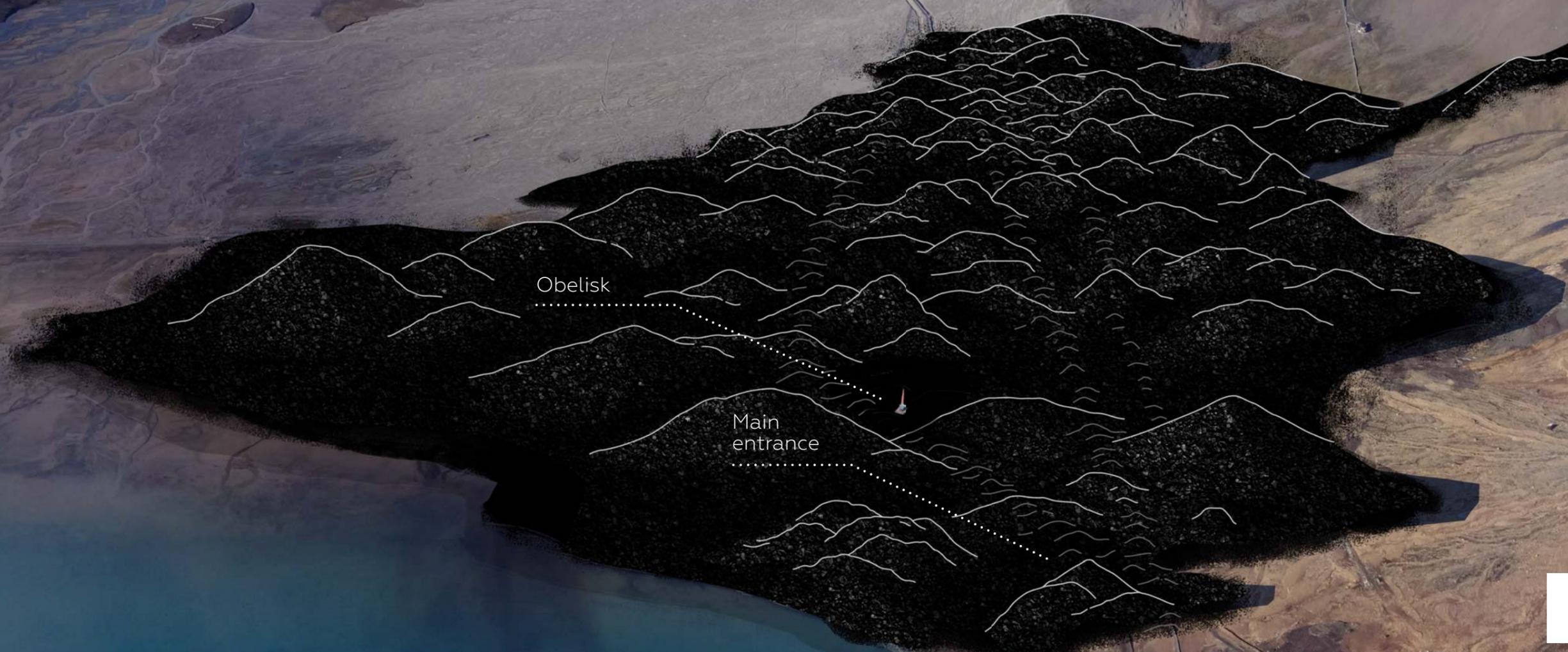
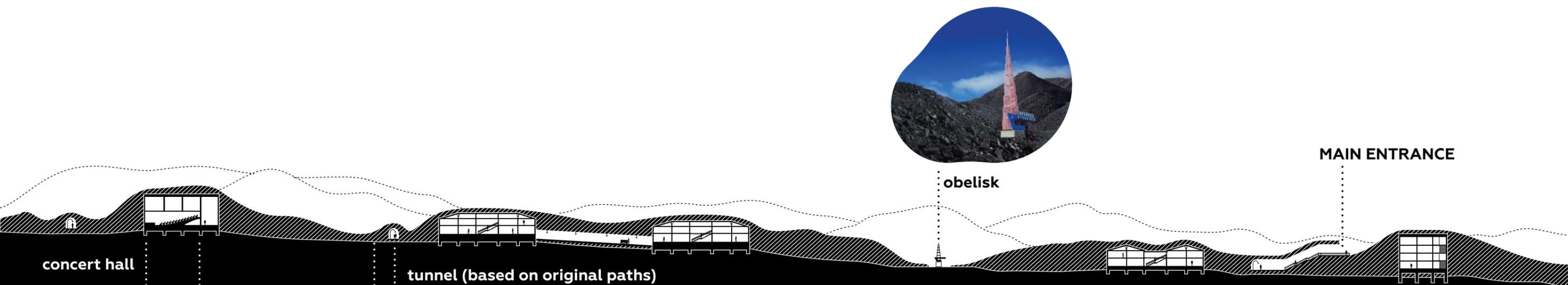


# UNDER COVER

Utopia. Past. Future





**Nothing could last forever. Concept of preservation itself always have time-borders till when we can expand. Even if we try to save something for really long period of time, somehow we will influence on objects with different preservation and restoration techniques. In this case the only objects, which hadn't lost their identity are those, that are buried under layer of earth-time. Instead of bringing original appearance to the whole city or some parts of it, we are using approved by time and nature preservation technique.**

Coal mining settlement of Pyramiden, foundation of which was dictated by purely **economical and political demands** of that time, had valuable social life. This deserted town, brought from the outside to the archipelago of the permafrost, still contains evidences of **life, dwellers, their aspirations and era**. The northernmost in the world swimming pool and culture's house, gratis canteen as the center for informal communication, kindergarten and school, living spaces – all of these are the heart of the most strongest human memories of the

place. All these signs of normal everyday routine would have differed hardly from the same on the continent, but for the extreme climate conditions, 120 days of polar night and 120 days of polar day, the neighbouring glacier with its occasionally collapsing ice into the fjord. Twisting the mountain **inside-out** we turn symbolically the place into the **coal mine**, in which the most valuable is no longer the **natural mineral**, but the **evidence of life**, that once was in full swing here. Like the miners-explorers, new **visitors** like archeolo-

gists will discover here the proof of period of time with something bigger than just mining settlement. This solution allows us to create new unusual experience for the tourists. We accent on the social content of the town rather than on the exterior form and turn the everyday life of people in the Far North into kind of **fossil**. We preserve human memory of the past era with the **interiors**, which until nowadays are the main guardians of the memories of the Pyramiden. We offer to reserve the whole settlement **under the layer of coal**. Placing

under this cover the memories about the era, we make them less accessible to the influence of the environment, thus leaving for the future generations the chance to become each time the pioneers in discovering one of the unique heritage near the Pyramiden mountain on the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard.