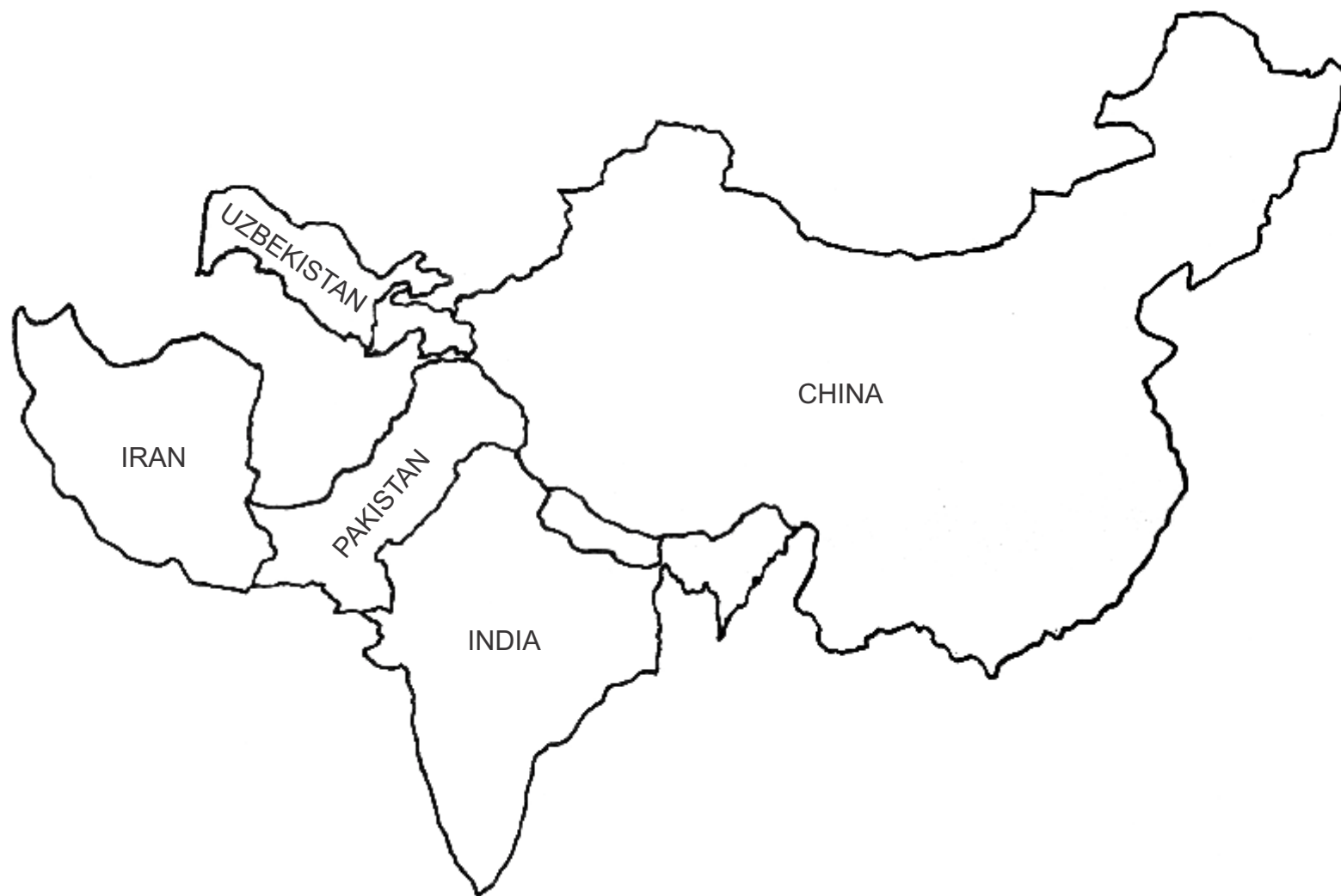
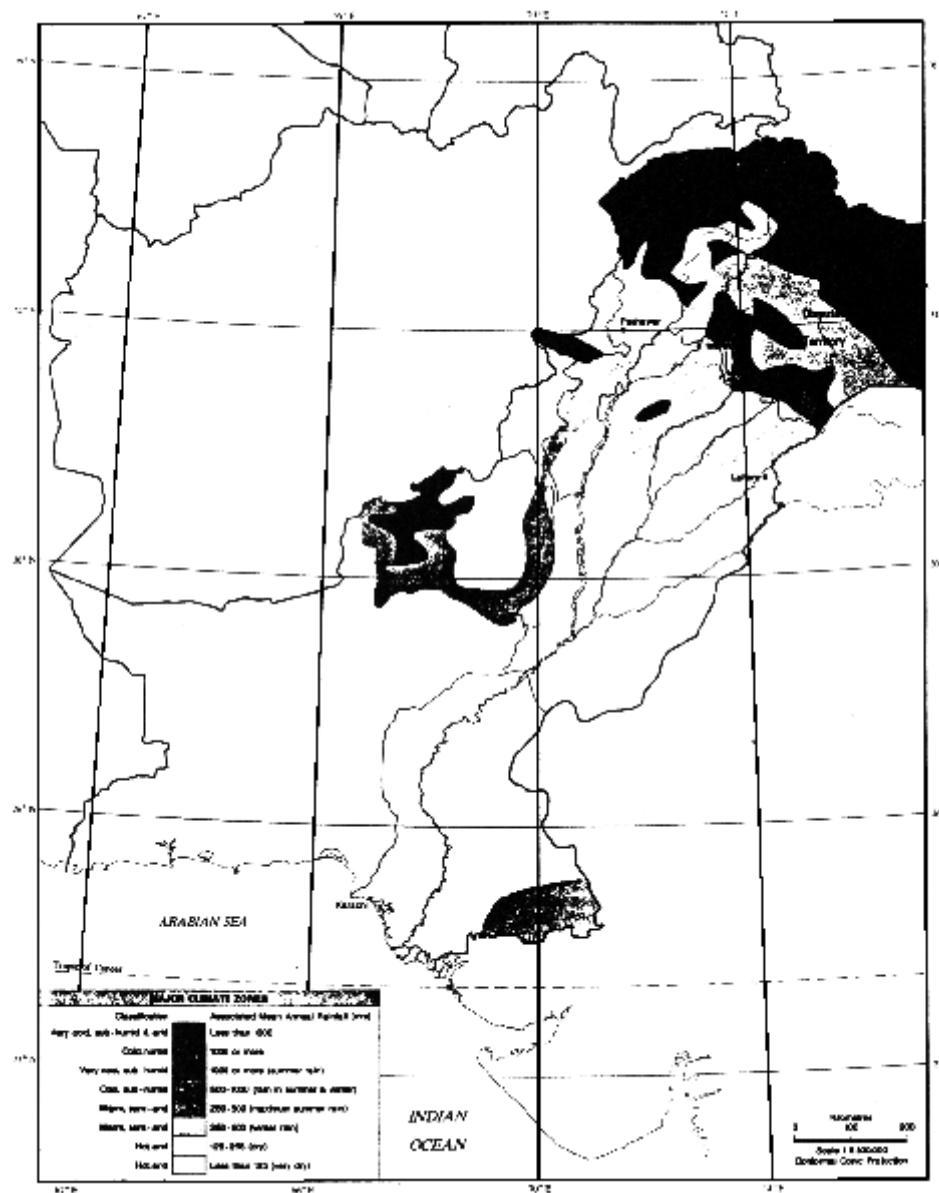


VISTA

PAKISTAN







PAKISTAN Climates

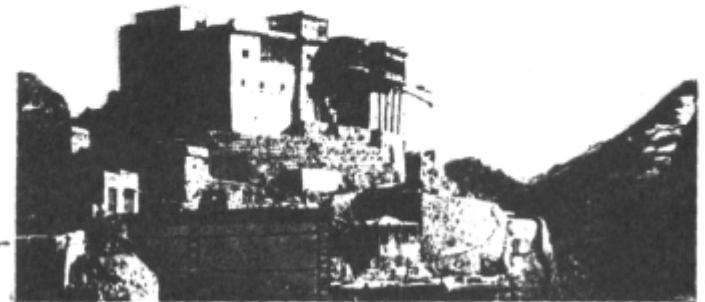
MOUNTAIN PANORAMA



NORTHERN AREAS OF PAKISTAN IS THE MEETING POINT OF FOUR OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MOUNTAIN RANGES, NAMELY THE HIMALAYAS, THE KARAKORUMS, THE HINDUKUSH AND THE PAMIRS. THESE MOUNTAIN SYSTEMS WERE THE LAST GEOGRAPHICAL MYSTERY TO BE SOLVED IN THE WORLD. THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE ARE OF ARYAN STOCK, SEPARATED FROM THE MAIN TRIBE SOME 2000 YEARS AGO, FROM THE WINDOW OF YOUR COACH WE PROMISE TO SHOW YOU SEVEN PEAKS HIGHER THAN 7000 MTS.

