

Roadtrip The World



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A desert landscape under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a small, thin tree with sparse green leaves stands on the left. At its base is a wooden structure made of logs and branches, with several large, round, brown objects (possibly gourds or pots) hanging from it. The ground is dry, sandy, and rocky. In the background, there are rolling hills under a vast, clear sky.

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70x30' in HD and 4K

Travelling the world in a variety of 4x4 vehicles, Andrew St Pierre White brings to television some breath-taking images of a beautiful world, and adventure that is out of this world. He often takes the routes that have not been taken before. They are extremely treacherous and, at the same time, stunningly beautiful. From mega animals in Africa to the hidden caves elsewhere, discover a world that has not been seen before.

Episodes

Episode 101. Andrew and African guide Dave, explore Zimbabwe to find out if it's a safe country to explore once again. Great Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, the local currency now being the US dollar, Motopos and Rhode's grave, buying local art, Hwange National Park and Sinamatella to relive a boyhood dream.

Episode 102. Baby elephant and game viewing in Hwange National Park, running short of fuel, buying a 50-Billion dollar bank note, Victoria Falls, Tsetse fly control, wind camping etiquette, Lake Kariba fishing and unforgettable sunsets. Game encounters at Mana Pools on the Zambezi River.

Episode 103. Namibia is one of the world's most photogenic countries, and Andrew goes touring. Tree cactus forest, game viewing in the Etosha National park, save the Rhino, vast emptiness and huge elephant of Etosha, luxury lodge on the edge of the salt flats, northern swamplands are a complete contrast, swimming in the Okavango River, making a meal on the banks of the Zambezi, and a night on a houseboat on the Chobe River, watching hippo and lion.

Episode 104. Namibia continuing. Wake up on the Chobe River, catch a giant catfish, breakfast on board, lions calling for their mates, Tiger fishing in the Chobe floodplain, camp in the Linyanti, reliving memories of a honeymoon spend in the remote and little-known Linyanti, and summary review of the pick-up we were driving.

Episode 105 & 106. Can a luxury 4x4 actually go off-road? Can it really do what the manufacturers claim? I set out to find out how well one could drive off-road and set up what I considered to be a very tough test for any 4x4, let alone a stock, luxury SUV. This is the ultimate test over Southern African's roughest public road – Baboons Pass, Lesotho.

Episode 107. Want to build the most fantastic overland truck ever conceived? This is the story of the conceptualisation and building over three years of the 'perfect' long distance extreme overland touring four-wheel drive light truck. And then its first testing in the remote desert mountains of South Africa.

Episode 108 & 109. With the truck built in the previous episode, Andrew sets out on an expedition to find magic outside of Botswana's expensive and often crowded national parks. Andrew is joined by overland guru, Paul March as they discuss the joys and challenges of overland exploration. Paul and Andrew visit the majestic and incomparable Makgadikgadi Pans. A year later in a repeat of the trip, Andrew's daughter joins him for unique game encounters in Botswana.

Episode 110 and 111. Back to Namibia and a tour of its more touristy parts and unforgettable landscapes. Included are lodges built on rocks, desert storms, sand dwelling spiders, a night under the stars, a desert pub, incredible storm over the Canyon lands, the Fish River Canyon and a direct comparison by a visit to the Grand Canyon, Arizona USA.

Episode 112. This episode dedicated to the adventure travel and 4WD expos around the world, with expos in South Africa, England and the USA.

Episode 113. Andrew and friend and fellow traveller Steve Searle explore the Western Cape, South Africa, from Caledon to a goat farm near Oudshoorn. On the drive they encounter mist, mountain passes built by jail inmates, rain storms, a river pont pulled by people, Ronnies Sex Shop (It's a pub) war history in Natal and some great off-road driving in a riverbed with thick mud and a 4wd trainer.

Episode 201 & 202. Andrew joins Alan Feld and Bob Towry to drive the Sportsmobile on one of the USA's best loved wilderness desert 4×4 trails. The Sportsmobile is an American legend. This highly modified van shows its prowess going in to the wild Mohave Desert.

Episode 203 & 204. Andrew St Pierre White and his wife Gwynn visit the famous Abenteuer & Allrad Expo in Germany. Is all the hype about Abenteuer & Allrad really true? Is it really that amazing?

Episode 205. This massive comparison between these two legendary off-roaders reveals some surprises. The Jeep Wrangler (Jeep Wrangler Rubicon) and Land Rover Defender (One-ten station-wagon) are the two great off-roaders by which all others are judged. But which one is better?

