

Central Asia



Khiva
Fantastically preserved former slave-trading outpost

Turkestan
Timurid architecture and Sufi centre

Astana
Surreal modern architecture on the steppe

Son-Köl
Horse treks and yurtstays at this lovely lake

Almaty
Central Asia's most cosmopolitan city

Karakol
Base for fabulous Tian Shan trekking

Fergana Valley
Join the locals for some Silk Road haggling

High Roads to China
Cross the Torugart or Irkeshtam passes to Kashgar

Fan Mountains
Turquoise lakes and great trekking

Pamir Highway
One of the world's great mountain road trips

Wakhan Valley
Silk Road forts and views of the Hindu Kush

Konye-Urgench
Tantalising architectural ruins of a once great city

Bukhara
Historic medieval old town of Islamic monuments

Samarkand
Audacious Islamic monuments in Timur's (Tamerlane's) capital