PESHAWAR
SWAT VALLEY
SKARDU
HUNZA

THE HISTORICAL NORTHERN OUTPOST FOR THE CARAVANS
HERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME BUDDHA WAS SHOW IN HUMAN FORM
THE HEART OF KARAKORUM, WHERE THE INDUS IS YOUNG
SHANGRILA, WHERE EVERY BODY LIVES FOR HUNDRED YEARS

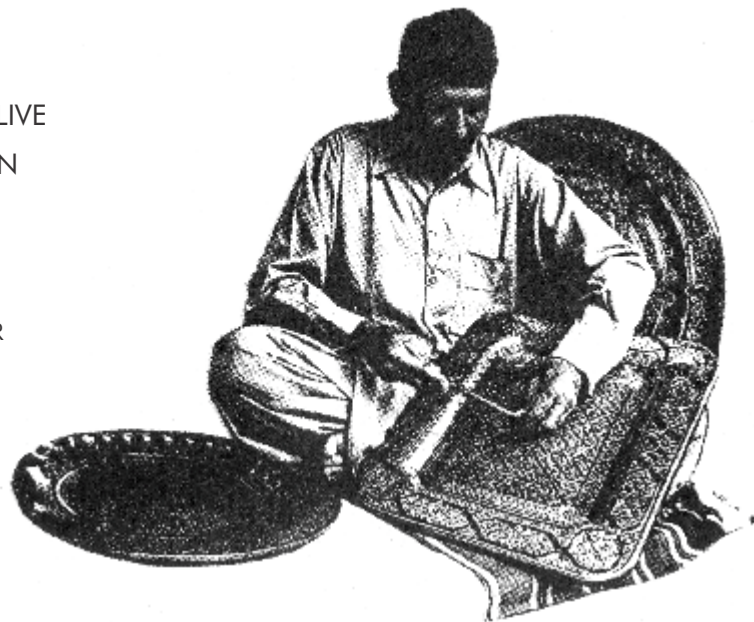




THE ANCIENT CRAFTS ARE ALIVE
AND SO ARE THE CRAFTSMEN

ITINERARY:

DAY 1	ARRIVE ISLAMABAD
DAY 2	ISLAMABAD-PESHAWAR
DAY 3	PESHAWAR-SWAT
DAY 4	SWAT-CHILAS
DAY 5	CHILAS-SKARDU
DAY 6	SKARDU
DAY 7	SKARDU-GILGIT
DAY 8	GILGIT-GULMIT
DAY 9	GULMIT
DAY 10	GULMIT-HUNZA
DAY 11	HUNZA
DAY 12	HUNZA-GILGIT
DAY 13	GILGIT-BESHAM
DAY 14	BESHAM-ISLAMABAD
DAY 15	FLY OUT

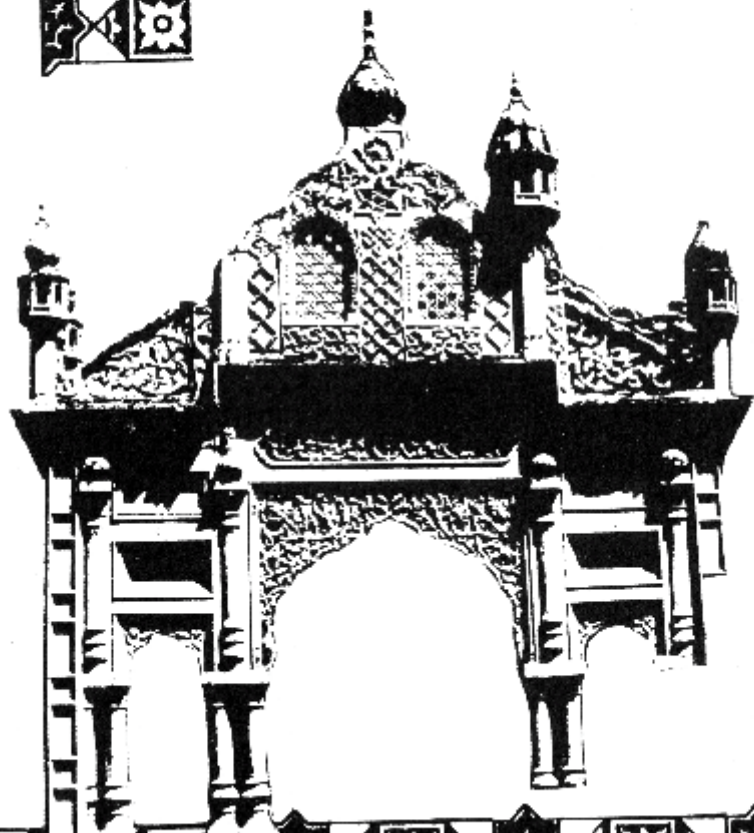


NORTHERN TRIBES

LEGEND SAYS THAT THEY ARE DESCENDANTS OF SICK SOLDIERS OF THE ALEXANDER'S ARMY. TRUE OR NOT KALASH PEOPLE ARE A FASCINATING STOCK. HAPPINESS NEVER LEAVES THEM. THEY PARTY AT THE DEATH OF A RELATIVE, A SIGN THAT THE SOUL HAS BEEN RELIEVED FROM THE WORRIES OF THIS WORLD. THE REMOTE VALLEYS OF THESE LOFTY MOUNTAINS ARE THE HOME FOR MANY SUCH ANCIENT COMMUNITIES

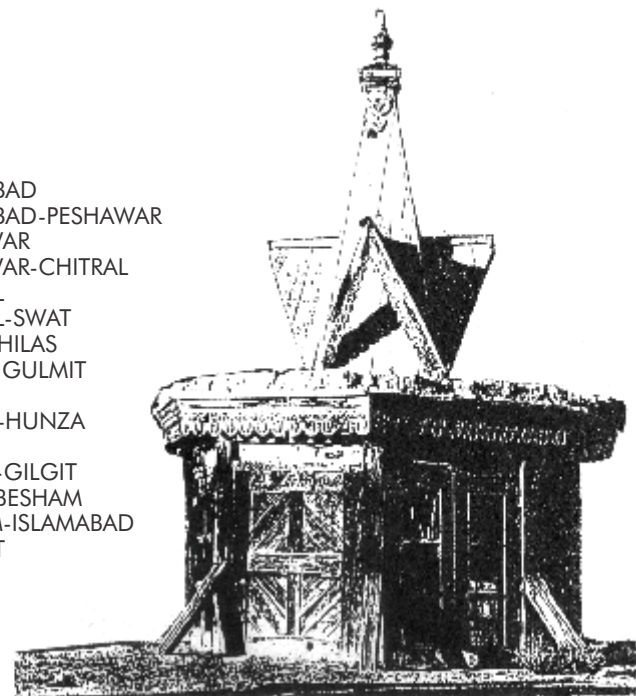


THE THICK FORESTS PROVIDE WOOD TO THESE MASTER CRAFTSMEN, THE MEDIUM TO EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY



ITINERARY:

DAY 1	ISLAMABAD
DAY 2	ISLAMABAD-PESHAWAR
DAY 3	PESHAWAR
DAY 4	PESHAWAR-CHITRAL
DAY 5	CHITRAL
DAY 6	CHITRAL-SWAT
DAY 7	SWAT-CHILAS
DAY 8	CHILAS-GULMIT
DAY 9	GULMIT
DAY 10	GULMIT-HUNZA
DAY 11	HUNZA
DAY 12	HUNZA-GILGIT
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DAY 14	BESHAM-ISLAMABAD
DAY 15	FLY OUT



WALKING ON THE VILLAGE TRAILS

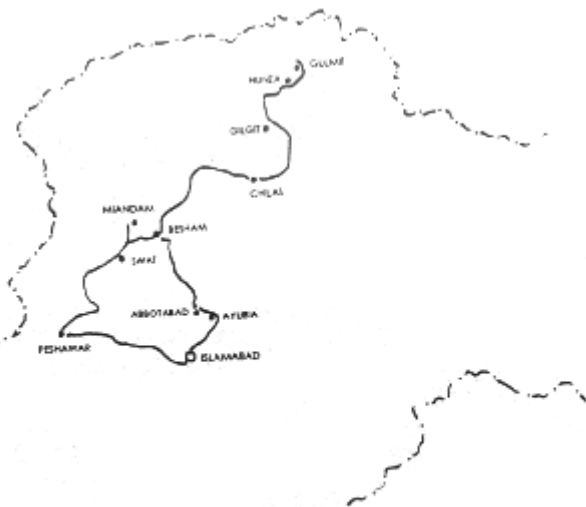
WE TAKE YOU TO THE EDGE OF THE MODERN WORLD. PAVED ROAD ENDS AND FROM HERE ONWARDS WE WILL WALK. THE AIR IS CLEAN AND THERE IS NO CROWD OF TOURISTS. WE HAVE THE WHOLE DAY TO WALK AND BACK TO OUR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION. ALL YOU NEED IS A BACK PACK, WATER BOTTLE AND OFCOURSE STEADY PAIR OF LEGS. YOU WILL TALK WITH THE PEASANT DOING A DAYS JOB IN HIS FIELD, A TRAVELER, WALKING BACK TO HIS VILLAGE A DAYS WALK FROM THE ROAD END, CHILDREN RETURNING BACK FROM THE SCHOOL. AFTER PICNIC LUNCH AT THE BANK OF A FRESH WATER STREAM, WE WILL BE BACK TO OUR HOTEL BY THE AFTERNOON. THIS IS AN AVERAGE DAY IN THIS ITINERARY.