Episode 206. An expedition to check out if Zambia is indeed what it claims – 'Africa's Friendliest Country'. Andrew, accompanied by his well-travelled daughter Kate, drive through Botswana, wild camp at the roadside, cross the Okavango River and enter Zambia. After a first night stop at Camp Nkwazi on the Zambezi River, the next stop is the virtually unknown Ngonye Falls, on route to the fabled Luiwa Plains in the far, remote, north-west of the country.

Episode 207. Zambia continues. Andrew and Kate follow the Zambezi River until Ngonye Falls, then head north toward the Luiwa plains.

Episode 208. The expedition moves from Luiwa district to the Kafue National Park. Two wonderful campsites are visited including Roy's River Camp and Kufala Camp, inside the national Park.

Episode 209. An early morning river cruise on the Kafue River reveals Zambia's massive drought, and the astonishing beauty of its wilderness areas. The expedition continues and reaches the Luangwa wildlife area. Due to terrible road conditions and long travel times, Andrew and Kate find themselves wild camping among the animals. But the demanding drive results in some unexpected rewards. Also, Andrew shares some of the favourite gear used on this expedition.

Episode 210. The expedition begins on the wild campsite in the Luangwa River floodplain and moves to two camps in the area: Flatdogs is a luxury lodge, and Croc Valley Camp, a less formal camp and lodge. Both are set overlooking the Luangwa River, which at the moment is mostly dry. Game Abounds. Andrew and Kate go game viewing on their own, followed by a session with professional guides at night. The game viewing is spectacular.

Episode 211. In this episode Andrew and Kate enter Malawi for the first time. The easy drive turns into a mad rush as they discover how challenging it is to make good time on Malawi's busy roads. After settling in at the lodge, and snorkelling for rare fish in the clear water, they head north to the more rural and less touristy Ngala Bay. Here they enjoy an outstanding opportunity to photograph the local fishermen in the company of some very friendly children. To conclude they visit some markets to be curious, but find the people a little hostile.

Episode 212. In this the final episode of an expedition undertaken to find out if Zambia is indeed what it claims – 'Africa's Friendliest Country', Andrew St Pierre White and Kate White conclude with a visit to the Lower Zambezi National Park. There, they try and catch the mighty Tiger fish, and recap what has been an extraordinary expedition.

Episode 301, 302 & 303. Andrew takes a remarkable vehicle into Oman and UAE. A Toyota Land Cruiser 79-pickup, 6×6. Unlike the Mercedes 6×6, the Land Cruiser 6×6 has an active third axle, which means that the articulation keeps weight on both rear axles for as long as possible. He camps in the canyons and then head towards the sea. Wildlife abounds on this idyllic setting on the edge of the Arabian Sea. From Oman we head to the USA

Episode 304. In the USA, ready for our expedition to explore the wilderness of California, and to experience first hand, what it is like to live out of a camper. Our 4-Wheel Pop-up camper has some surprises in store, as we explore San Francisco, the stunning forests near San Jose and then inland to Lake Isabella. From there we head into the Death Valley National Park, and find out that our not so small vehicles might be too large for us to complete the route.

Episode 305. Deep in the wilderness in California's Death Valley National Park, our Toyota Tundra convoy meets its first challenge of the trip. Steele Pass is recommended for experienced four-wheel drivers in small vehicles. One of these we can tick off, but the other is not so easy. Beyond that, the wonders of Death Valley. . .

Episode 306. Death Valley National Park and the hottest place on Earth, and Ubehebe Crater is left behind us as we continue across the USA, through California, Nevada for a brief stay, and then Arizona's Grand Canyon. And it's magical: rain, cold and misery – and lots of fun as well.

Episode 307. Have you ever been love-sick for a car? Here is the most beautiful car ever created. It's the Range Rover Classic, the first model off the production line. It's my birthday and for a treat I took a suffix-A (first production run, just like my old one) Range Rover for a trip around beautiful Wales. A bit self-indulgent maybe, but it was my birthday!

Episode 308. Andrew visits the world's largest overland touring trade expo in Germany, at the Abenteuer Allrad Bad Kissingen. In prep of the upcoming extreme remotest Namibia expedition, we present some guidance as to safe driving practices on gravel and the alarming crash statistics in remote areas of Africa.

Episode 309. In this episode, Andrew finds himself in Cape Town with all his camera gear confiscated by customs at the airport, who demand a huge pile of cash to release them. So he brings in an import agency to solve the problem while goes to assist with the vehicle prep. The truck is a Toyota Land Cruiser 79-series dual-cab, loaned to us by a UK-based safari company that tailors self-drive trips in Africa.

