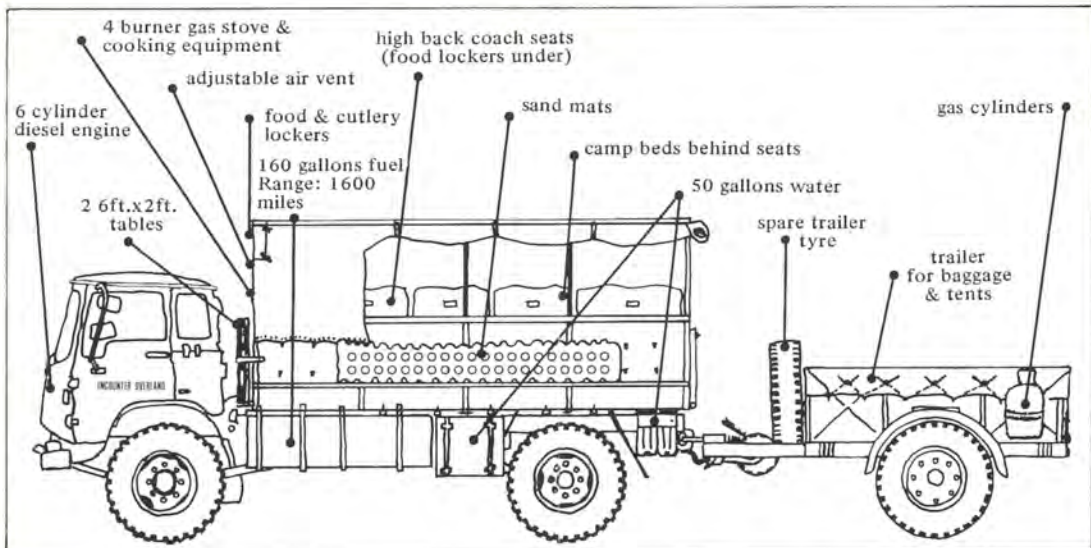


ENCOUNTER OVERLAND



The
World's
Most
Adventurous
Long Range
Expeditions

IN
AFRICA
ASIA
SOUTH AMERICA



How will you travel? ... What will all this cost?

Our twelve years, continuous overland experience has taught us exactly what it takes to make up a successful overland vehicle. Our fleet of rugged 4-wheel drive truck and trailer units represents the sum total of that experience.

Built, maintained and equipped at our own specialised workshops, the Encounter trucks are designed from the outset for convenience, comfort, ruggedness and reliability.

Giant fuel tanks give each vehicle a non-stop range of 1600 miles, and with 50 gallon water-tanks and large supplies of food we are completely independent for days on end.

Visibility is superb due to the convertible canvas roof, and specially built coach seats ensure the maximum degree of comfort, leg room and head room.

These vehicles have proved their worth over the last twelve years and during this time we've logged up 140 Asia trips, 50 Africa and 12 South America – all of which serve to ensure the most experienced and reliable company

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Our prices are ALL inclusive: You need only a sleeping bag, a sense of fun, and determination to see everything there is to see – and a little spending money. There are no food kitties, camping fees, etc, often found associated with similar expeditions.

Meals: People eat well using the stores on board the truck and fresh provisions bought locally. Occasionally the group eats out at interesting restaurants, sampling exotic local dishes and nightlife. Meals are easily arranged inside or out of the vehicle – cooking on 4-ringed gas stoves. Thrifty use of washing water need only apply in the deep desert. There is never any need to conserve drinking water.

Nights: The expeditions are equipped with specially made tents, with plenty of room for two comfortable camp beds and luggage. There is plenty of light provided inside and out of the truck to allow for letter writing, chess, etc, or sit around the camp fire and strum a guitar.

This will be a trip you must not miss and will remember for the rest of your life!.