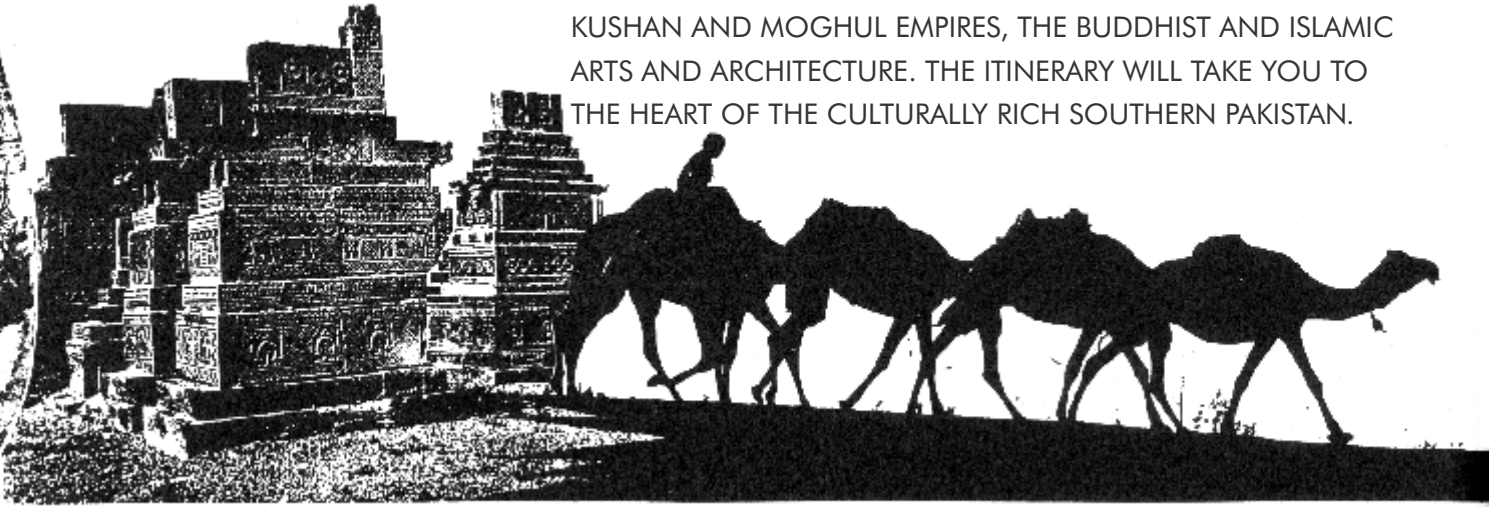
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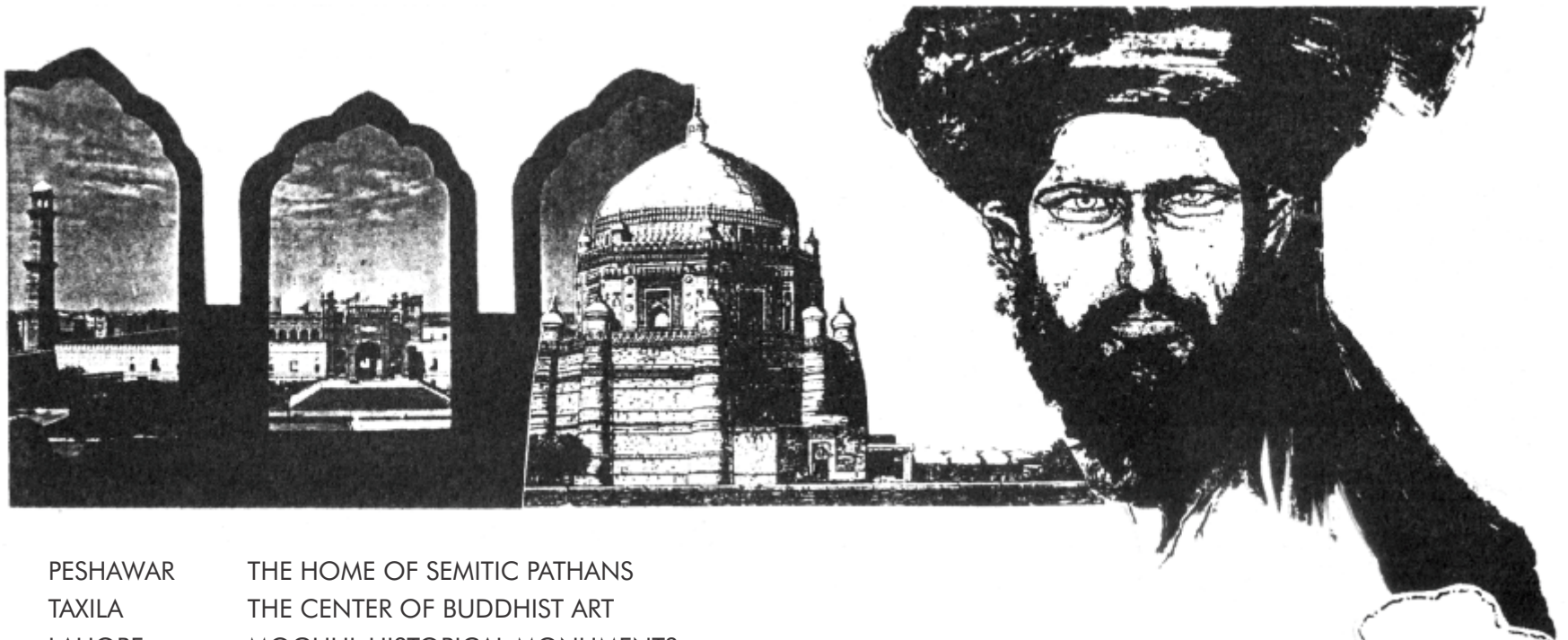
DAY 1	ISLAMABAD
DAY 2	ISLAMABAD-PESHAWAR
DAY 3	PESHAWAR-SAIDU SHARIF
DAY 4	SAIDU-MIANDAM
DAY 5	MIANDAM
DAY 6	MIANDAM-BESHAM
DAY 7	BESHAM-GILGIT
DAY 8	GILGIT
DAY 9	GILGIT-GULMIT
DAY 10	GULMIT-HUNZA
DAY 11	HUNZA
DAY 12	HUNZA-CHILAS
DAY 13	CHILAS-ABBOTABAD
DAY 14	ABBOTABAD-AYUBIA
DAY 15	AYUBIA
DAY 16	AYUBIA-ISLAMABAD
DAY 17	FLY OUT



WINDOW TO THE ANCIENT WORLD

SOME 8000 YEARS FROM NOW, AT THE END OF THE LAST GLACIER AGE, PLATEAU OF BALUCHISTAN WAS THE HOME OF PEOPLE, KNOWN AS MEHAR GARH CIVILISATION. WELL DEVELOPED IN THE ANCIENT ARTS, THEY STARTED WHEEL THROWN POTTERY SOME 1500 YEARS BEFORE PERSIANS. LATER ALONG WITH THE OTHER RIVER VALLEY CIVILISATIONS, INDUS VALLEY FLOURISHED FOR HUNDRED OF YEARS. IN THE CENTURIES TO COME PAKISTAN BECAME THE CENTER OF KUSHAN AND MOGHUL EMPIRES, THE BUDDHIST AND ISLAMIC ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE. THE ITINERARY WILL TAKE YOU TO THE HEART OF THE CULTURALLY RICH SOUTHERN PAKISTAN.





PESHAWAR THE HOME OF SEMITIC PATHANS
 TAXILA THE CENTER OF BUDDHIST ART
 LAHORE MOGHUL HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
 MULTAN THE CITY OF SAINTS AND MAUSOLEUMS
 LARKANA MOENJODARO, THE CITY OF DEAD

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 ARRIVE PESHAWAR
 DAY 2 PESHAWAR
 DAY 3 PESHAWAR-ISLAMABAD
 DAY 4 ISLAMABAD-LAHORE
 DAY 5 LAHORE
 DAY 6 LAHORE-FAISALABAD
 DAY 7 FAISALABAD-MULTAN

DAY 8 MULTAN
 DAY 9 MULTAN-BAHAWALPUR
 DAY 10 BAHAWALPUR
 DAY 11 BAHAWALPUR-LARKANA
 DAY 12 LARKANA-SEHWAN
 DAY 13 SEHWAN-HYDERABAD
 DAY 14 HYDERABAD-KARACHI
 DAY 15 FLY OUT

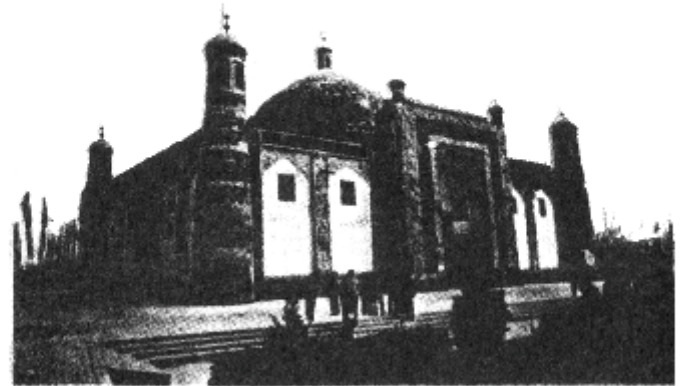


SILK ROUTE EXPLORER



DESERT, USED TO CHANGE SEVERAL HANDS, PASS THROUGH MANY COUNTRIES AND TRAVEL FOR MONTHS IF NOT YEARS,BEFORE REACHING THE WESTERN END OF THE TRAIL, IN EUROPE. THE JOURNEY IS STILL FASCINATING AND ADVENTUROUS ALTHOUGH NOW YOU CAN AVAIL THE FACILITY OF AIR-CONDITIONED

TRANSPORT FOR MOST PART OF THE JOURNEY AND CAN STAY FOR OVERNIGHT IN THE COMFORT OF A BED. THE TRAIL WAS LATER USED BY THE BUDDHIST PILGRIMS. YOU WILL VISIT NUMEROUS SITES ALONG THE JOURNEY. IN PAKISTAN YOU TRAVEL ALONG THE INDUS RIVER AND IN CHINA SKIRT THE BORDER OF THE GREAT TAKLAMAKAN DESERT.





ITINERARY:

DAY 1 ISLAMABAD
 DAY 2 ISLAMABAD-PESHAWAR
 DAY 3 PESHAWAR-SWAT
 DAY 4 SWAT-CHILAS
 DAY 5 CHILAS-HUNZA
 DAY 6 HUNZA
 DAY 7 HUNZA-TAXKORGAN
 DAY 8 TAXKORTAN-KASHGAR

DAY 9 KASHGAR (SUNDAY BAZAR)
 DAY 10 KASHGAR-AKSU
 DAY 11 AKSU-KUKA
 DAY 12 KUKA-KORLA
 DAY 13 KORLA-TURFAN
 DAY 14 TURFAN
 DAY 15 TURFAN-URUMQI
 DAY 16 URUMQI-BEIJING
 DAY 17 FLY OUT



PERSIAN DELIGHT

PERSIA WAS THE SEAT OF FIRST EMPIRE HISTORY HAS RECORDED. THE EMPIRE OF DARIUS AND XERXES. PERSIA ENJOYED THE STATUS OF CULTURAL CAPITAL LONGER THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.

THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES OF PERSEPOLIS, THE CITIES OF MASHAD, SHIRAZ AND ISFAHAN REMINDS US OF THE GLORIOUS PAST. THE SHORT VISIT OFFERS THE BEST OF GREAT PERSIAN ARCHEOLOGICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL RELICS.

