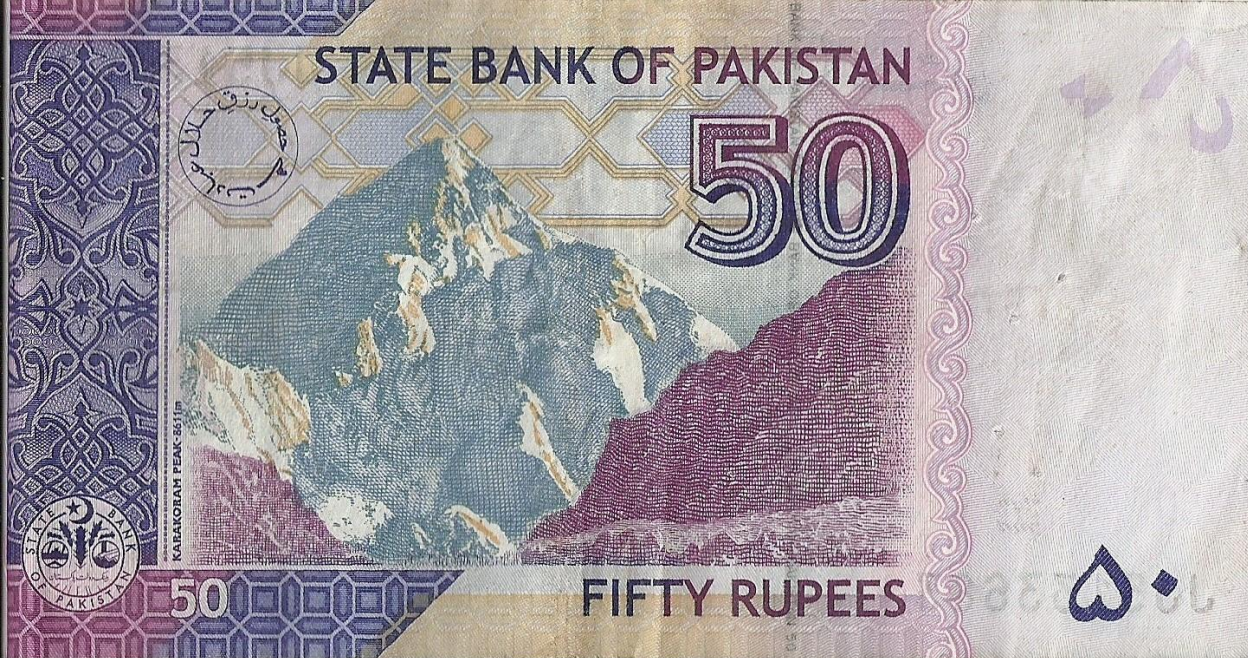


Baltistan truck decorations



Faisal Mosque, Islamabad

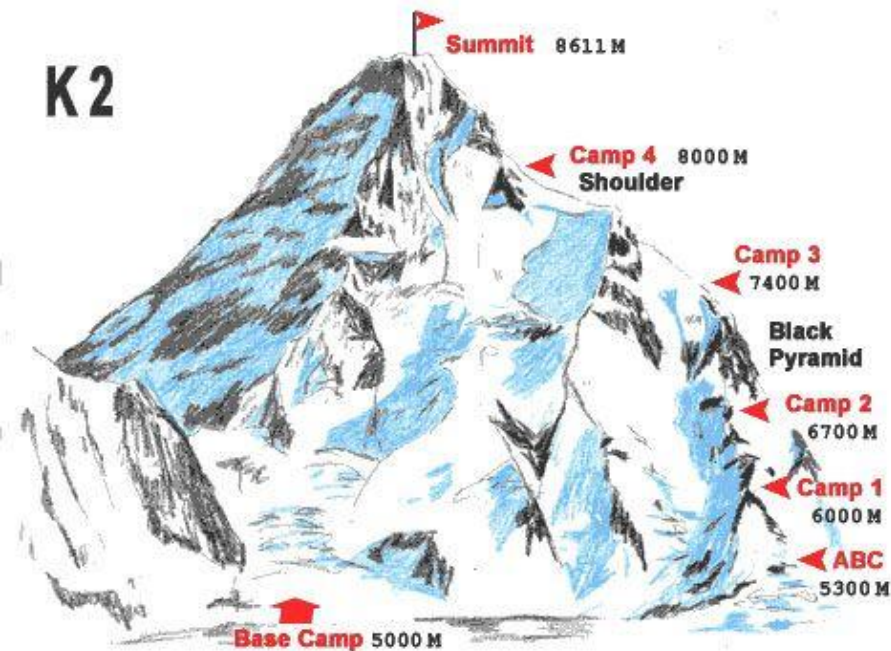






**Prince Luigi
Amedeo, Duke
of the Abruzzi**
(29 January 1873 –
18 March 1933)

K2 virtual flyby



Questions

