



← Trying some dried fish with a Wakhi herder family, Wakhan Valley.
↓ Cooling down in the high but hot Wakhan Valley.
→ Karanlık Kanyon, Erzincan, Turkey.

car all day, and the next mechanic was about 250 km [155 mi] away.” As the snow came down, they tied Dave’s bootcut jeans together with a spare tire tube, forming a makeshift tow rope, and set off with the Kawasaki pulling the heavier Suzuki. “We rode through wind, rain, snow, and rivers for two hours to the main road, an ecstatic ride. I proceeded to pull Dave the next 220 km [137 mi], across four mountain passes and the Kyrgyzstan border. We finally arrived in Osh, checked into a hotel, treated ourselves to a few beers and a pizza, and in the end fixed the bike quickly and cheaply.”

Onward to capital Bishkek, where their passports were shipped to London for visas, and a lazy weekend spent in beachside yurts at Issyk-Kul in eastern Kyrgyzstan, the second largest salt lake in the world after the Caspian Sea. The lake lies at the foot of the >