MASHHAD

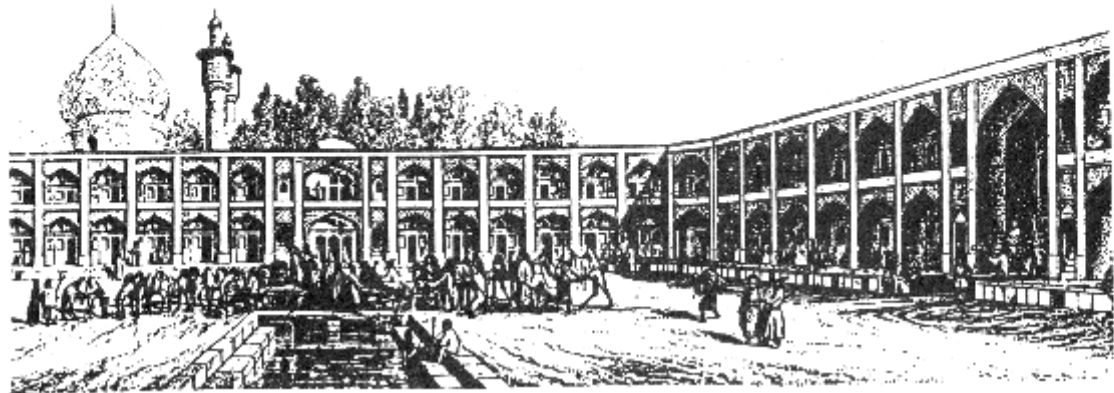
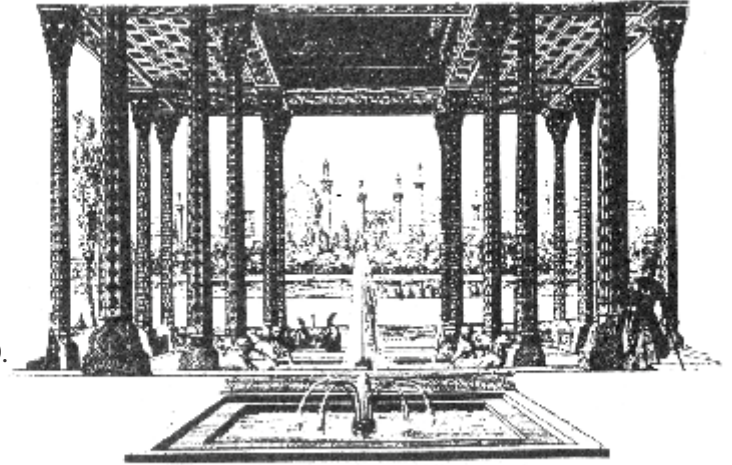
SHIRAZ : PERSEPOLIS

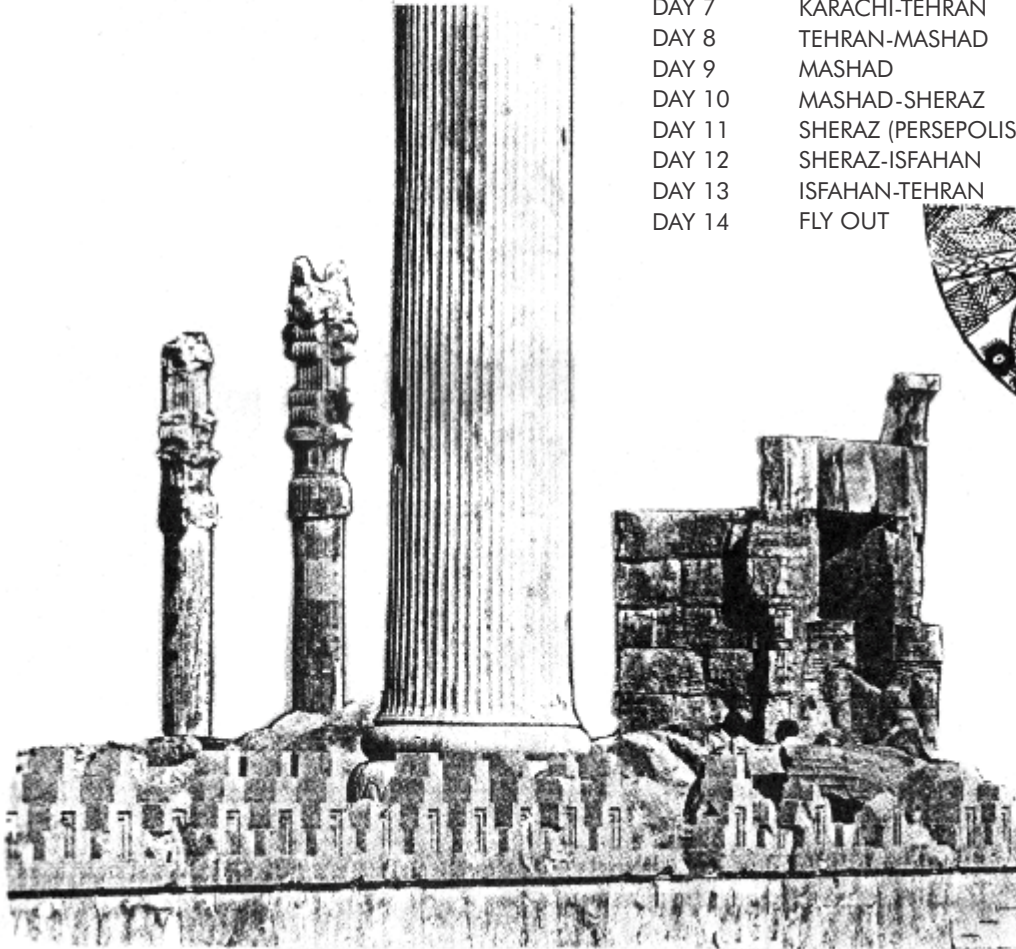
ISFAHAN

THE CITY OF TOMBS AND MAUSOLEUM

THE CAPITAL OF DARIUS

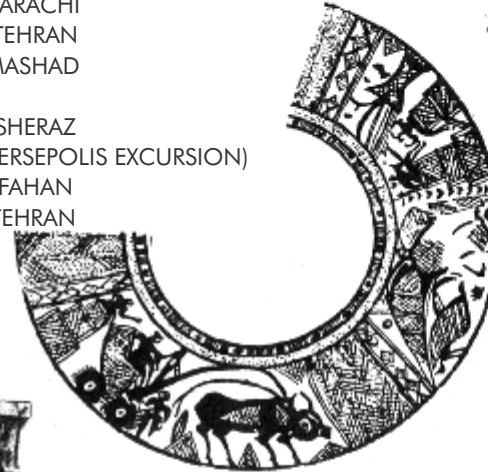
THE CITY OF GARDENS AND PALACES





ITINERARY:

- DAY 1 ARRIVE PESHAWAR
- DAY 2 PESHAWAR-LAHORE
- DAY 3 LAHORE
- DAY 4 LAHORE-QUETTA
- DAY 5 BOLAN PASS
- DAY 6 QUETTA-KARACHI
- DAY 7 KARACHI-TEHRAN
- DAY 8 TEHRAN-MASHAD
- DAY 9 MASHAD
- DAY 10 MASHAD-SHERAZ
- DAY 11 SHERAZ (PERSEPOLIS EXCURSION)
- DAY 12 SHERAZ-ISFAHAN
- DAY 13 ISFAHAN-TEHRAN
- DAY 14 FLY OUT



DESERT KINGDOM

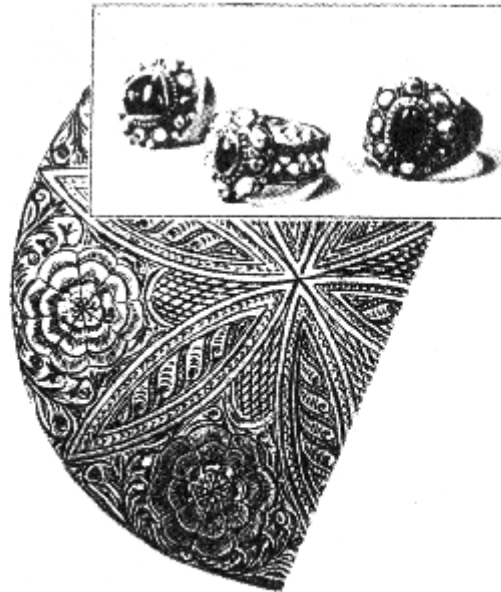
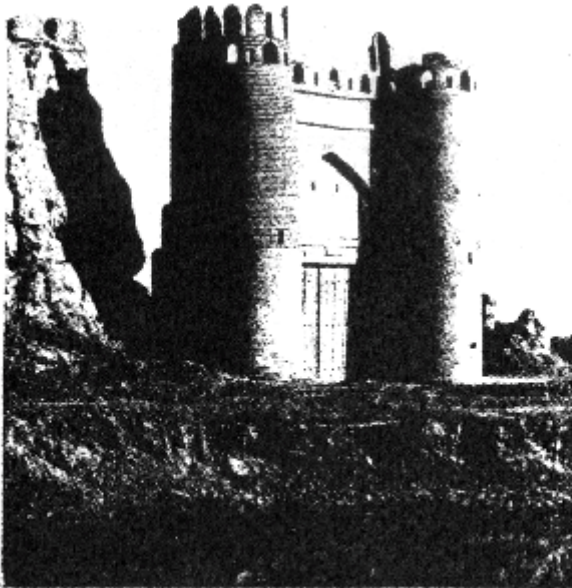
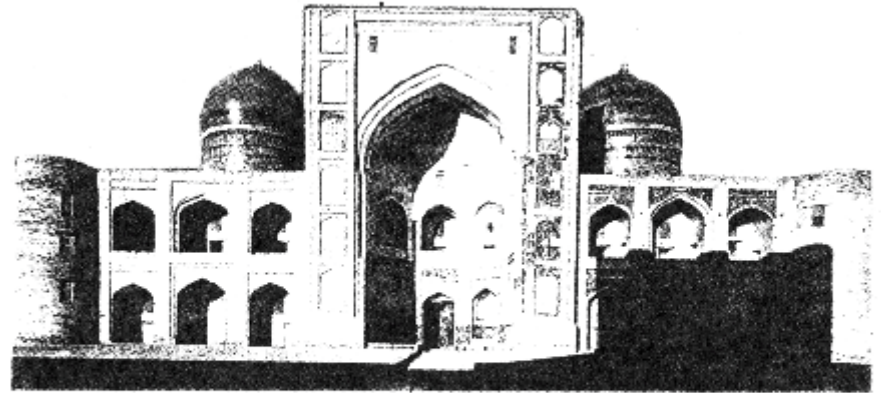
CENTRAL ASIAN GRASSLANDS STARTED DRYING UP SOME 4000 YEARS AGO AND SINCE THEN, THE HORDES HAVE BEEN MOVING TOWARDS SOUTH AND WEST. CHINA BUILT THE GREAT WALL TO PROTECT ITS EMPIRE.

ROME WAS INVADED BY THE HUNS, MANGOLS DEVASTATED THE EMPIRE OF BAGHDAD, IN THE LAST MILLENNIUM ARABS TAMED THESE WILD HORSEMEN PUT THE FOUNDATION OF THE \ DESERT KINGDOM. THE CITIES BECAME THE CENTER OF LEARNING FOR WHOLE OF THE ORIENT. THEY DEVELOP FINEST SPECIMEN OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE KHIVA, SAMARKAND AND BOKHARA ARE, THE LIVING EXAMPLES.

