BRANDON WHEELER AT THE DOOR TO HELL

We camped here overnight in May a year ago crossing Turkmenistan's Kara Kum (Black Sand) Desert, and we'll be here again in May next year. The Darvaz Gas Crater – known to locals as "The Door to Hell" – has been burning nonstop since 1971, when Russian engineers set it on fire expecting it to burn off and it never has. This is a night -- and a sight -- you'll never ever forget. My son Brandon can vouch for that! *(Glimpses of Our Breathtaking World #44* Photo ©Jack Wheeler*)*