ORIENTAL ENCOUNTER

To arrive in Kathmandu – whether to begin or end the overland journey across Asia – is to be high in the sunny clear air of the Himalayan foot-hills. Here friends of many weeks part and new friends meet; to continue eastwards into South East Asia and Australasia, or to begin the journey overland together 12,000 miles across fabulous lands to London.

This is an expedition of nature's wonders; the Khyber Pass and across the wild Hindu Kush of Afghanistan, sometimes over worse tracks than almost any found in Africa, and deep into the heart of Afghanistan to the great Buddhas of Bamiyan and



turquoise lakes of Band-i-Amir, and mostly uncharted Dasht-e-lut, the Great Salt and Sand Deserts of Iran, quite away from modern roads past crumbling caravanserais, dust blown, and decaying since the days of the silk and spice trade.

This is a journey into history from the

summer palace of Darius at Persepolis, back down the invasion routes of Alexander to the Greek cities lying in splendid ruins amongst the magnificent seascapes of Asia Minor. Along this coast there are fine Crusader castles, rocky coves, and unspoilt beaches.

There is Esfahan, surely the loveliest of all the old Persian Cities, of domes and minarets and exquisite art. There are nomad tribes of Kurdistan and the hospitable chaikanas.

There is world enough, and time. A journey blending travel and halts of long afternoons; stays of a day or two, and in Kashmir, a rest for a while aboard houseboats moored on lotus lakes in this mountainous Shangri La.

There are the sights and sounds and perfumes of India, the temples and shrines of Hindu and Muslim and Buddhist, the great Ganges river and Benares on its banks and people and the Taj.

Along the byways of rural India, monkeys chatter in the trees, a girl draws water from a village well, a bullock cart creaks slowly to the roadside, and an elephant

stops to watch with a kindly eye. There is everywhere a closeness to the rhythm of time, an almost apathetic gentleness and a sense of mystery and awe of life which pervades the sight and sounds of India like the ubiquitous sunlight.

And to the north the great knife-edge wall of the Himalayas.

The Encounter Overland journey across Asia is rightly considered one of the richest and most rewarding experiences within the reach of the adventurous traveller. It is a journey of quest and enquiry, of interest and purpose, of movement and repose, of friendship and laughter. It explores; and to do so it goes where few others go.

EXPEDITIONS 1976

London - Kathmandu (Approx.) 10 - 11 weeks

Departing: 27 April	Cost: £445
25 May	£445
8 June	£445
3 August	£475
7 September	£475
21 September	£475
28 September	£475

Istanbul - Kathmandu (Approx.) 9 weeks

19 October	£455
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Kathmandu - London (Approx.) 10 - 11 weeks

17 February	Aust. \$735
9 March	\$735
6 April	\$760
4 May	\$760
24 August	\$785
14 September	\$785

Kathmandu - Istanbul (Approx.) 9 weeks

10 August	\$760
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IN SEARCH OF VANISHING AFRICA

Africa is huge. A vast land mass that time has changed less than anywhere. The cradle of man where man for the most part still has a place in nature's scheme of things. But modern man, with his harsh chemistry, is staking claim and ancient Africa is disappearing.

