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A Ride to Khiva. Author(s): Frederick Burnaby. Location(s): Khiva, Uzbekistan. Genre(s): Autobiography/Memoirs, Historical. Era(s): 1875. His goal was the mysterious caravan city of Khiva, closed to all European travelers by the Russians following their seizure of it two years earlier. His aim was to discover whether, as many British strategists feared, this remote and dangerous oasis was about to be used as a springboard for an invasion of India. Captain Frederick Burnaby was already something of a legend. For a start he was reputed to be the strongest man in the British Army, standing six-foot-four and weighing over 200 pounds. He also spoke no fewer than seven languages, including Russian and Turkish, and possessed a most vi

A Ride to Khiva Frederick Gustavus Burnaby—soldier, traveler, writer, and pioneer balloonist—set out on an unofficial mission in 1875 to investigate the motives behind Russia’s exclusion of foreigners from Central Asia. This real-life adventure details the hardship and humor of Burnaby’s excursion. Reprinted eleven times in its first year of publication, the story made Burnaby a popular hero in his own day. Full description. From the Back Cover Â Book Description COSIMO CLASSICS, United States, 2007. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand new Book. In the winter of 1875, a young British officer set out across Central Asia on a strictly unofficial mission to investigate the latest secret Russian moves in the Great Game. A Ride to Khiva. Travels and Adventures in Central Asia. Search within full text. Get access. Buy the print book. Check if you have access via personal or institutional login. Log in Register.Â Book description. It is 1875, the time of the ‘Great Game’, when the British and Russian Empires are vying for power in central Asia. A British officer rides for Khiva, a Russian city closed to European travellers. He is on a dangerous mission, to learn if Russia plans to invade India, the ‘jewel in the crown’ of the British Empire. It might be the plot of a Rudyard Kipling novel; instead it is the true story of Captain Frederick Burnaby (1842–85). Burnaby joined the British army in 1859, but in periods without active duty he crafted his own adventures. According to some politicians Khiva was a long way from India, and it really did not signify to England whether Russia annexed it or not. Again, it was urged by others, if Russia does eventually reach our Indian frontier so much the better for England.Â Information about Khiva—Cold in Russia—East Wind—Russian Authorities—Count Schouvaloff—General Milutin—Christianity and Civilization—Anglo-Russian Railways in Central Asia—Preparations for the Journey—The Sleeping Bag—Cockle’s Pills—Anns—Instruments—Apparatus for Cooking.Â So far as I could learn from the books which related to Central Asia, there would be but little game, and nothing particular in the shape of sport I determined not to take a rifle. You can also book this as a day tour from Khiva through your hotel for ~$30 for a car that seats up to 4 people and driver. Getting Around Khiva. The old city area of Khiva, known as ”Ichan Kala”, is very compact so you can easily walk to all of the historical sites. Most people choose to hire a guide to show them around for the day because knowing which doors you can and should enter can be confusing. The cost for an English-speaking guide is $30-40 for a 5-ish hour tour.Â Otherwise, you may have to take a 20-mile taxi ride to the Urgench airport to find a functioning ATM that accepts foreign cards. The currency of Uzbekistan is the Uzbekistani So‘m (UZS). At the time of writing, the conversion was 8,450 UZS to $1 USD.