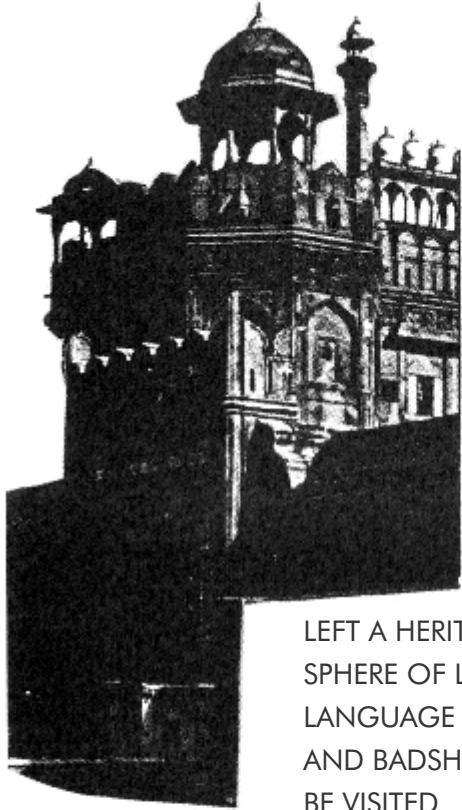


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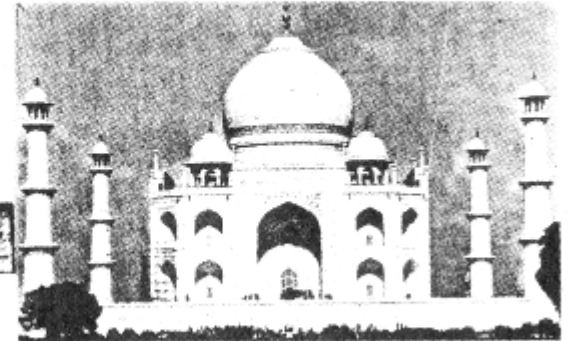
DAY 1 LAHORE
DAY 2 LAHORE
DAY 3 LAHORE-PESHAWAR
DAY 4 PESHAWAR
DAY 5 PESHAWAR-TASHKENT
DAY 6 TASHKENT-URGENCH
DAY 7 URGENCH-BOKHARA
DAY 8 BOKHARA
DAY 9 BOKHARA-SAMARKAND
DAY 10 SAMARKAND
DAY 11 SAMARKAND-TASHKENT
DAY 12 TASHKENT-PESHAWAR
DAY 13 PESHAWAR-ISLAMABAD
DAY 14 FLY OUT

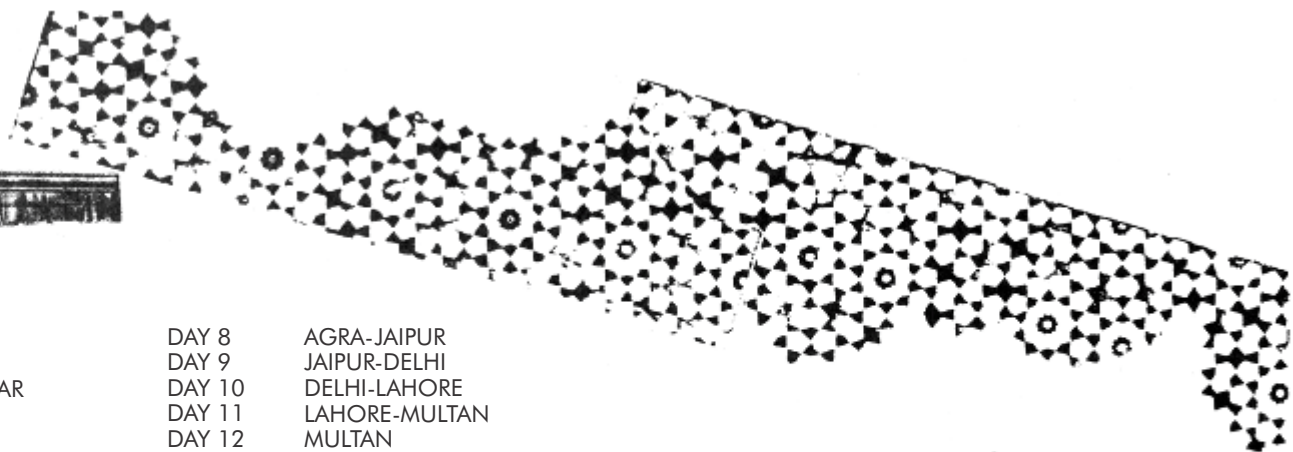
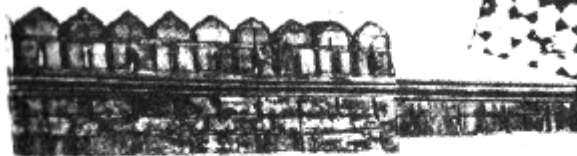


MOGHUL CAPITALS



MOGHULS STARTED FROM THE PASTURES OF FERGANA AND CONQUERED INDIA WITH OUT MUCH EFFORT. THEY RULED INDIA FOR OVER 250 YEARS AND LEFT A HERITAGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND CULTURE. THEIR SHORT RULE INFLUENCED EVERY SPHERE OF LIFE. IN ART AND ARCHITECTURE, ON CRAFTS AND CRAFTSMEN ON LANGUAGE AND LIFE STYLE. THE RED FORT, THE TAJ MEHAL, THE MAUSOLEUM OF JAHANGIR AND BADSHAHI MOSQUE ARE A FEW LEGACIES STILL CAN BE VISITED.

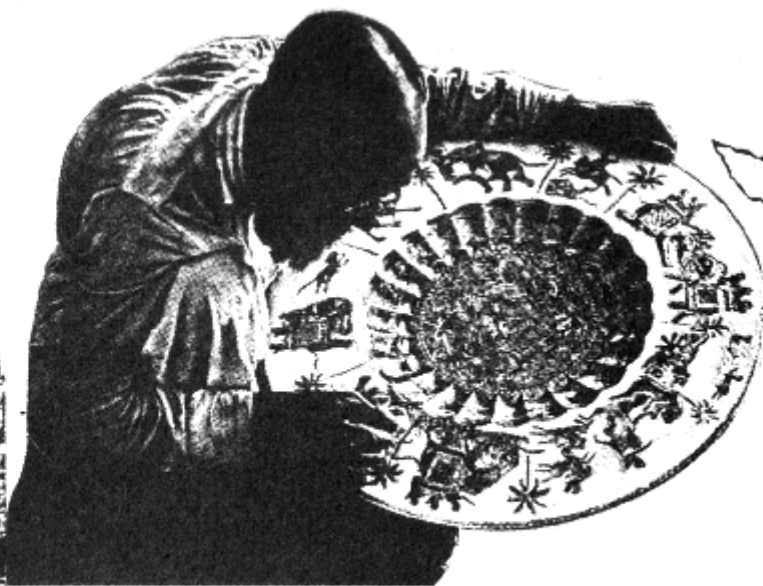




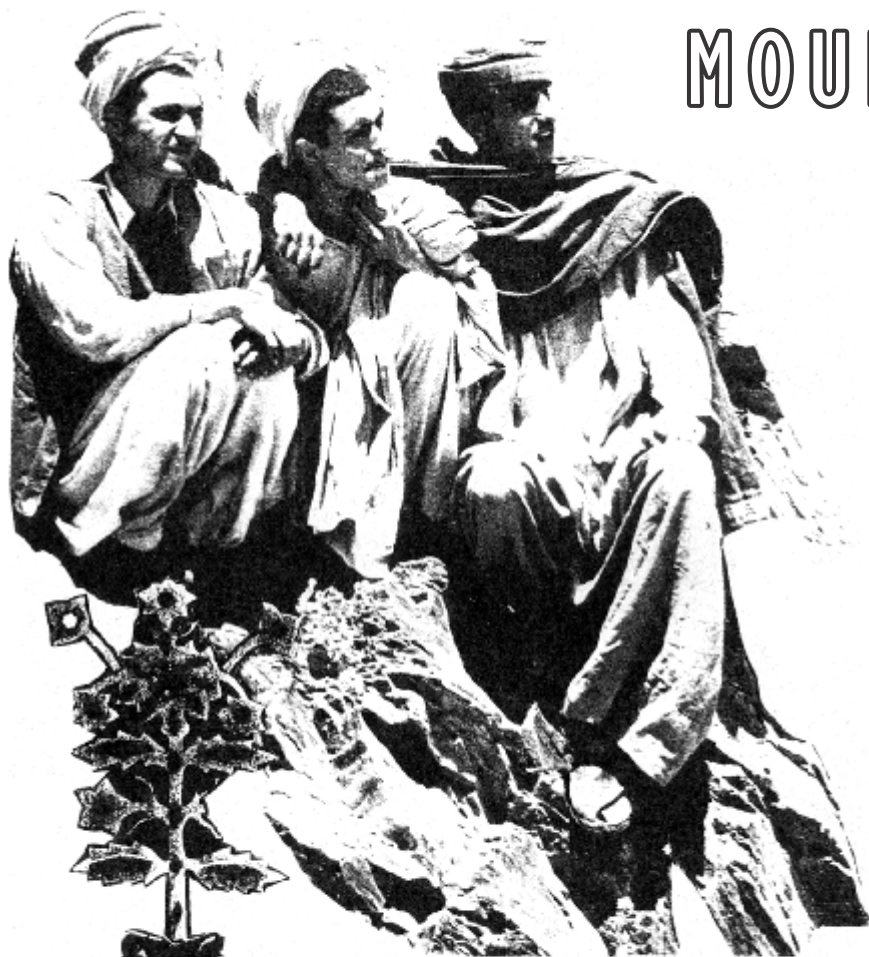
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DAY 1 ISLAMABAD
DAY 2 ISLAMABAD-PESHAWAR
DAY 3 PESHAWAR
DAY 4 PESHAWAR-LAHORE
DAY 5 LAHORE
DAY 6 LAHORE-DELHI
DAY 7 DELHI-AGRA

DAY 8 AGRA-JAIPUR
DAY 9 JAIPUR-DELHI
DAY 10 DELHI-LAHORE
DAY 11 LAHORE-MULTAN
DAY 12 MULTAN
DAY 13 MULTAN-KARACHI
DAY 14 KARACHI
DAY 15 FLY OUT



MOUNTAIN SAFARI



TRAVELLING THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN RANGES, PASSING ACROSS THE VEGETATION ZONES OBSERVING FLORA AND FAUNA AND THE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES. CAMPING IN THE WILDERNESS, YOU COMPLETE THE JOURNEY ACROSS HIMALAYAS, KARAKORUMS AND HINDUKUSH RANGES WHILE TRAVELLING BY 4 X 4 JEEPS. THE JOURNEY WILL OFFER RIVER VALLEYS, LUSH PASTURES, HIGH PASSES, REMOTE VILLAGES AND MIGHTY MOUNTAINS. ACCOMPANYING YOU WILL BE OUR MOBILE KITCHEN AND CAMPING CREW WHO SPECIALISES IN LOCAL DISHES CONVERTED TO WESTERN TASTE EVERY CAMP NIGHT IS COMPENSATED BY EQUAL NUMBER OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATION WHERE AVAILABLE.



