

Georgia to Afghanistan

Yes, I've been travelling again, this time in Central Asia. As a sequel to my previous 'Axis of Evil' trip, I followed a less-travelled branch of the Silk Road from the Caucasus across the Caspian Sea to Samarkand. Then, reeling from the beauty of that legendary city, I turned south-east to explore the High Pamirs of Tajikistan and Afghanistan – a region well-known to Marco Polo – before carrying on to Kashgar, China's so-called 'Crossroads of Asia', and finishing on the Great Wall.

Afghanistan was an absolute highlight. Crossing the river from Tajikistan was like stepping back a hundred years. On the Tajik side there were cars, electric lights, piped water and central heating; on the Afghan side donkeys, candles, water buckets and smoky yak-dung fires.

In the company of two horsemen I reached the source of the River Oxus, helped along by generous bowls of yak's-milk yogurt and salty tea, the staple diet of the sheep and yak herders in this isolated corner of Afghanistan.



As always I took lots of photographs, and I've put the best of them into a new presentation. The digital slide/sound show **Georgia to Afghanistan** generally lasts an hour, but can easily be adjusted to your needs. I provide all equipment, including a big screen.

My fee for this talk is £380 plus travelling expenses. If you'd like to make a booking please get in touch.

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