

**Enter**  
Log

**LA NACION**  
Supplements  
Sunday 07.09.2008 (updated 16 hours 7 minutes ago)



Travellers copies

## The world tour in 4x4

A year ago that two and a half adventurous Americans travel the world in van. De paso por Buenos Aires, shared their anecdotes

Sunday 7 September 2008 | Published in today's Daily | News of Tourism: Previous | Next

SEE VIEWS OF READERS (6) | Send your opinion

Print | Send by e-mail | A+ | A- | Resize | Post | Share



Unforgettable moments: in the Sahara

Steve and **Stephen** could have had the typical life of the average American: go to College in his native Denver, playing football and create a empresita anything to live happily with their wives in a suburb of houses and calcadas routines. But no. They decided it was better to get two good borrowed and 4x4 trucks, supported by several universities in the United States, giving the world tour for two years. Just arrived in Buenos Aires, with a suitcase full of stories and on its way to El Calafate, narrated some of his adventures.

Steve Shoppman and **Stephen** Bouey are traveling by Argentina since a week ago. They stopped at a hostel

of downtown Buenos Aires and became more days than planned because their 4x4 were delayed in customs. "We asked a lot of money to enter," accused, without understanding how they work still some issues in this corner of the planet. "Buenos Aires port has been more burdensome on five continents, we called for an official 1500 U.S. dollars in bribes to let us pass," lamented the two members of The World by Road Expedition (the journey can be followed in [www.theworldbyroad.com](http://www.theworldbyroad.com) ).

I am behind their notebooks, as two tourists refugees under their caps with visor, it is impossible to suspect the adventure in which they have embarked. Coffee through, were all very slowly, as if in the past year and a half had passed too quickly and outside when the car stopped in the banquina lived to tell it.

They started the journey in New Zealand 18 months ago and visited over 50 countries; slept in hostels, campsites and homes of new friends.

The speedometer marked 82,547 kilometres travelled, without adding those who are doing at this very moment. Através Oceania, Central Asia (including Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Turkey), Europe, Africa (playing Morocco, Nigeria, Congo, Mauritania, Senegal and Angola, for example) and now aim to Tierra del Fuego and then climb by Pan American to Alaska. From there cross across the United States to end the adventure in New York in February 2009.

Needed between 200,000 and 300,000 dollars to make this trip, which costs thanks to the sponsorship of American colleges and universities and a Toyota dealership that gave them the 4x4. Also put on the table their savings, but do not repent nor a single cent. "We wanted to make an educational approach of our world tour, filming a documentary and bring comprehensive content to schools that we played visit," explained Steve, who was involved in producing videos. At the end of the trip spent a year touring U.S. universities to tell what they lived.

"We want to motivate our compatriots to travel, to investigate for themselves, because television does not talk about the incredible people who live in places that nobody wants to go," said **Stephen**, graduated from the career of Political Science and accountant.

One of the findings of the team is that the more confrontational and miserable country that has been visited more strove care by the villagers and protect them from the dangers and war. "Until the rebel groups were good with us in countries like Nigeria, and we must not forget that we travel by the most dangerous areas of Africa where kidnappings and killings are commonplace," he said.

### Without routes and compass

The biggest problems that the issue had appeared in countries where roads were in bad condition. "In Africa there are virtually no roads and it is impossible to go from one side to another, although those who suffer the most are its inhabitants because they do not reach food or medicines," said Steve.

In Mongolia, for example, the scarcity of passable routes meant that the boys had to be guided by compass and compass, the best way Marco Polo. "It was like traveling through time-recounted **Stephen** . In many regions of Mongolia, where we spent one month, people who had not had never left his village and we were like Martians with our 4x4. On one occasion we took photos with them Polaroid and was frightened to recognize the image. " Adventures like these there are dozens. Another anecdote: in Thailand met a Buddhist monk and stayed with him in a temple for a week. After the man accompanied in the van, brought food and helped people in the area.

As in Africa, experience in Asia was very intense. In Russia and the countries of the former Soviet Union were disoriented by a state of widespread confusion. "It's as if they had not learned to live in capitalism", felt adventurers.

The journey itself is impossible to rely on these lines, because Steve and **Stephen** made the trip of a lifetime: since toured the camps nomads of Mongolia and Siberia to the jungles of Congo and frost latitudes of Norway, via the Buddhist temples Thailand and the medieval castles of Romania. And still the American continent.

Now we must see what they depara southern Argentina and 25,000 miles back to the United States, with diversion in Brazil.

In truth, to look at the photos one realizes that these boys are put in places quite complicated, especially when one considers that roam in vans that cost no less than \$ 50,000.

"We take risks, but we are not stupid. In addition, the dealership wants the vans will return!", They added. No one had warned them about the problemita que iban to take our Customs.

By **Joseph Totah**  
For THE NATION

### Anyone interested him this note read:

- 07.09.2008 | For the crisis, the Spaniards now migrate
- 07.09.2008 | How and where classes will educate future leaders
- 07.09.2008 | "I envy class businesswoman who has Brazil"
- 07.09.2008 | After the excesses, a new train arrives
- 07.09.2008 | The paradox of a country where suspect until paid

Print | Send by e-mail | A+ | A- | Resize | Post | Share

News | Tourism | Note | News of Tourism: Previous | Next

6 opinions from readers | Send your view

**Important:** The comments published are the sole responsibility of their authors and the consequences of them may be subject to legal sanctions that apply. That user to include in his messages a comment violates the regulations will be removed and disqualified from returning to comment.

**6 ikkino** | 07.09.08 14:17 | Actually reading the problem that took me at the office ashamed to be Argentine. We are the worst people from 5 continents. Ojala remove any plague us at all because this beautiful country deserves better human beings.

(0) | Reply | Rate | Abuse

**5 artdavi** | 07.09.08 13:06 | Cristina if you read this article, date account that the country is not like what you want to believe, ... top in these types want to go to your fief .. So at the office and stop when some provincial police, gendarmerie or the same city? jajaja ... porq boys carrying weights only accept local currency

(0) | Reply | Rate | Abuse

**4 rodzadu** | 07.09.08 13:05 | This case is worse than that of JMSoler since only for temporary traffic that must be practically free.

(0) | Reply | Rate | Abuse

See all reviews

**Send comment**

To leave a comment you need to be registered lanacion.com. Sign free of charge from here or if you are already registered type in your username and password by clicking here.

NOTES RANKINGS

Tourism | All sections | More voted | More commented | More sent by e-mail

- The world tour in 4x4
- Aruba, Caribbean deep
- Hotels for the difference: clear concepts
- Finding Faith can change the lives
- Only for women

Journal today | Supplements | Tourism

**LA NACION DIGITAL**  
Mobile THE NATION | Im Correspondent | DNA Culture  
Rollingstone | OHLALÁ | ZonaCinemanía | Brando  
EspacioLiving | Igooh | Doing Community

**DRIDCO**  
DeRemate | Demotores | Zonajobs | Zonacitas  
Cazaprecios | NexoLocal | StarPhone

**THE NATION**  
THE NATION Club | Commercial Net | How to advertise  
Sign up daily | Master in Journalism  
Foundation THE NATION

iPodrás recibir en tu e-mail novedades, invitaciones y noticias sin cargo!

lanacion.com

Video 1 | VIDEOS

Enlaces patrocinados | Anuncie aquí

**La música que suena**  
Podes tenerla hoy en tu móvil Sin Costo Adicional  
ar.Blinko.com

**Diario El País**  
Un encuentro de voces y opiniones | Suscribase aquí a El País!  
[www.elpais.com/elpaisargentina](http://www.elpais.com/elpaisargentina)