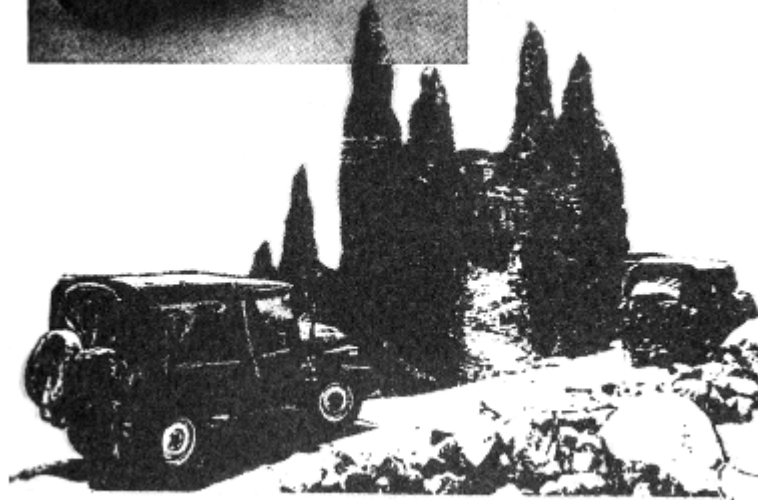
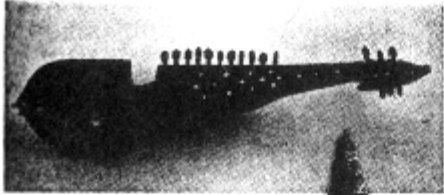


ITINERARY:

DAY 1 ISLAMABAD
 DAY 2 ISLAMABAD-PESHAWAR
 DAY 3 PESHAWAR-SWAT
 DAY 4 SWAT-NAGOR
 DAY 5 NAGOR-KALASH
 DAY 6 KALASH-CHITRAL
 DAY 7 CHITRAL-SHANDUR
 DAY 8 SHANDUR-PHANDAR
 DAY 9 PHANDAR-PUNIAL
 DAY 10 PUNIAL-GILGIT
 DAY 11 GILGIT-HUNZA
 DAY 12 HUNZA
 DAY 13 HUNZA-SKARDU
 DAY 14 SKARDU-KHAPLU
 DAY 15 KHAPLU
 DAY 16 KHAPLU-DEOSAI
 DAY 17 DEOSAI-RAMA
 DAY 18 RAMA-BAISAL
 DAY 19 BAISAL-ABBOTABAD
 DAY 20 ABBOTABAD-ISLAMABAD
 DAY 21 FLY OUT

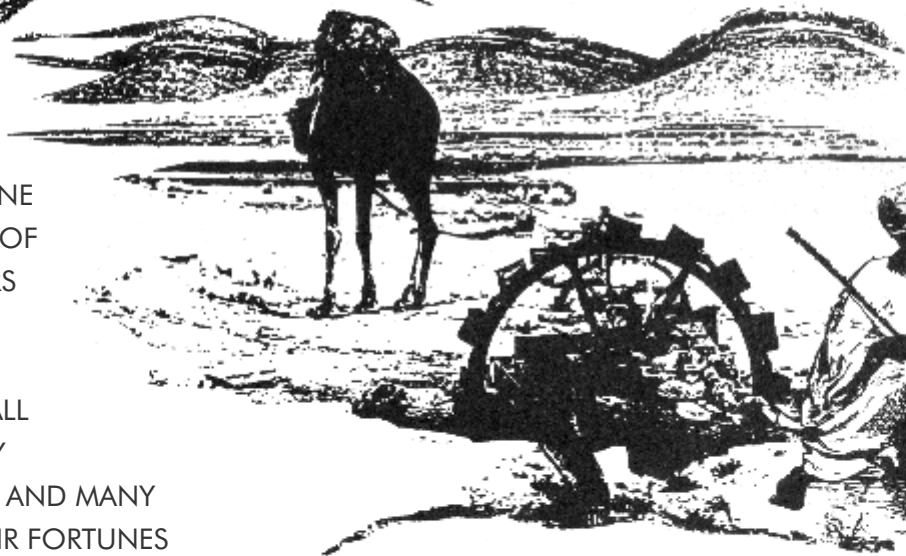
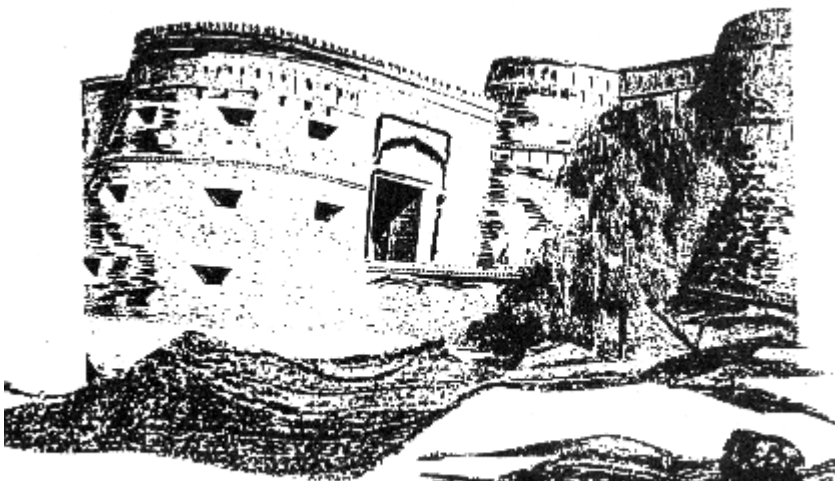
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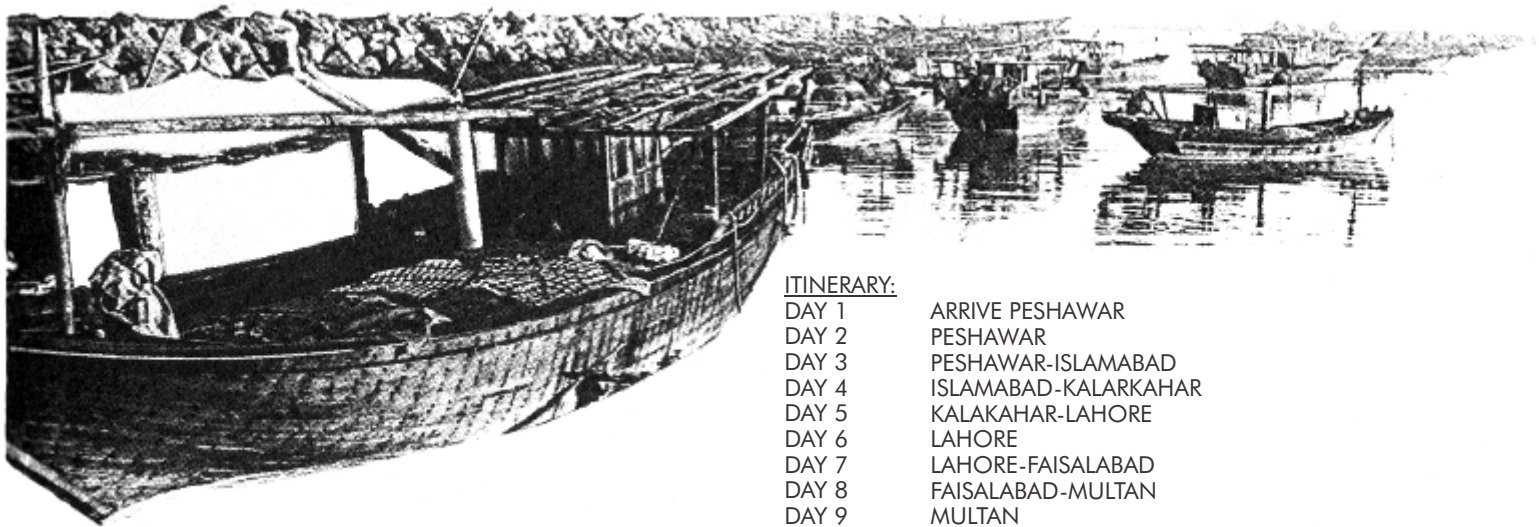
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 DAY 7 SHANDUR-PHANDAR
 DAY 8 PHANDAR-PUNIAL
 DAY 9 PUNIAL- GILGIT
 DAY 10 GILGIT-HUNZA
 DAY 11 HUNZA
 DAY 12 HUNZA-CHILAS
 DAY 13 CHILAS-ABBOTABAD
 DAY 14 ABBOTABAD-ISLAMABAD
 DAY 15 FLY OUT



ALONG THE MIGHTY INDUS

INDUS RUNS AS A LIFE LINE THROUGH THE LENGTH OF PAKISTAN. THE GALACIERS OF THE HIMALAYAS AND KARAKORUM PROVIDE A REGULAR WATER FLOW ALL THE YEAR ROUND. MANY CIVILISATIONS SURVIVED AND MANY EMPIRES HAVE BUILT THEIR FORTUNES ALONG IT SHORES. IN THIS PROGRAM WE WILL EXPLORE THE HISTORICAL AND PRESENT DAY CIVILISATIONS. STARTING FROM PESHAWAR, TRACING IT THROUGH THE PLAINS OF PUNJAB, FOLLOWING IT INTO THE DESERTS OF SINDH. WE WILL TRAVEL IN COACHES, JEEPS, CAMELS AND FLOAT ON FLAT BOTTOM BOATS. THE HOTEL STAYS ARE SUPPLEMENTED BY WILDERNESS CAMPING, IN DESERT AND DURING THE BOAT TRIP.