Episode 310. In this episode, Paul Marsh and I explore the little known Drotski's Caves in far western Botswana, and then into Bushmanland, one of Namibia's least visited regions for a spectacular sunset on the rim of a dry lake bed.

Episode 311. In this episode, Andrew and Paul traverse the Khoarib Schluct, a gravel plain followed by a deep gorge with rivers cutting through it, on route to the Kaokoveld. Thick sand slows our progress, but our riverbed camp under the light of the magnificent Milky Way Galaxy, it's all worth the effort.

Episode 312. An incredible day to remember in Africa. This is what exploring is all about! As we near Van Zyl's Pass, and the Marienfluss, the jewel in the crown of the Kaokoveld, I suffer my first puncture with BFG tyres in seven years. And what caused it is a surprise! And then Van Zyl's Pass, classed as one of the world's 'Most dangerous Roads', it's the only way to descend the plateau and reach the remarkable gravel coastal plains of northern Namibia. The sky is as spectacular as I have ever seen it.

Episode 313. We wake from our low-impact camp on the sand plains of the Hartmann Valley, in far northwest Namibia. And amazing morning watching this sunrise from our bedrolls laid out on the desert floor. The episode concludes with us heading south once more, traversing the Hartmann Valley.

Episode 401. Andrew begins his US exploration in a specially built overland truck from Seattle Washington, through the wilds of Oregon, and then onto the country's largest overland trade expo, Overland Expo West in Arizona. In this episode, we land in Seattle and spend a week preparing our trucks, and get out in the forests of Eastern Washington State before heading south.

Episode 402. In this episode, we head out of Washington State and into Oregon, attempting to follow a remote road through the Oregon Back Country Discovery Routes. It is part of the longest trail system in Oregon with over 1500 miles to explore and discover an amazing country. But the snow still lies on the ground. Will we be able to complete our intended route?

Episode 403. Having failed to cross the Oregon Back Country Discovery Route as planned, we head towards the rolling hills of the Oregon Desert, towards Christmas Valley, towards the plane wreck in the desert.

Episode 404. We visit the crash site of a US Navy A6 Intruder that crashed four decades ago while on a training mission. From there we head towards the coast, ending at the majestic coastal redwood forests on the Northern California border.

Episode 405. Oregon river and coast. In this episode, Andrew, Jeramey and Kate explore Oregon rivers and the coastline, and conclude that the Lexus GX470 might be the USA's replacement of the Land Cruiser 80 series. After all, the Lexus, under its skin, is really a Land Cruiser.

Episode 406. We arrive at Overland Expo West, North America's largest overland trade expo. It's at the expo that I draw my conclusions as to the state of overlanding in the USA.

Episode 407. A Jeep in the Empty Quarter of the UAE. Andrew's adventure in the empty Quarter of the UAE in a Jeep Rubicon level Red. What a fantastic place – And the Level Red wins the off-roader's best toy category.

Episode 408. We wake to fighter jets near Abu Dhabi and head into the remote Empty Quarter, near the Saudi border. We play with the Jeep in the dunes and meet with some camels over breakfast.

Episode 409. Australia is one of the best places on Earth for overland touring and exploring. But distances are vast and terrain extremely rough and remote. Over a period of six months, we build a purpose-designed overland truck for the Australian outback.

Episode 410. Distances in Australia boggle the mind. In this first episode we witness the final preparations for the expedition, Paul Marsh joins us and sees the truck for the first time, and then we drive for four days across Western Australia to Halls Creek, the start of the famed Canning Stock Route.

Episode 411. Spinifex grass begins its attack on my ankles as we set off on Alfred Canning's Stock Route itself, from old Halls Creek. We are driving the route from North to South, the opposite direction that the route was first surveyed. We camp our night on Stretch Lagoon, where the extraordinary bird life entertained us for much of the morning. The Canning Stock Route welcomed us with corrugations and the first of many dunes that we will encounter. We conclude with a magnificent camping spot near the Breaden Hills.

Episode 412. Driving the Canning Stock Route means crossing over 1000 sand dunes in a vast stabilised dune field crossing the Great Sandy Desert and the Gibson Desert. In this episodes, we encounter wrecks of vehicle that did not make it, feral camels, drive over many dunes, camp on the edge of a red mud flat, enjoy a spectacular Milky Way galaxy, fly the drone and top up our water supplies on our route south.

