

MONEY NO OBJECT?

THEN CHECK OUT these immensely costly, never-to-be-forgotten, blow-your-life-savings Land Rover trips.

MONGOLIA WITH OVERLAND EXPERTS



THIS IS RUN by the same chap who operates the Iceland self-drive trip (right). Using a fleet of 110 Tdis and Td5s, Overland Experts will show you one of the most remote, least visited places on earth, where you'll encounter places with names like "The Flaming Cliffs". Again, the emphasis is on local culture and history, and there's a biologist, a geologist and a historian on the trip.

However, if Mongolia doesn't sound adventurous enough for you, Overland Experts can organise forays into China. It makes a great, and highly original, change from an African game safari; and although it will set you back about £3000 per person, it's nevertheless relatively good value.

Contact: Overland Experts, 112 Hemlock Valley Rd, East Haddam, CT 06423, USA. Tel: (00 1) 877 931 3343. www.overlandexperts.com



SCOTLAND WITH LAND ROVER

£1150 FOR A WEEKEND in Scotland? Not cheap – but, hey, that's luxury for you, and if you've got the folding then a weekend at Skibo Castle (where Madonna got hitched) can be yours. You get two nights at the Carnegie Club, and use of all the high-class facilities. It's all in, so when you've tired of flinging a Range Rover around the Land Rover Experience off-road course, how about a spot of falconry? Or would Sir prefer trout fishing?

Contact: Land Rover Adventures. Tel: 01908 352352. www.landrover.com/gb/en/Experience/Adventures/default.htm

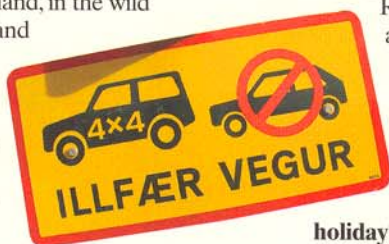


£2000 and over



ICELAND

● **Where is it?** Halfway between Scotland and Greenland, in the wild North Atlantic. Iceland is phenomenal, full of glaciers, volcanic plains and piping hot springs, and the off-road driving is some of the best in the world. Most of the country's interior is uninhabited, so there's a lot of empty spaces to explore.



BELOW: go on, you know you'd just love to be there. Sunglasses clearly not optional



● **Who runs it?** Overland Experts, run by Bruce Elfstrom – biologist, off-road driving instructor and Land Rover owner. He has a superb off-road driving school in Connecticut, and was the first to run self-drive trips in Iceland.

● **What's the holiday?** A week of exploring Iceland, with a mix of off-roading and sightseeing. Itineraries vary but, as an example, expect to see glaciers and huge waterfalls, and to bathe in hot springs at night. Weather permitting, you might get to drive across the Langjokull glacier.

There's an emphasis on local history and geology as well, with evening talks on such as Viking myths and Iceland's natural history. Elfstrom says that it's his company's mission to "make sure the client gets involved in the culture and NOT be sheltered from it".

● **What are the Land Rovers?** Defender 110 Station Wagon 300Tdi and Td5s, modified Iceland-style with 38-44-inch tyres, diff locks and raised suspension. They have roof racks.