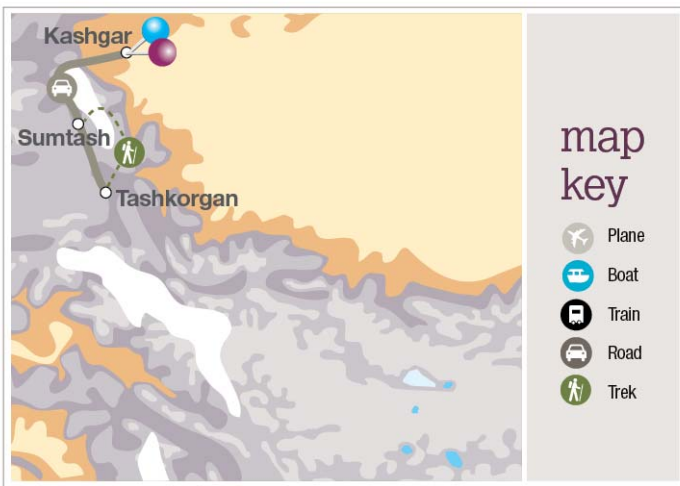


# Around Mustagh Ata

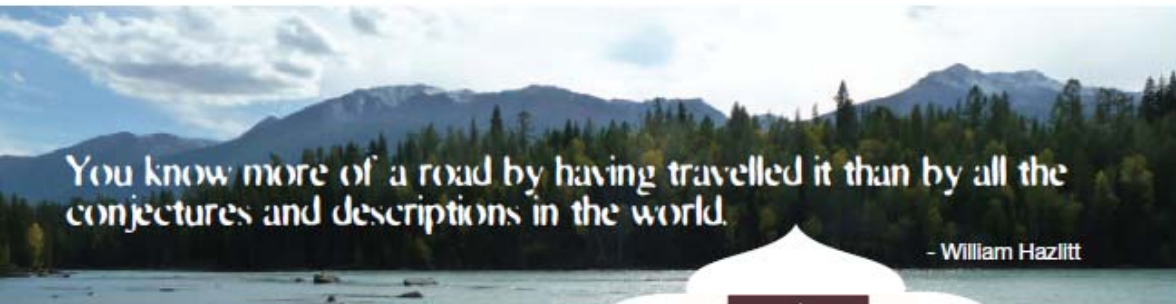
This is a ***Strenuous*** trip in the Chinese Pamir that involves nine days trekking at altitudes in excess of 3000m asl. This non technical trek makes a semi-circular route across passes and valleys to skirt the north slopes of the strikingly impressive Mustagh Ata massif. There are passes to cross, rivers to ford, glacier terminals to bypass, pastures to camp in and local shepherds to share a cup of chai with. There are two passes of which Torbulung Pass (4918m) is the highest point on the trek.

Visit Kashgar, Karakul Lake, Tashkorgan.



● Starting point ● Finishing point

Length of trip	<b>14 days 9 trekking days.</b>
Accommodation	<b>Hotels, tents</b>
Meals included	<b>Yes</b>
Travel Style	<b>Porter supported trek.</b>
Escort	<b>Local English speaking guide</b>
Maximum group	<b>12</b>
Sightseeing and entry fees	<b>Included</b>
Commences	<b>Kashgar 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012</b>
Concludes	<b>Kashgar 06<sup>th</sup> September 2012</b>
COST	<b>NZ\$4,500</b> based on twin share. <i>(prices subject to change)</i>



## Itinerary at a Glance :

### Day 1 Arrive Kashagr

Met by our representative and transfer to the hotel

### Day 2 Kashgar

Our full day programme in Kashgar includes a wander in the old city lanes and several cultural sites. Afternoon at leisure in this historic Silk Road city.

### Day 3 Kashgar

Today we are off to the renowned Sunday market. We start first at the colourful livestock market and progress to the main bazaar after lunch. PM there is time to prepare for the trek and sort out gear.

### Day 4 To Xindi (3800m)

Last minute trek supplies to purchase then late AM we are off upcountry today to Karakol Lake. And beyond to Tashkorgan. Overnight camp near Xindi village.

### Day 5 To Langar (4,200m)

Head off up valley this morning for the 5hr trek to Langar meadow. The trail follows an unformed vehicle track and shepherds trails up the riverbed to the grassland camp site.

### Day 6 To Qigakilik (4579m)

Today the trail continues to climb progressively up valley to ascend an unnamed pass (4900m) before descending to Qigakilik Tajik summer village. Expect to spend up to 6hrs on the trail today.

### Day 7 Qigakilik

Take time off today at the Tajik summer village of Qigakilik. Time to wander with a camera or relax with a book, catch up on diaries and meet the Locals.

### Day 8 To Yanbulak (4540m)

Today is another full day trek of 6-7hrs up and over the Yango pass (4827m) via Yango Lake. Tonight set up camp at Yanbulak meadow.

### Day 9 To Torbulung (4600m)

Get away early today for the trek to Torbulung Pass (4918m), then down to Torbulung. Expect to spend 7-8 hrs on the hill today.

### Day 10 To Kuksay River (4370m)

Follow the Kuksay river downstream for 4-5 hrs crossing and recrossing the river with the camels to find a suitable camp site in the Kuksay valley.

### Day 11 To Koksai (4200m)

The route of today's trek turns the flank of Mustagh Ata via summer shepherds trails towards the Koksai grassland (4370m) in the Koksai Valley. Expect to trek for 4-5 hrs.

### Day 12 To Lower Koksai (4100m)

Another easy trek stage today wanders across the grasslands along shepherds trails below Mustagh Ata for 4-5hrs towards the Kirgiz shepherd summer camp at lower Koksai.

### Day 13 To Sirik Yagach (3800m)

Today is the last day on the trail. It will take about 3hrs to follow the vehicle track out to the road at Subash (3600m), a Kyrgyz village near Karakol Lake. On arrival load up the vehicle and head off to Kashgar.

### Day 14 Conclude

Today transfer to the airport for your onward flight.