

ROUTE XXI.

KÚRLA TO LOB (DR. BELLEW).

1. Yár Kurul, 4 tash. Over sandy waste with reeds, poplars, and pools.
2. Konchí, 5 tash. On the Tárim river below junction of the united streams from Kurla and Kúchá. Country desert waste. River banks belted with reeds and thickets of poplar and tamarisk; full of wild pig, stags, wolves, lynxes, and tigers.
3. Chol, 4 tash. Camp on desert of salt and reeds and pools.
4. Kará Kochún, 5 tash. Across a desert waste to the bank of Tárim river. Reed huts of Musalmán Kirghiz and Kalmák on river bank. Here the Lob district begins and extends eastward to the lake along the river course in little settlements of reed huts each with its own boats.

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ROUTE XXII.

KARÁSHAHR TO YULDÚZ VALLEY (DR. BELLEW).

1. Kará Modun, 6 tash. Ruins of a former Kalmák Khan's house.
2. Khapchigháy, 5 tash. Over a mountain pass; easy for horses and camels.
3. Bálghontáy, 5 tash. Waste country, cross low ridges and streams. Pine trees on the mountains.
- 4 & 5. Cross several hill ridges and camp on streams in the hollows at 5 tash each day. Vegetation very scanty. No fuel.
6. Dálan Dawán, 5 tash. Camp on snow at top of pass. No fuel nor forage.
- 7 & 8. Cross "Yatmish Dawán" = "Seventy Hills" by two stages of five tash each, and camp on snow. No fuel nor forage.
9. Yuldúz, 6 tash. Descend to Yuldúz valley. Meadows and streams, and Kalmák camps all over the valley.

The foregoing routes have been derived from Native traders and travellers, and are on the whole, I believe, tolerably correct, though varying in the different ideas as to distance and number of houses, and sometimes as to the nature of the road.

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ROUTE XXIII.

FROM KHOTAN TO AKSÚ.

AUTHORITY CAPTAIN CHAPMAN, FROM NATIVE INFORMATION.

Khotan to—

1. Tarashi-gul. Through cultivation.
2. Lokul. Ditto.
3. Agroya. Desert.
4. Koshlush (or *Katilich*). This is the point where the Kárakásh and the Yurúngkásh Rivers unite.
5. Tagag. Desert.
6. Mazar-tágh. Sand hills.