Dear Friends, members of the Director’s Council,

For the Fall of 2017 we have put together a riveting trip to the Himalayas, following the mythical road to Shambhala. Traveling together through breathtaking landscapes, we will visit some of the most famous Buddhist monasteries and the ancient temples within these. Stunning nature and culture together will provide moments of contemplation, of being in a world that is far removed from our daily lives in Los Angeles. It is a chance to experience Tibet, without entering into politically fraught territory. We will be in a region that has not witnessed the great changes that modernizations have brought to China-controlled Tibet. Through Sonali’s many contacts in Delhi and throughout Northern India we will enter through doors that are closed to others. It promises to be a great adventure in this very ancient land, with fellow travelers who share the same passion for traditions and the history of people living among the high peaks of the Himalayas, where boundaries are meaningless, geographically and spiritually.

Willeke Wendrich
Director Cotsen Institute of Archaeology

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UCLA ‘SHAMBALA’ MYTHICAL HIMALAYAS TOUR

September 19 to 30th/Oct 1, 2017
FEATURING:
Delhi, Kullu, Manali, Keylong, Leh, Lamayuru, Alchi, Delhi

TOUR ITINERARY
September 19 (Tue) Arrive Delhi- Upon arrival and after clearing immigrations and customs you will be met and transferred to THE GRAND (Premium Room)

September 20 (Wed) Delhi- In the morning we will visit the National museum, one of the largest museums in India. Lunch at Lodi Restaurant. Visit of the Old Fort, also known as ‘The Purana Quila’. Constructed by Sher Shah Suri and renovated in part by the Mughal emperor Humayun. the Purana Quila represents the site of Indraprastha, mentioned in the epic Mahabharata. The evening concludes with a private lecture and high tea at the National Museum. (B, L, D)

September 21 (Thu) Delhi/Kullu- Morning fly to Kullu and to the beautiful NEERALAYA RESORT, Raison alongside the river Beas. Later we will visit the town of Naggar. The Russian explorer Nicholas Roerich loved the town and settled here in the early 20th century. Lunch at the historical Fort of the Kullu valley kings, with a very scenic view. We will visit the...
hamlet of Dashal, with traditional wooden homes in typical Himalayan architecture and a lone Shiva temple which dates to the 11th century. We will have high tea at a local friend’s Himalayan villa where Mark Talley will deliver a lecture on Himalayan wooden architecture. A conversation with Dr. Thakur on the supposed descendants of Alexander the Great, the Malana people of Himachal. Drive back to Neeralaya. An evening lecture by Dr. Sonali and a documentary screening on the Kullu Dusshera. (B, L, D)

September 22 (Fri) Kullu- Today we will visit the Dagpo Shedrupling Monastery built to commemorate the 15th century Dagpo Monastery destroyed in Tibet during the Chinese invasion in 1959. We will have traditional lunch at village Jong served at Upadhyaya cottages and visit local temples in Naggar as well. (B, L, D)

September 23 (Sat) Kullu/Manali/Kullu- Full day excursion to Manali (6560 feet-1 hour each way). A visit to Manu’s temple, akin to the myth of Noah’s ark located in the beautiful chaotic bylanes of Old Manali. Visit the Hadimba Temple, Gadhan Thekchhokling Gompa, Vashisht temple Temple and museum of traditional Himachal culture. We will stroll at the famous Mall road and shop at the traditional store owned by the niece of his Holiness, the Dalai Lama. Evening dinner will be accompanied with live music at the Johnson’s café, owned by the first Anglo-Indian family who grew apples in this part of the Himalayas. (B, L, D)

September 24 (Sun) Kullu/Keylong- Private cars with drivers will transport you to Keylong (9856 feet/6-7 hours) passing across the Solang valley (8192 feet) and Rohtang pass (12733 feet) DEKYID HOTEL (Standard room). Situated at an altitude of 10688 feet Keylong is an oasis of lush green fields and willow trees, water streams surrounded with beautiful brown hills and snow dressed peaks. Rest of the day at leisure for independent activities. (B, L, D)

September 25 (Mon) Keylong/Leh- Morning drive to Leh (11200 feet) (8-9 hours), passing en route the Taglang la Pass (17152 feet). Upon arrival transfer to GOMANG BOUTIQUE HOTEL (Deluxe room) (B, L, D).

September 26 (Tue) Leh- A visit to the Thikshey Monastery which resembles the Potala Palace at Lhasa, Tibet and Shrey Palace, used as a summer retreat by the kings of Ladakh. Afternoon we will visit Stok Palace and Srituk Monastery. The evening will dawn with a lecture by Dr. Sonam Spalzin on the archaeology and history of Ladakh. (B, L, D)

September 27 (Wed) Leh- An excursion to the beautiful azure waters of Pangong Tso (13920 feet), literally meaning “enchanted lake”, where we will pass beautiful villages and mingle with the local Ladakhi people. (B, L, D)

September 28 (Thu) Leh/Lamayuru/Alchi- A visit to Lamayuru, the foremost Bon Monastery representing early pagan religion before the onset of Buddhism and then to Alchi, a repository of early 11th to 12th century Himalayan paintings via Ridzong monastery. Upon arrival transfer to ULE ETHNIC RESORT (3 star- Deluxe Cottages). (B, L, D)

September 29 (Fri) Alchi/Leh- Morning extended tour of Alchi Monastery. Drive back to Leh (2-3 hours) visiting en route Basgo monastery with alluring Tibetan architecture. Upon arrival transfer to GOMANG HOTEL (Deluxe room). (B, L, D)

September 30 (Sat) Leh/Delhi/ Home- Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Delhi. Dep:
Dep : Leh at 11:00am by Air India
Arr : Delhi at 12:35pm
Upon arrival transfer to HOLIDAY INN AEROCITY (Deluxe room). Day use room available for six hours usage. Later transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. (B)

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