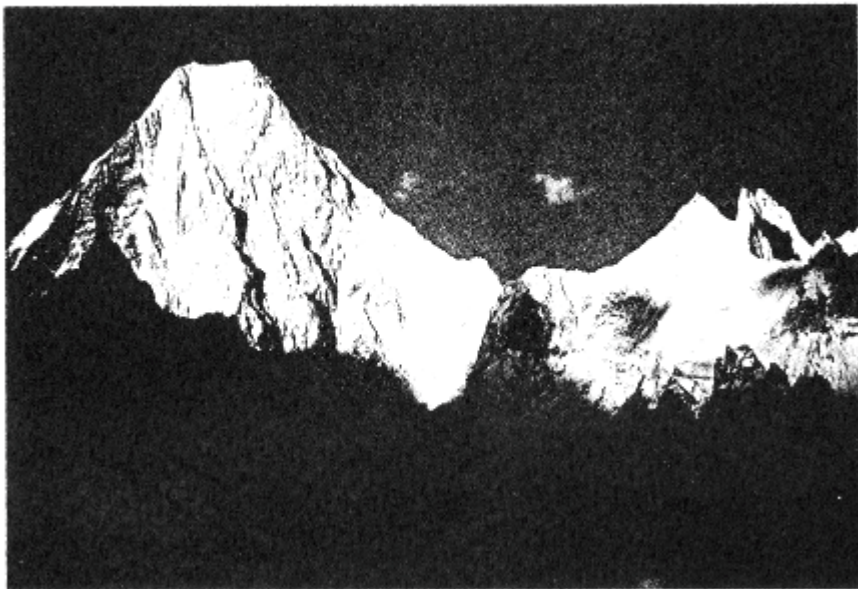


ITINERARY:

DAY 1	ARRIVE PESHAWAR
DAY 2	PESHAWAR
DAY 3	PESHAWAR-ISLAMABAD
DAY 4	ISLAMABAD-KALARKAHAR
DAY 5	KALAKAHAR-LAHORE
DAY 6	LAHORE
DAY 7	LAHORE-FAISALABAD
DAY 8	FAISALABAD-MULTAN
DAY 9	MULTAN
DAY 10	MULTAN-BAHAWALPUR

DAY 11	CAMEL SAFARI
DAY 12	CAMEL SAFARI
DAY 13	CAMEL SAFARI
DAY 14	INDUS BOAT TRIP
DAY 15	INDUS BOAT TRIP
DAY 16	RAHIMYAR KHAN
DAY 17	RHK-LARKANA
DAY 18	LARKANA-SEHWAN
DAY 19	SEHWAN-HYDERABAD
DAY 20	HYDERABAD-KARACHI
DAY 21	FLY OUT





THRONE ROOM OF MOUNTAINS GODS

NORTHERN AREAS OF PAKISTAN IS THE MEETING POINT OF MOUNTAIN RANGES. WE HAVE FIVE OUT OF FOURTEEN EIGHT THOUSAND METER PEAKS. WE HAVE MORE SEVEN THOUSANDERS THAN REST OF THE WORLD COMBINED AND NUMEROUS UN-CLIMBED SIX THOUSANDERS. IT IS ALSO THE HOME FOR LARGEST GLACIATED AREA OUTSIDE POLAR REGION. BATURA, HISPER, BALTORO AND BIAFO ARE VALLEYS FILLED WITH PERPETUAL SNOWS FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS, A RELIC OF THE GALACIER AGES. MOST OF THESE VALLEYS ARE CONNECTED THROUGH HIGH PASSES AND WE ORGANISE TREKKING TOURS OVER THE GALACIERS AND PASSES. THE LOWER VALLEYS ALSO OFFER MEDIUM TO EASY ROUTES FOR ALL AGES IN ADDITION TO HIMALAYAN ALPINE FOREST WALKS.

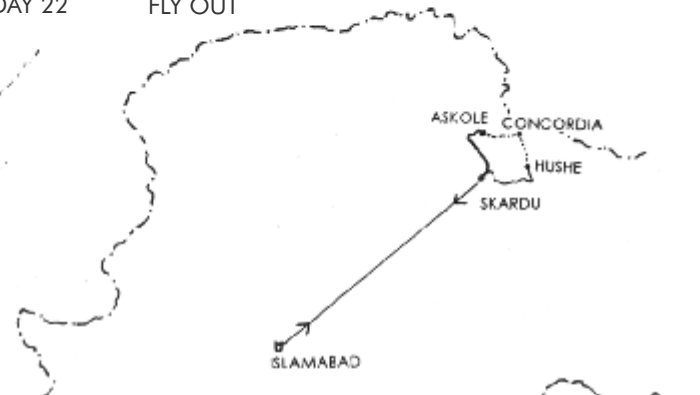




TREKKING INVOLVES DAILY WALKS OF FIVE TO SIX HOURS WITH ALL THE LUGGAGE BEING CARRIED BY PORTERS, THE LONG WALKS ACCLIMATISE YOU FOR THE HIGHER ALTITUDES, WHICH ARE PLANNED AT THE END OF THE JOURNEY.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1	ISLAMABAD
DAY 2	ISLAMABAD-SKARDU
DAY 3	FREE DAY
DAY 4	JEEP TO ASKOLE
DAY 5-12	TREK TO CONCORDIA
DAY 13-14	K2 BASE CAMP
DAY 15-18	TREK TO HUSHE
DAY 19	JEEP TO SKARKDU
DAY 20	SKARDU-ISLAMABAD
DAY 21	FREE DAY
DAY 22	FLY OUT



ITINERARY:

DAY 1	ISLAMABAD
DAY 2	ISLAMABAD-SKARDU
DAY 3	FREE DAY
DAY 4	JEEP TO ASKOLE
DAY 5-8	TREK TO SNOW LAKE
DAY 9	FREE DAY
DAY 10-16	TREK TO HISPER VILLAGE
DAY 17	JEEP TO HUNZA
DAY 18-19	AT LEISURE
DAY 20	DRIVE TO CHILAS
DAY 21	DRIVE TO ISLAMABAD
DAY 22	FLY OUT



MOUNTAIN IN BIKING



IF YOU REQUIRE MOUNTAINS FOR BIKING, PAKISTAN IS THE IDEAL COUNTRY. BIKING HERE IS NOT JUST TO ENJOY SCENERY, ITS ABOUT EXPERIENCING THE MOST FASCINATING AND CULTURALLY RICH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES. WHILE TRAVELING HERE YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FATIGUE A LOT TO SEE HIGH MOUNTAINS, BECAUSE HERE JUST FROM YOUR BIKE TRAIL YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH SEVEN THOUSAND METER PEAKS. IN THE KAGHAN VALLEY, AT THE FOOT OF GREAT HIMALAYA, YOU BIKE ALONG THE MOVING CARAVANS OF NOMADIC HERDERS. THE 350 KMS LONG DIRT TRACK BETWEEN CHITRAL AND GILGIT OFFERS LONGEST UNSPOILED STRETCH OF UNPAVED ROAD. FOR ORGANISING SUCH PROGRAMS VISTA OFFERS MOBILE KITCHEN AND 4X4 SUPPORT VEHICLES. THE KHUNJERAB PASS IS THE HIGHEST PAVED WAY CROSSING BETWEEN ANY TWO COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AND YOU FIND HOTELS ALL THE WAY AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1	ISLAMABAD
DAY 2	ISLAMABAD-PESHAWAR
DAY 3	PESHAWAR-SWAT
DAY 4	SWAT-BESHAM
DAY 5	BESHAM-BARSIN
DAY 6	BARSIN-CHILAS
DAY 7	CHILAS-GILGIT
DAY 8	GILGIT-KARIMABAD
DAY 9	KARIMABAD-PASSU
DAY 10	PASSU-SUST
DAY 11	KHUNJERAB EXCURSION
DAY 12	SUST-GULMIT
DAY 13	GULMIT-HUNZA
DAY 14	HUNZA
DAY 15	HUNZA-GILGIT
DAY 16	GILGIT-BESHAM
DAY 17	BESHAM-ISLAMABAD
DAY 18	FLY OUT



EXPEDITIONS

ADVENTURE SECTION OF VISTA CAN SUPPORT YOUR EXPEDITION FROM THE DAY YOU HAVE YOUR FIRST THOUGHT ABOUT ORGANISING ONE. WE COULD ADVISE YOU REGARDING THE CURRENT OFFICIAL PROCEDURES, FOLLOW-UP YOUR APPLICATION IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ADVISE YOU REGARDING THE ROAD CONDITION AND CURRENT WAGES. ONCE YOU LAND IN ISLAMABAD OUR ONLY AIM WILL BE TO SAVE YOUR TIME TO SPEND MAXIMUM OF IT IN THE MOUNTAINS. WE CAN PROVIDE YOU SUPPORT EQUIPMENT UPTO THE BASE CAMP. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED STAFF AT OFFICE AND IN THE FIELD WHICH WILL HELP YOU AT ALL THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF YOUR EXPEDITION. IF YOU ARE PLANNING YOUR EXPEDITION CONTACT US JUST TO CHECK IF WE ARE TRUE IN WHAT WE CLAIM.