Africa is a land of extremes. The long

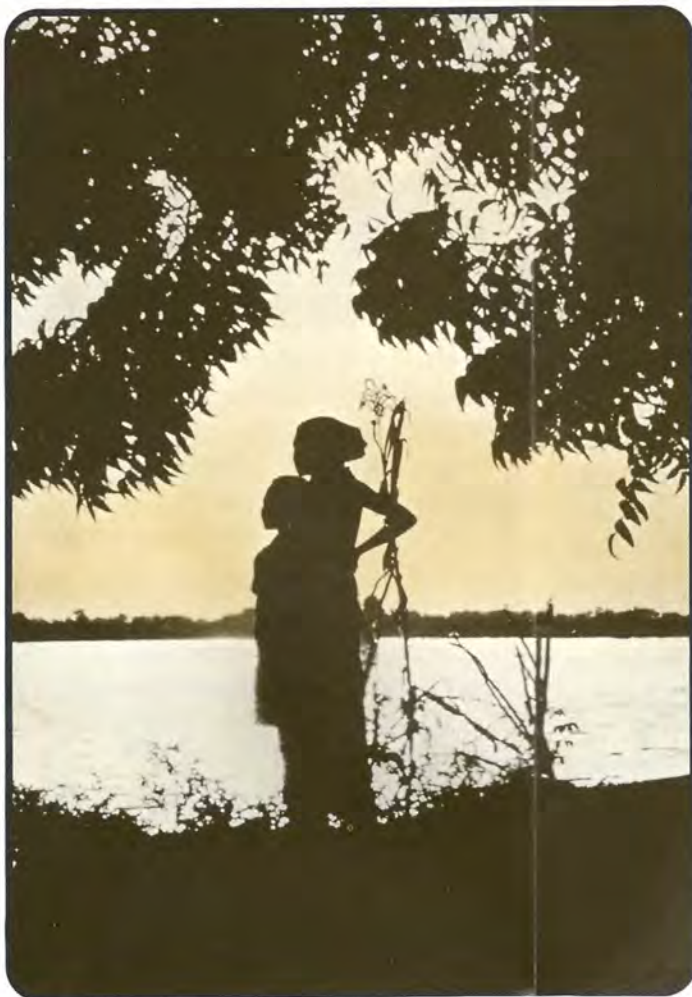
deep empty silence of the desert and shattering shrieking night noises in the dense dark green of the primeval jungle. The power of nature is in the lumbering dignity of the bull elephant, the yawn of a fed male lion, the coconut-palm white strand of the Indian Ocean, the continuous deafening roar of the Victoria Falls.

Dry, arid dusty sand, thick red moram mud, narrow tracks lit only by a dim strip of sky, desert routes miles wide, hot shadowless noons, the blazing fire of sunset, the rapid black of nightfall. Cool highlands are decked with flame trees thorn and Baobab.

The Plains of East Africa

A leopard sprawls sleepily in a thorn tree basking in the noonday. In view, a sleek Masai strides, spear in hand, towards his cattle. The white cap of Kilimanjaro points skywards, high above the baked plains - conquest of its peak 3 days away.

Giraffe, zebra, gazelle, buck, and wildebeeste graze where for once men have shown restraint. Lion and cheetah prowl and chase, and hyena and vultures tidy up. Buffalo and elephant feud with only themselves. Birds



abound – a million pink flamingoes on a single lake – crocodiles keep a watchful eye and bashful hippos hide in the water or the twilight.

The Forests

Trees of immense height tower above the enclosed tracks through the rain forests. Unsound tree trunks bridge the streams. Dugout canoes, low with our truck batteries, are paddled across to lifeless engines in ancient ferries. Tiny jungle paths tunnel through dense undergrowth to end in a Turkana encampment. Mosquitos bite in the night.

The Desert

Unobtainable Sahara horizons stretch endlessly beyond where the eye can see. Shimmering glassy mirages, oases, walled towns and a camel caravan in the midst of nowhere. Blue men of the veil – Tuareg – from the mountains of the moon at the Sahara's centre.

Africa has the contrasts

The soaring peaks of the Atlas and Kilimanjaro to the depths of the Central African Basin. The dry parched wastes of the Sahara to the lush green plains of East Africa. The veiled Muslims of Algeria to the naked Turkana. The dry wells of Southern Niger, to the thundering roar of Victoria Falls.

The great African journey from one end of the continent to the other is no small achievement – 13,000 miles overland (over 6,000 of which from Nairobi to the northern Sahara is not road but track). It is alive with excitement and adventure, problems and challenge.

Do it now before politicians close the doors to travellers through this incredible continent.

Even now no one crosses Africa easily – but who would want to?

