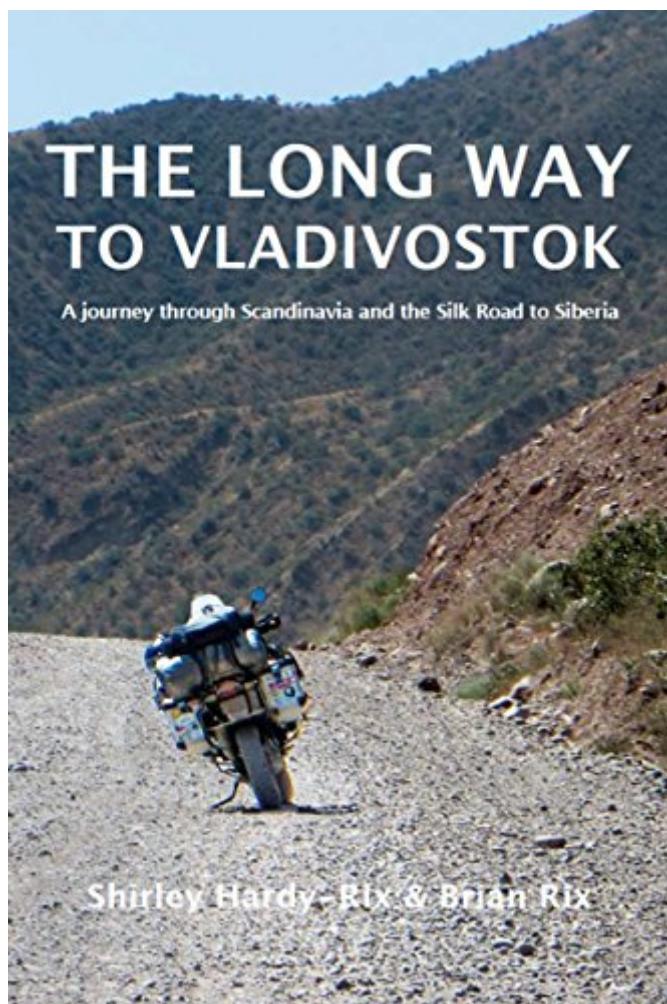


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# The Long Way To Vladivostok: A Journey Through Scandinavia And The Silk Road To Siberia



## **Synopsis**

Riding a motorbike in howling high winds and freezing temperatures to reach Nordkapp, the northern most point of Europe could have been disastrous. But for Shirley Hardy-Rix and Brian Rix it was one of the best days of their lives. This is what the well-travelled retired couple had hoped for when they planned to fill a gap in their riding experience and take on Scandinavia, the old Silk Road in Central Asia and the world's largest country, Russia. They shipped their motorcycle to Greece and spent the next sixmonths riding to the northern most tip of Europe and then taking the long road to Vladivostok in Russia. From freezing cold to the searing heat of 47C in the deserts of Central Asia, Shirley and Brian pushed the boundaries, tackling icy roads and gravel tracks. They rode through water crossings and deep sand drifts to reach some of the most beautiful cities on the Silk Road. The Long Way to Vladivostok takes readers through some of the world's most glorious and remote areas, sharing the joys and hardships of life on the road. Experience their travels from the comfort of your armchair or be inspired to pack your bags and hit the road.

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What an amazing book, the adventurers, the determination to complete the trek and the hardships they faced and overcame make it an epic tale. I found it fascinating to read about the lives of people they met, either for a few weeks or just briefly. It was so well written, with humour and detail, that I read it in a short time, it was truly 'unputdownable'. I've read earlier books by these authors and it was up to the high standard they've set themselves with previous offerings. If they do write another, and I certainly hope they will, then I'll be in line to get my copy.

We've done long trips on our Harley, but I was astounded that this couple made this trip. I wanted to read all about it. This soft cover book is good quality, but I am disappointed at the photographs. They are all low-quality B&W. Obviously, there wasn't space to carry camera equipment, but my own 15-yr old little digital can do a much better job. I haven't finished reading it; so far, seems an easy read.

A great adventure. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the tales of their travels. Just a little disappointed that the photos are in black and white, as the scenery is so magnificent.

Very enjoyable read, a travelogue interspersed with personal touches can't wait for the next.

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