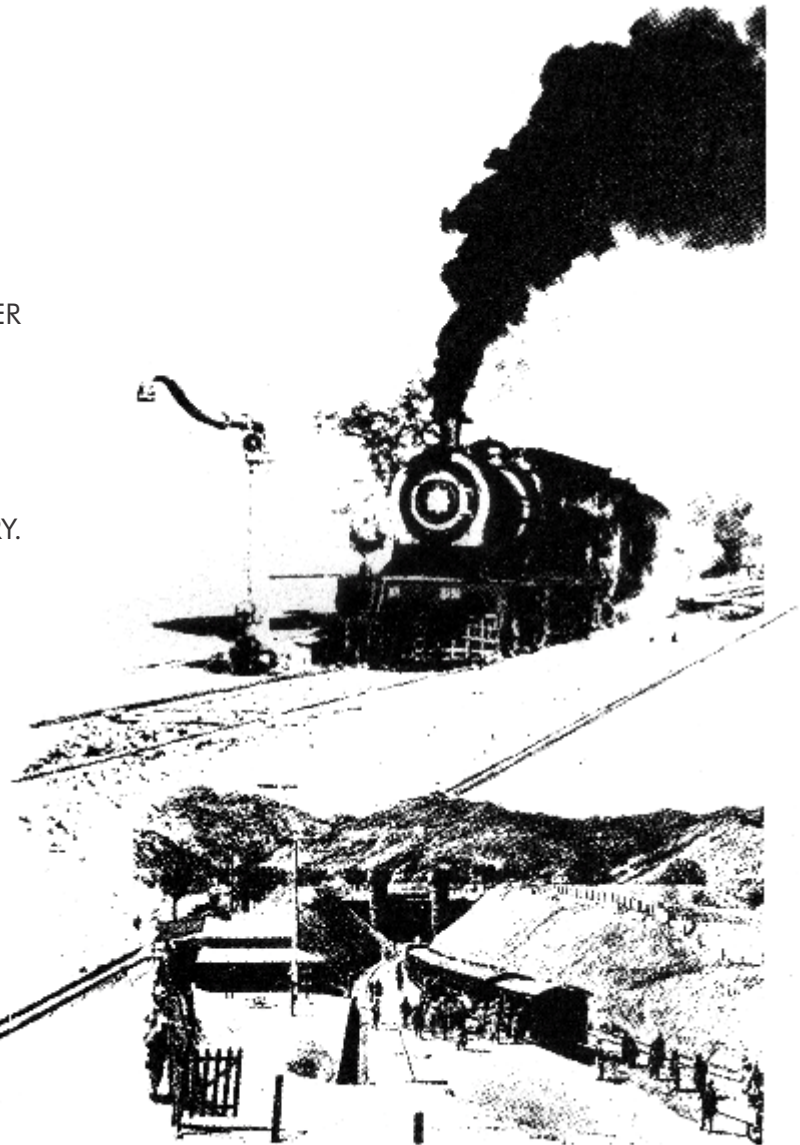


STEAM ENTHUSIASTS

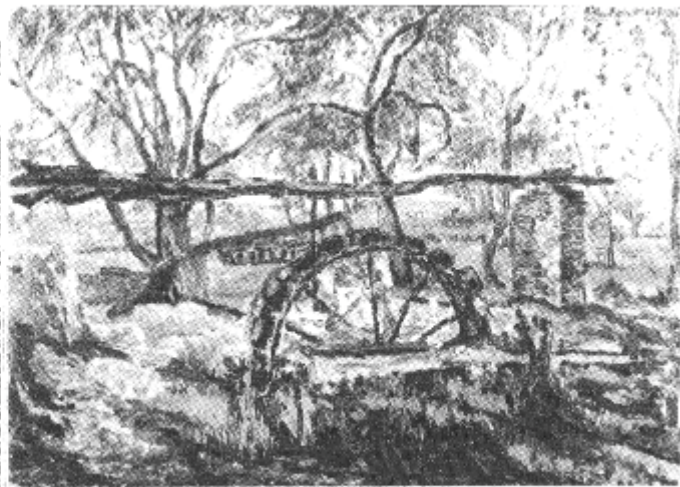
PAKISTAN INHERITED, THOUSANDS OF KILOMETERS OF BROAD, METER AND NARROW GAUGE RAIL TRACK, FROM BRITISH COLONIAL RULE. BRITISH LAID TRACKS THROUGH KHYBER PASS AND BOLAN PASS AS MILITARY SUPPLY LINE, A PART OF THEIR COLD WAR WITH RUSSIA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS GREAT GAME. THESE TRACKS ARE THE MASTER PIECES OF RAILWAY ENGINEERING OF NINETEENTH CENTURY.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT IS THE STILL OPERATIVE STEAM OPERATION. KHYBER, BEING ONE OF THEM WITH 1:25 GRADIENT AND UNIQUE REVERSING STATIONS IS A WONDER ON ITS OWN. WE HAVE FIFTY TO SIXTY YEARS OLD BRITISH AND CANADIAN STEAM POWERS AT FIVE DIFFERENT LOCO SHEDS, SPREAD ON AS MANY DIFFERENT TERRAIN, LIKE MOUNTAINS, PLAINS AND DESERTS, FOR STEAM ENTHUSIAST PHOTOGRAPHIC TOURS.

WE ALSO OFFER RAIL BASED SIGHTSEEING TOURS WITH SLEEPING COACHES AND DINNING CARS THROUGH THE LENGTH OF PAKISTAN. A REAR VENTURE IN WHICH VISTA SPECIALIZES AS THE ONLY OPERATOR IN PAKISTAN.



ART AND CRAFTS



IN PAKISTAN WE HAVE A HISTORY OF GOING BACK TO 4000 BC, WHEN IN MEHER GARH WE STARTED WHEEL THRONE POTTERY, SOME 1500 YEARS PRIOR TO THE PERSIANS. INDUS VALLEY WAS THE CRADLE OF ARTS AND CRAFTS CONTEMPORARY TO EGYPT AND MESOPOTAMIA. PAKISTANI CRAFTSMEN HAVE SHOWN THEIR EXCELLENCE WHILE WORKING IN STONE, WOOD, CLAY, METAL, MAKING BLOCK WORK, LACQUER WORK, GLAZED WORK, APPLIC, CARPETS, ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS, TO NAME A FEW.

VISTA ARRANGE SPECIAL ITINERARIES WHEN WE TAKE YOU TO OBSERVE THESE CENTURIES OLD CRAFTS STILL SURVIVING AND COMPETING THE MODERN MACHINES.

PAKISTAN HAS FOUR FULL SEASONS AND A RICH SUN. SPECIAL PROGRAMMES CAN BE ARRANGED EITHER TO VISIT ART GALLERIES OR FOR THE ARTISTS INTERESTED IN PAINTING LAND ESCAPES OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.



ABOUT PAKISTAN



LOCATION:

LIES AT 24.5 TO 36.75 NORTH LATITUDE AND 61 TO 75.5 EAST LONGITUDE

AREA:

803944 SQUARE KMS

CLIMATE:

HIMALAYAN, KARAKORUM AND HINDUKUSH MOUNTAIN SYSTEM IN THE NORTH AND INDUS PLAINS IN THE SOUTH, MOST OF PAKISTAN IS DRY. A QUARTER OF THE COUNTRY HAS LESS THAN 20 mm AND THREE QUARTERS OVER LESS THAN 250 mm ANNUALLY.

RAINFALL: AROUND HIMALAYA STRIP 760 TO 1270 mm
KARAKORUM AND HINDUKUSH AREA 160 mm
SOUTHERN AREA AND PLATEAU OF BALUCHISTAN 210 mm

SEASONS: WINTER: DEC-FEB SPRING: MAR-APR
SUMMER: MAY-SEP AUTUMN: OCT-NOV

HISTORY:

AGE	PERIOD	AREA
STONE AGE	50000 YEARS AGO	AROUND SOWAN RIVER
MEHAR GARH	4000 BC	BALUCHISTAN PLATEAU
INDUS VALLEY	2500 BC	MOENJODARO, HARAPPA, KOT DIJI
ARYANS	1800 BC	TIMARGARHA AND BHIRKOT
BUDDHISM	300 BC	PESHAWAR, SWAT VALLEY & TAXILA
ISLAM	711 AD	VIA ARABIAN SEA IN SINDH
MOGHULS	1600 CIRCA	PUBJAB, SINDH, NWFP AND KASHMIR
BRITISH	1700 CIRCA	WHOLE OF SUBCONTINENT

BIRTH OF PAKISTAN 14 AUGUST 1947

NAME: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

POPULATION: 20 MILLION

CAPITAL: ISLAMABAD



ADMINISTRATIVE: PUNJAB, KHYBER PAKTUNKHWA, SINDH & BALUCHISTAN, FEDERALLY CONTROLLED
UNITS: NORTHERN AREAS AND TRIBAL AREAS

LANGUAGES: URDU NATIONAL LANGUAGE. PUNJABI, PASHTO, SINDHI, BALUCHI AND
SHINA LOCAL DIALECTS

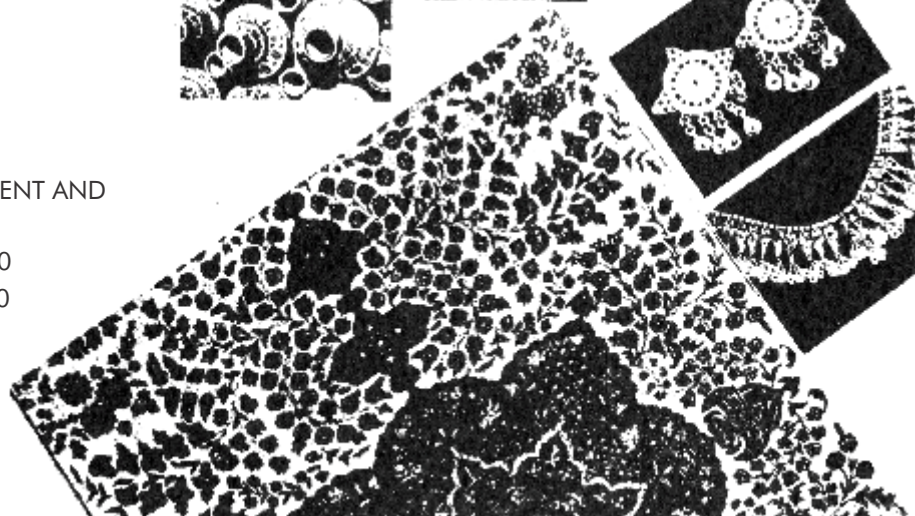
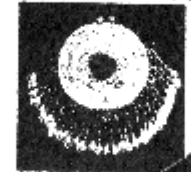
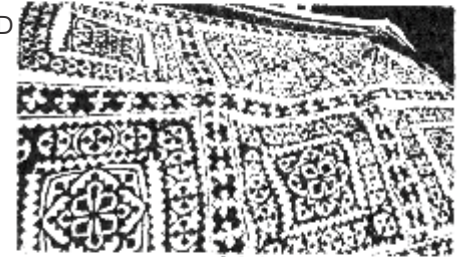
RELIGIONS: ISLAM 97% HINDU 1.5% CHRISTIANS 1%, OTHER
RELIGIONS 0.5%

CURRENCY: RUPEE DIVIDED INTO 100 PAISA

FOOD: MOSTLY CURRIES AND CHAPATIES. CHINESE AND
EUROPEAN CUISINE AVAILABLE IN BIG HOTELS
PAKISTAN PRODUCES BEST QUALITY MANGOS,
WATER MALONS, CITRUS FRUITS APRICOTS AND
VEGETABLES

WORKING: SUNDAY WEEKLY HOLIDAY, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND
HOURS: BANKS CLOSED ON SATURDAY ALSO
SUMMER: 0800 TO 1430 WINTER: 0830 TO 1500
BANKS: 0900 TO 1700 BAZARS: 1000 TO 2200

GIFTS: HANDCRAFTS, LEATHER GOODS, COTTON
TEXTILE, GEM STONES AND HAND WOVEN
CARPETS ETC. MAJOR CREDIT CARDS AND
TRAVELER CHEQUES ACCEPTABLE



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