EXPEDITIONS 1976

London - Johannesburg (Approx.) 15 weeks

Departing: 14 February	Cost: £725
20 March	£725
17 April	£725
21 August	£775
2 October	£775
13 November	£775

Johannesburg - London (Approx.) 16 weeks

27 January	Rand R1485
24 February	R1485
23 March	R1485
20 July	R1580
7 September	R1625

JOURNEY INTO SOUTH AMERICA

Most of us know little enough about South America but have in our mind's eye a living collage of fascinating images; of gauchos and condors and comic opera dictators, conquistadors, emeralds and El Dorado, of cocaine eaters and poison darts, of lost sun kingdoms, open grasslands, soaring mountain chains and active volcanos, impenetrable jungles, a huge lazy river, of llamas and reed-rafts, gay rhythms and fiestas, of jet beaches, and rebellious or abject poverty.

These are the images that Encounter explores.

Imagine climbing from 3,000 feet to



16,000 feet in a single day to camp above the clouds in a rain and hail-filled dusk, tent pegs being snatched out of the rock by a freezing wind and wondering if it is worth it, only to wake to a dawn of the deepest blue sky rimmed by a forest of volcanoes, some with smoke and steam issuing from vents, others with snow-caps gently changing from red to pink as the sun rises over a deep valley cut into the plateau beneath, the mist still hiding its secrets, the only sounds being the crunch of boots across the pumice stone.

This was the first time Encounter crossed the Andes Barrier — it alone justified the decision in 1972 to make the journey to South America.

On the edge of the Chaco, hidden within the Misiones Jungle thunders the awe-inspiring complex of the world's largest falls, Iguassu; surpassed neither by Niagara nor Victoria.

Gauchos still rule herds of cattle with their boleros on the vast plains of the pampas. Dirt tracks mingled with arterial roads cut through the endless expanse in a radial fan at whose centre lies the sprawling city of Buenos Aires.

La Paz, built by the conquistadors, is a tumbling jumble of mud walls and corrugated roofs tottering down the 1000 ft side of the crater in which the city sits sheltered from the desolate wastes of the Altiplano and a jagged



horizon of brooding snow capped peaks. High in this bitter land, floating reed boats on Lake Titicaca provide unsure foundations to the villages of the indigenous tribes.

Dropping down through huddled Indian villages, the truck lurches precariously through unaccustomed streets, scattering indignant llamas and providing the biggest spectacle of the year to the bowler hatted Indians.

A rough track meanders hundreds of miles through the high wastelands of the Puna, a lunar landscape at 14,000 ft of vivid soft pans and smouldering volcanoes.

The Incas

The perfection of the stone work of this sun-worshipping civilisation, has resisted centuries of earthquakes. In Cuzco almost every street contains remains of Incaic walls. Machu - Picchu for years was buried in the jungle. Almost a complete city untouched by the

ravages of Spanish conquest, commands from its magnificent isolation stunning views of the winding Uru Bamba river thousands of feet below.

The Amazon

The huge river passes silently hiding the perils of pirana and aligator. The day ends with displays of blow pipe prowess from Indians in full war paint, haunting tunes on long pipes, and the hospitality of a vacant hut decked with loosely hung mosquito nets; a chartered boat moored close by.

The contrasts of South America are such that in three short days, one can experience the dense jungle of the Amazon, climb one of the highest mountain passes in the world, and then enter totally barren desert with a super highway leading to South America's most sophisticated city.

EXPEDITIONS 1976

San Francisco - Panama		
	(Approx.)	4 weeks
Departing 14 February	Cost:	US \$385
Baranquilla - Buenos Aires		
	(Approx.)	15 weeks
27 March		US \$2120
10 August		US \$2120
27 November		US \$2120
Buenos Aires - Barranquilla		
	(Approx.)	15 weeks
17 March		US \$2120
24 July		US \$2120
15 January, 77		To be advised.

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