Episode 413. The trail is endless, just the way I love it.

Our night's camp is on the crest of one of the thousand red dunes on the route. We find grass gathering under the Land Cruiser 200, and we make a plan to prevent it happening further.

We find camp site paradise between old Desert Oak trees and begin a quest to stop a very annoying rattle that's emerged, and it driving me crazy.

Episode 414. At Kunawarritji and well 33 we top up with the sweet water from the well, and full up fuel tanks. Hopefully our standard two 90L tanks will be sufficient to take us the 1000 kms to Wiluna, and end of the track. Before and after the village of Kunawarritji the corrugations are horrible and shake us for several hours. We are rewarded for our efforts by enjoying some of the best camp spots one could wish for. At a place we named Horseshoe Canyon I fly the drone. Horseshoe Canyon is almost exactly half way along the route we celebrate with our own version of bubbly.

Episode 4 15. The first water crossing is encountered as the track leads into the shallow depression and finally the vast whiteness of Lake Disappointment. As Canning and his crew arrived, they had news of a vast fresh water lake which turned out to be a plateau of salt flats and grass unsuitable for cattle. Hence the name was given. But I renamed the lake as 'Lake Having a Great Time'. Then onto Durba Springs, an oasis of ghost gum trees and a natural spring, making up a delightful camp site in the shade.

Episode 4 16. From Durba Springs we continue southwards, along the lonely track. The track becomes quite rough in places and the going slows for most of the day. Wild flowers are abundant along the route. we make camp on a lookout point, overlooking the vast plains that surround us. To conclude this episode, Justin and I talk about the tyres we have used and camp just south of White Lake.

Episode 417. The end of the expedition is looming all too soon. As civilisation closes in, the sense of utter isolation wanes. Our final camp site is on top of a small plateau of red rock where the brilliance of the sunset is unfettered. Our final days are marked by extraordinary bird calls and huge flocks of budgerigars.

Episode 501. A few weeks after returning from the Canning Stock Route Andrew had the urge to do a short track on his own, to review the Land Cruiser, and to experience a slice of outback solitude. The Holland Track is a three-day track where the start point was less than a day's drive from his home in Perth, Western Australia. The episode concludes with final vehicle prep for the Crossing Australia expedition.

Episode 502. Crossing Australia part-1. I set off across the Australian continent on my west-east crossing that will take me along the Southern hemisphere's longest straight road, a stretch of 146 kms of asphalt toward the Nullarbor Plains. At day's end on day two I am at the edge of the Australian continent and the Great Australian Bight National Park.

Episode 503. Crossing Australia part-2

From Great Australian Bight National Park I continue east, pass through Adelaide, Melbourne, the BFG tyre launch event and onto Byron Bay NSW, from where my East-West crossing can begin. I make final preparations to the vehicle in Ipswich, Queensland, and then set off. By nightfall, Kate (my daughter has joined me) and I are camped in some remote spot.

Episode 504. Crossing Australia part-3

Camping at the side of the road, the flies begin to annoy us. By breakfast time they are swarming. We enjoy our drive as we see road kill by the hundreds, and some live animals as well. We enter and overnight at Birdsville, where I get an eye infection. Lucky the flying doctor happens to be in town and I get the treatment I need to continue our trip. The episode ends crossing Australia's biggest sand dune.

Episode 505. Crossing Australia part-4

From Big Red to somewhere in the Simpson Desert. We drive Big Red sand dune and head west, crossing over a thousand sand dunes.

Episode 506. Crossing Australia part-5

From somewhere in the Simpson Desert to overlooking Uluru. Both of us are exhausted by the endless driving, we take refuge at Mount Dare, which turns out to be nothing more than a campsite and pub. Then onto Uluru, Australia's most famous Outback landmark.

Episode 507. Crossing Australia part-6

From Uluru westward and finished.

Africa. Searching for Game encounters. It's not easy to find great wild animal encounters in Africa, because most of the animals are confined to national parks and game reserves. But there are still some magic places where close encounters can be found. Andrew sets out to film in Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia to search and experience such places. The result is the following 7 episodes.

Episode 508. African Animal Encounters. Part-1

Episode 509. African Animal Encounters. Part-2

Episode 510. African Animal Encounters. Part-3

Episode 511. African Animal Encounters. Part-4

Episode 512. African Animal Encounters. Part-5

Episode 513. African Animal Encounters. Part-6

Episode 514. African Animal Encounters. Part-7