



ABOVE: this is why the Icelanders use 44-inch tyres on their Land Rovers. Crossing swollen rivers just adds to the adventure.

LEFT: stunning, desolate terrain with enormous wide-open spaces – typical of Icelandic scenery.

BELOW: it's not all lava fields and glaciers. Incredible colours and amazing natural formations provide contrast



● **Do I get to drive?** Yes – it's a self-drive holiday and the expedition leaders ride in separate vehicles, but they're always there to help you out if you need them. The terrain is mixed, from lava fields to glaciers.

● **Where do I sleep?** Small hotels and guesthouses, mainly. If you're especially lucky, you might even end up in the intriguingly named Viking Turf House.

● **How much, and what's included?** About £2000, depending on the dollar/pound exchange rate. That's

for everything bar a couple of dinners in Reykjavík.

● **Anything else to do?** Reykjavík has some storming nightlife (especially in the summer, when the sun never sets). This is a package, though, so most of your time will be spent on the tour, although there is some free time in the capital.

● **Who do I call?** *Overland Experts, 112 Hemlock Valley Road, East Haddam, CT 06423, USA. Tel: (00 1) 877 931 3343.*

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● **Where is it?** Ghana to Kenya – across the Dark Continent from east to west. This route takes in some of Africa's less stable countries (Congo, Central African Republic) and some not-so-well-known ones (Togo and Benin, for example).

● **Who runs it?** Vintage Rovers Across Africa, a group of Land Rover nuts from the USA who once had the crazy idea of... well, taking a bunch of old Land Rovers across Africa. They've expanded to become Drive The Globe, running adventure holidays in Iceland, Newfoundland and Morocco. Trip leaders Michael Ladden and Paul Shumway have plenty of African experience (they've visited more than 20 African countries) and they love old Land Rovers.

● **What's the holiday?** We'd hesitate to describe this as a holiday. It will be a two-month journey of a lifetime through some of the wilder parts of Africa, with people who are up for some real adventure. Essentially, it's the chance to do an overland safari without the hassle of having to take a vehicle or deal with any of the difficult bits (importing, visas etc). VRAA does all that for you.

● **What are the Land Rovers?** Vintage. That's to say, they're Series IIAs, SIIIs and a 101, rebuilt and prepared for African conditions. They're pretty much stock, though, so you'll be getting the genuine, 100 per cent proof Series Land Rover experience. For two months.

● **Do I get to drive?** Yes – this is a group effort, and everyone gets a chance to drive.

● **Where do I sleep?** Roof tents on top of the Land Rovers.

● **How much, and what's included?** About £3000, but that really is everything all in for a two-month holiday. All you have to do is get yourself to Ghana for the start of the trip.

● **Anything else to do?** Believe us, you'll have quite enough to do without looking for any more adventure.

● **Who do I call?** *Drive the Globe USA, PO Box 663, Simsbury, CT 06070, USA. Tel: (00 1) 860 651 6294. Europe: 55A Murray Road, Ealing, London W5 4XR. www.drivetheglobe.com*

