



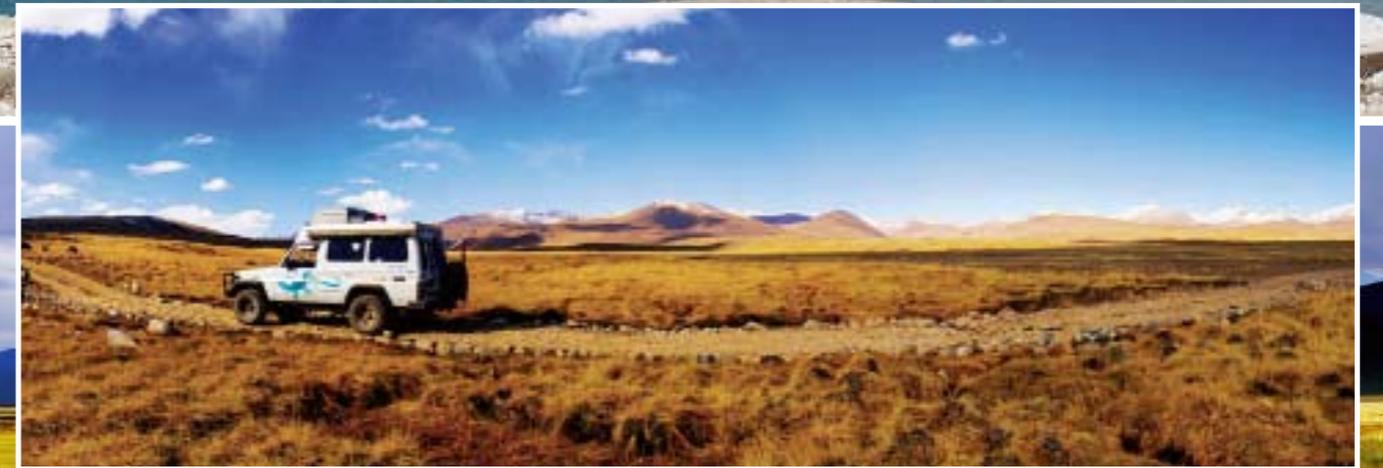
The amazing story of Roy Flynn and Nicole Schreiter and their epic journey around the world

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"The World is a book and those who do not travel read only a page"
– St Augustine



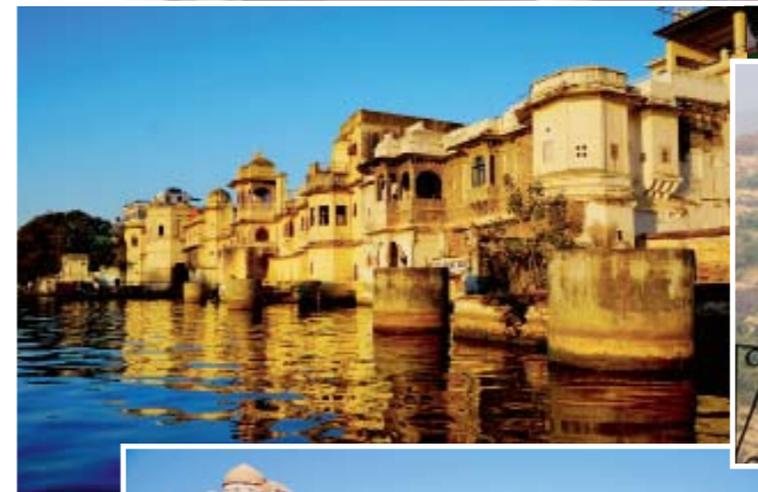
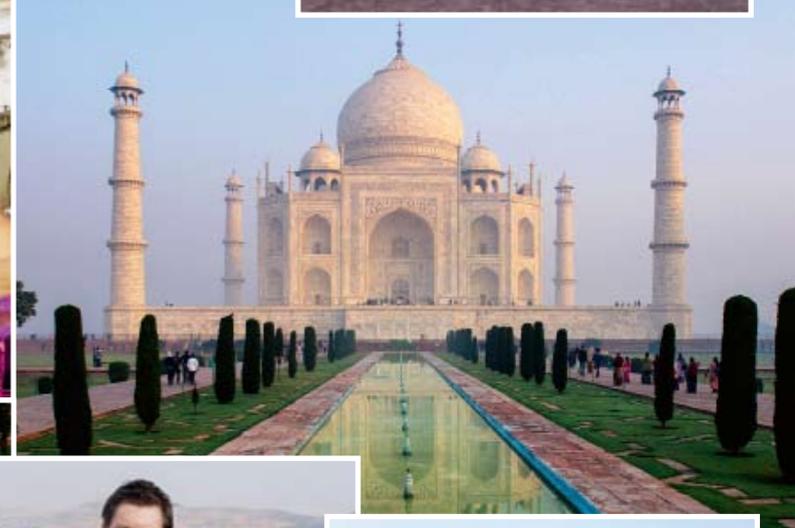
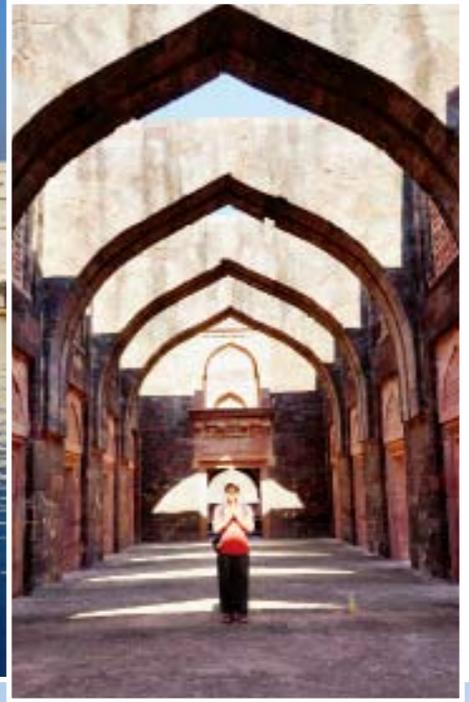
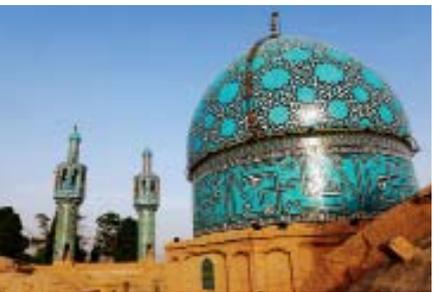


THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN Roy Flynn and Nicole Schreiter and other people is quite obvious. Where a normal person goes and sees the world, he always calls himself a foreigner in any country apart from his own. Roy and Nicole on the other hand, make every country they visit their home. Roy and Nicole can be classified as that rare breed of adventurous people – ‘Travellers’ whereas most other people are just plain



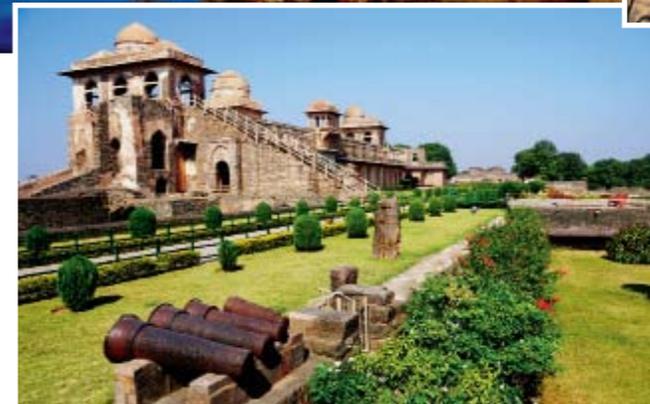
‘tourists’. As JRR Tolkien once famously said: “Not all those who wander are lost.” Roy and Nicole wander the world with one goal: to see more that they can remember and to remember more than they can see.

Having started from their home in Zurich, Switzerland on March 24, 2012, the two ‘explorers’ and their 1999 Toyota Landcruiser ‘White Gandalf’ set off on a frankly epic journey across the world. Their main objective, was to follow the historic ‘Silk Route’ across Europe and Asia to India, with a few deviations along the way to visit a few more countries. The route Roy and Nicole have followed so far is as follows; Switzerland – Italy – Slovenia – Croatia – Montenegro – Albania – Greece – Turkey – Iran – Turkmenistan – Uzbekistan – Tajikistan – Kyrgyzstan – Kazakhstan – Russia – Mongolia – Kyrgyzstan – China – Pakistan – India.



When asked what their best and worst experiences have been so far, the couple seemed quite lost for words. After a bit of discussion though (over a nice traditional Parsi lunch of mutton dhansak and kababs), they agreed that so far, Mongolia and

India have given them the most to look back upon. As with every traveller who travels the world, especially ones that drive/ride across our vast planet, Roy and Nicole had a plethora of stories to share. A few moments they were particularly proud about included the visit to the Gobi desert in Mongolia, the ancient

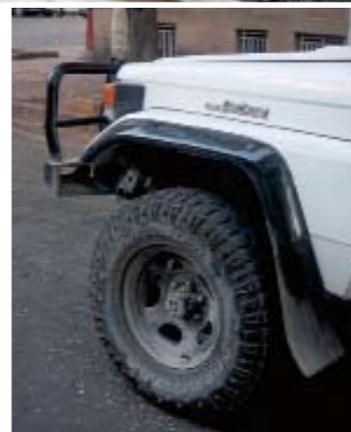




ruins of Persipolis in Iran and of course, the Taj Mahal and the Golden Temple. Having been on the road non-stop for nearly 9 months, the two 'globexplorers' have decided to take a month off and stay in Goa for a while soaking in the atmosphere, the beautiful beaches and of course, taking some well deserved rest. The Toyota Land Cruiser that Roy and Nicole are attempting

their journey in is by no means your 'standard' SUV. The set of special wheels and tyres, a one-off set of Koni shock absorbers (donated by Koni) and Roy's handcrafted custom intercooler are only the beginning of the differences one can list on this truly adaptable vehicle. What looks like a beefed up SUV is actually much, much more. The 1999 Toyota Land-

cruiser (lovingly called, 'White Gandalf') was bought second-hand by Roy from a specialist in Switzerland. He then painstakingly started to convert it into a 'home on wheels', personally fabricating every compartment, fitment and feature in the car. Everything from the water storage tanks to the cooking stoves have been carefully fabricated so as to maximize the



utility of the space available. The interior is also festooned with an array of navigational aids, from GPS receivers to a CB Radio: this Landcruiser can truly defeat anything thrown at it.

The coolest thing about Gandalf though is the roof that pivots up creating space for Roy and Nicole to have a well deserved nap after countless hours on the road. We were graciously invited into the car to have a look around, and we were truly astonished at how much logical thinking had gone into each and every little detail. The Land Cruiser is also equipped with some serious off-roading

gear. A heavy-duty winch mounted up front with an equally meaty looking bull bar coupled with the snow/sand ladders mounted on the side and the huge hi-lift jack mounted on the rear clearly tell onlookers that this car is the real deal and prepared for some serious off-roading.

We were fortunate to spend just a day with these two people, but it was enough to truly inspire us. With tales of their travel and how they helped raise money for a children's charity in Mongolia, Roy and Nicole are truly a class apart. We wish them all the very best for their onward journey. 