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Traditional yurts (above) line the shores of the picturesque Song-Köl Lake in Kyrgyzstan, a gem at an altitude of 9,843 feet (3,000 meters). A proud eagle hunter from Kyrgyzstan presents his traditional attire in a striking portrait. On his hand sits Karajan, a 15-pound (7-kilogram) eagle that helps protect his herds during winter (opposite).