

Route XIV.

Route from Karghalik viâ KHOTAN to Tankse.

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Number of stage.	Names of stages.	Country or district.	Distance in miles.	REMARKS.
1	Karghalik to Yakin Langar.	Karghalik	13	A small village of four or five houses only, country well cultivated. At four miles is the village of Besharik, and at eight miles Lob village. Cart road all the way. Yakin is a halting-place for traders. Water, fuel, and supplies plentiful.
2	Chulák Langar	Gúma	20	A small village of 10 houses. At four miles is Khush Langar, and is the boundary between Karghalik and Guma. Country up to Khush Langar is cultivated, the rest of the journey is over a sandy desert, and no water except in a reservoir at Dabzokum brought daily from Chulak Langar. Supplies plentiful.
3	Gúma (height 4,340 feet).	Ditto	23	A small town and district with about 1,000 houses and a bazar of 300 shops. A Dadkwah or Governor and 200 sepoy are posted here. Two Langars or rest-houses are built on the road, viz., Silak Langar at 9½ miles, and Hajif Langar at 14 miles. The Kilian river is crossed near Guma. Road runs over a sandy plain the whole way.
4	Moji village (height 4,290 feet).	Ditto	24	A large village with a bazar. Road through a level cultivated country. At three miles the dry bed of a branch of the Kilian river, about 200 paces broad: is crossed. Súpi Khájam village is 9 miles, Cholo village of 50 houses 10 miles; Mukhila Langar at 11 miles; and the large village of Chuda at 19 miles. Road over a sandy plain. Fuel and pasture plentiful.
5	Píalma	Ditto	35½	A large village and bazar. At 2½ miles is Kosha Langar; at 10½ miles Kondla Langar; at 14 miles Jhanguia, a large place with a fort. The road from Sanju to Khotan joins at Jhanguia. The entire journey is over a sandy plain without habitation between Jhanguia and Píalma. Water, fuel, and pasture plentiful.
6	Jáwá or Zává Kúrghán (height 4,430 feet).	Khotan	25	Road over sand hills all the way. Water scarce, to be had only at Ak Robat at 15 miles, from a deep pukka well; again at Imam Salar's tomb and at Jawa Kurghán, a large village and bazar. Supplies plentiful.
7	Khotan City (Ilchi Shahr) (height 4,490 feet).	Ditto	20	Road over a cultivated country thickly inhabited throughout. The Karakash river, about half a mile wide with several channels, is crossed at 14 miles. Khotan is a large town, where a Governor and several hundred sepoy are posted. Numerous canals from the Karakash river intersect a large area of country around Khotan. At a distance of 15 miles north-west is the large commercial town of Karakash.
8	Yurung Kash (height 4,370 feet).	Ditto	3½	A large place of 500 shops. At 2½ miles the river Yurung Kash, (the same size as the Karakash) in two channels is crossed. The road for several weeks is flooded in hot weather. Jade and gold are found up the stream. Road good, and rich cultivation all round.
9	Dol Langar (height 4,420 feet).	Ditto	13	A large village of 150 houses. Excellent road, thickly inhabited, and rich cultivation all through the journey. At 10½ miles is Lob village and bazar of 50 shops.
10	Chíra (height 4,220 feet).	Ditto	35	A town on the banks of a small stream with a bazar of 150 shops. Road as far as Ak Langar. The first 6 miles over a sandy plain covered with jungle. Elman Bazar 10 miles; Beshtoghrak Langar at 15 miles; Aisma Langar at 26 miles; Yakin Langar at 30 miles: all these places have rest-houses for travellers, with water and supplies. No cultivation except at Chira.