



Tuesday 27 June 2023

Lecturer - Chris Aslan

How to get down from a YAK - Adventures in Asian Nomadic - Textiles

Houses made from wool that warm in the depths of winter, carpets that tell stories, woven bands that appease ancestors, embroideries that ward off evil, and kilims that store kitchenware, with everything ready to be packed and carried on yak, or camel at a moment's notice; the little-known nomadic textile cultures of the Kyrgyz, Turkoman and Karakalpak are explored in this lecture, along with the rise and fall of nomadism and where nomadism fits within the modern world. Chris also shares from his own experience of working with nomadic yak herders in the High Pamirs for three years



Herder on a Yak



Chris Aslan with a herd of Yaks