

# ENCOUNTER OVERLAND

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The adventure begins here!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that this year will be the year during which the only way to scratch those itchy feet is with an **ENCOUNTER OVERLAND EXPEDITION.**

Be sure to **BOOK EARLY** because all **OUR PRICES WILL INCREASE ON 1ST APRIL 1994** and if you book now you are covered by our **NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEE** on all land prices.

**CALL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS ON 071-370-6845**

THE LEADING EXPEDITION SPECIALISTS

We have been running expeditions for 30 years and have an enviable position as the leading expedition operator. In 30 years we have learned more about overland expeditioning and adventure than any other organisation. We make no claim to be the largest, nor

would we want to be. It is a personal quality, competence and style that answers best. Link this with our inclusive cost, specialist vehicles, equipment and the approach of our staff, then you know why Encounter Overland are the first, the best and the experts.

1994/95 BROCHURE

We are publishing an exciting new brochure in March. This will have new and adventurous projects. A fascinating new **3 week** trip in **Bolivia**, a **9 week** journey through the **Andes** from **Quito** to **Santiago**, also new ideas in **Southern** and **Eastern Africa**. If you or a friend would like to receive a copy of our new brochure please fill in the enclosed card and post it to us or phone our brochure line (24hrs)

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**25% DISCOUNT**  
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## LETTER

*from Africa*

*Letter from Mick Larkin, leader on the August Great Safari from Dar es Salaam to London:*

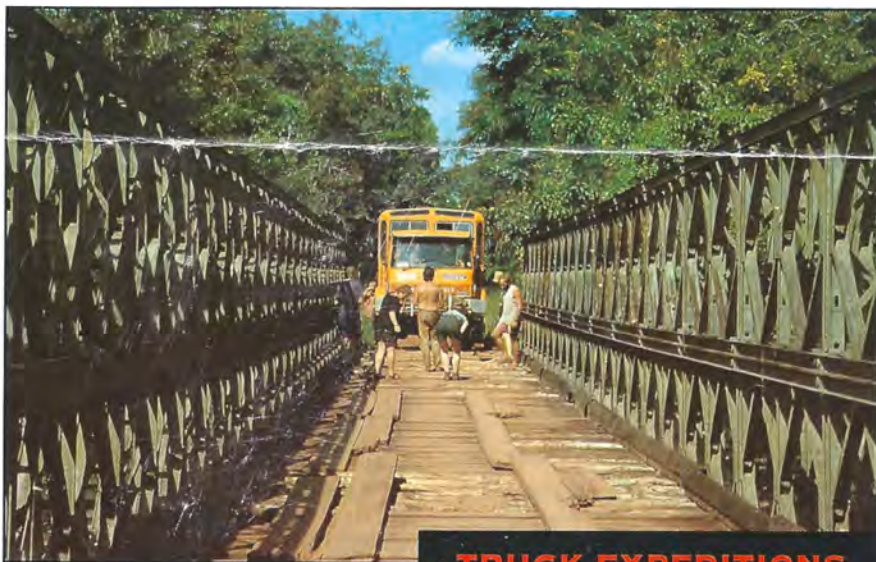
We have been in Zaire for about sixteen days now and it is very wet. We were in Buta a couple of days back and supplemented our supplies with loads of peanuts, bananas and beer—there's not a lot else to buy down here in the rainy season. The going has been good though. At least until two days ago!

The road is incredibly overgrown and the bridges are suffering. We arrived at one where a local truck had just crossed, and he had needed to unload to safely make it across. While he was reloading we had a long look at the bridge. It looked sound providing we ran the wheels in the right place. We started over in 4 wheel drive, a couple of the group guiding and everyone else walking across. With our front wheels already on the other bank disaster struck! I heard the sound of splintering wood and felt the back end start to drop. With an almighty crack the back wheels fell right through the bridge and we were well and truly stuck.

We weren't going to be going anywhere in a hurry so we camped on the road with jungle all around us. The next day we put our heads and bridge building skills together. Some of us jacked the truck up inch by inch, whilst others cut trees to mend the large hole. Others showed their culinary skills, making the most of the day to bake bread, cakes and other delicacies. By nightfall we had the rear of the truck suspended in mid-air, with the hole in the bridge yawning beneath it.

That evening as we were enjoying the cakes we heard in the distance what sounded like drunken singing. It was. And it was getting closer. Then suddenly it stopped, followed immediately by a very loud splash. Yes, someone had fallen through our hole and straight into the river. We quickly grabbed some ropes and pulled him from the water, and after a few cups of coffee around the camp fire he was singing his way home again.

The following day we finished rebuilding the bridge with our cut logs chained together across the hole. By sunset, with everyone crossing their fingers and holding their breath we inched forward to firm ground and an easy mind again. We had just enough beer left for half a bottle each to celebrate!



### 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

We have been operating overland expeditions since 1964 when we ran the Classic Overland route, then we were first in Africa (1969) and first in South America (1972).

Even today as much as in the past, we are constantly researching new and exciting routes. Sometimes we will take you with us on a reconnaissance expedition, our most recent one was through the jungles of Kalimantan in Borneo.

### TRUCK EXPEDITIONS

From 2 weeks to 50 weeks in Asia, Africa and South America in one of our custom built trucks with a go anywhere style of independence. These vehicles are our home to accommodate our nomadic lifestyle.

### ALTERNATIVE ADVENTURES

From 2 to 7 weeks - in Asia & South America. experience the difference by foot, jeep, dug out canoe taking us into the heart of the jungle and into territory beyond.



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