

ALREADY THERE?

YOUR FAMILY may think they've managed to get you away from Land Rovers, so surprise them by accidentally stumbling on a Land Rover-related holiday activity...

ICELAND



SHOULD YOU FIND yourself in Iceland's capital, Reykjavik, get yourself on an Eskimos one-day tour of the country. Using heavily modified Defenders (how about 44-inch tyres?), Eskimos runs trips to Iceland's major sights, including the Northern Lights and an active volcano.

Contact Eskimos Adventure Company, Tunguháls 19, is-110 Reykjavik, Iceland. Tel: (00 354) 577 4488 www.eskimos.is

NORTH DEVON

NOT THAT EXOTIC, but still a rather wonderful place to go on holiday, Clovelly is a small, so-pretty-it-hurts fishing village tumbling down the rocky North Devon coast. It has an exceptionally steep pedestrianised main street which runs through the village, and some highly enterprising locals have provided a Land Rover to get people from top to bottom. It's not free, but when you get to the top the view makes it all worthwhile. The Land Rover leaves from behind the Red Lion on the harbour, daily in season.

NEW ZEALAND

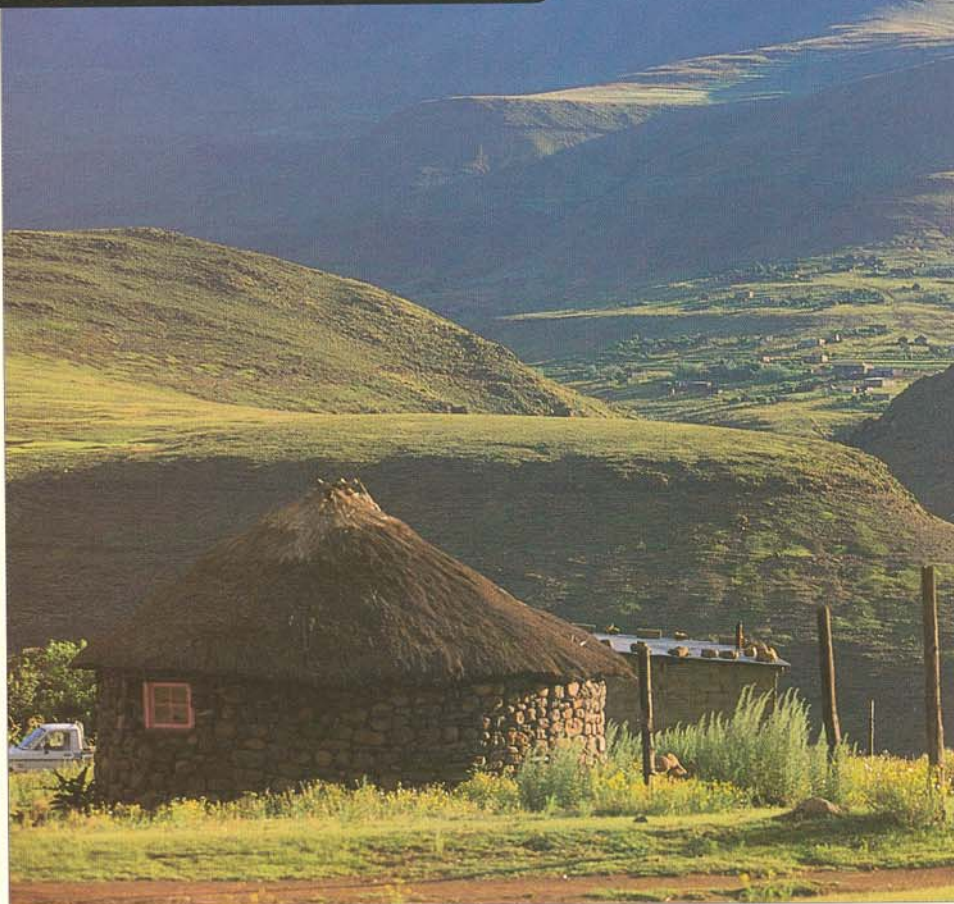
LORD OF THE RINGS country by Land Rover. Nomad Safaris runs day trips around the Queenstown area on the South Island, visiting gold-mining ghost towns, canyons and areas where the Tolkein epic was filmed. Most of the areas Nomad goes to are only accessible by four-wheel drive (Defenders in this case), crossing rivers and passing through gorges. Trips can include goldpanning, jet-boat riding or bungee jumping, should you want it. They also do off-road driving tuition and tailored tours. Nomad says it's officially endorsed by Land Rover, and the company has Department of Conservation Approval.

Contact: PO Box 341, Queenstown, New Zealand. Tel: (00 64) 03 442 6699. www.outback.net.nz

CRETE

YOU'RE PROBABLY TIRED of sun-kissed beaches and warm, crystal clear seas after a week on Crete... so get out on a Land Rover safari with the Land Rover Great Adventure. The idea is to get off the beaten track, get up into the mountains and go to some remote, unspoilt places. A fleet of Defender 110 Station Wagons will take you to beautiful, wild beaches for snorkelling, to ancient ruins for sightseeing, and they throw in a BBQ as well. Oh, yes, and the operators promise something called "wet, wild fun".

Up to £500



SOUTH AFRICA

● **Where is it?** The mountain kingdom of Lesotho, which has the highest average altitude in Africa and the continent's highest pub (9500ft). Lesotho is remote, rural and very, very beautiful, with lots of rugged mountain scenery.

● **Who organises it?** Conical Hat Expeditions, a bunch of Land Rover enthusiasts based in South Africa and England. They also do a great trip to the Wild Coast.

● **What's the holiday?** Getting to see South Africa, away from the touristy

stuff. You drive up into the mountains via the Sani Pass, and spend as long as you want in the region – Conical Hat charges by the day, so it's entirely up to you. You're accompanied all the time while by a Conical Hat guide, who knows all about the geography and history of the area.

● **What are the Land Rovers?** V Series Is, of course. No, really. Conical Hat exclusively uses six Series I Land Rovers, 80-inches to 109-inches. They have a 109-inch Station Wagon as well, and groups can share one vehicle.



ABOVE: the natives are fortunately, quite friendly. LEFT: sounds daft, but Conical Hat through Lesotho