AROUND THE WORLD IN 50 WAYS

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Hi, my name’s Zak. Welcome to ‘Around the World in 50 Ways’. If you think this is a book where you open at Page 1 and read right through to the end, then think again.

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Pick the right route and you’ll make it all the way around the planet and safely back to London. But be warned, take a wrong turn and your journey will come to an end...

Your trip is guaranteed to be great fun even when it goes wrong! Go back to the beginning and have a completely different adventure. Just keep going until you find the right path.

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**Dead End!**

If it does, don’t panic!
WE ARE ON BOARD ONE OF THE 400 EUROSTAR TRAINS THAT SHUTTLE PASSENGERS AND VEHICLES BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE UK AND MAINLAND EUROPE EVERY DAY. THE TRAINS PASS THROUGH THE CHANNEL TUNNEL, WHICH RUNS FOR 38KM (23.5MI) BELOW THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

THE TUNNEL

THE IDEA FOR A CHANNEL TUNNEL WAS FIRST SUGGESTED IN 1802 BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL 1988 THAT BUILDING WORK BEGAN. THE TUNNEL WAS OPENED SIX YEARS LATER AND IS THE LONGEST UNDERSEA TUNNEL IN THE WORLD.

OVER ONE MILLION PET CATS AND DOGS HAVE TRAVELLED ON THE EUROSTAR!

WHERE NEXT?
GOODBYE LONDON AND HELLO MAINLAND EUROPE!
BUT AS WE SPEED TOWARDS THE CHANNEL TUNNEL, WHICH WAY WILL WE GO?

TRAVEL 2 HRS 15 MINS
GO TO P130

TRAVEL 2 HRS
GO TO P62
WE'RE HEADING OFF ON THE ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP IN A GAS-GUZZLING HIRE CAR. I'VE FILLED UP THE TANK AND CHECKED THE TYRES, SO WE'RE ALL SET FOR OUR NEXT ADVENTURE. PUT YOUR FAVOURITE TUNES ON THE CAR STEREO AND GET READY TO COVER SOME SERIOUS MILEAGE.

IN 1984, SWISS COUPLE EMIL AND LILIANA SCHMID BEGAN THE LONGEST CAR JOURNEY IN HISTORY. THEY ARE STILL GOING, HAVING DRIVEN NEARLY 805,000KM (500,000MI) IN THE SAME VEHICLE!

AMERICAN DINER

WHERE NEXT?
THAT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW LONG YOUR ROAD TRIP TAKES AND HOW MANY STOPS YOU MAKE...

31 HRS
GO TO P102

20 HRS
GO TO P124
We’ve arrived in one of Japan’s prettiest cities. Where other parts of the country love to be cutting-edge and modern, Kyoto is a little more old fashioned. It’s said that there are 1,600 Buddhist temples here, some dating back as far as the year 603. As well as all the beautiful, relaxing gardens, we’ll be able to buy traditional Japanese food like tofu, fish, pickles and tea.

Kyoto was the capital of Imperial Japan for over 1,000 years.

Uh oh! What’s that thunder crack? Where is everyone going? Oh dear, the weather forecast says there’s a typhoon heading towards the city. We’d best get under cover until it’s over. I’m afraid that means our journey has come to an end. It’s back to the start for you. Better luck next time!
Experience the Joy of…

Johannesburg!

Take a tour of Johannesburg, South Africa’s largest city and the capital of Gauteng Province. Jo’burg (as it’s known by the locals) has moved on from its past when there were different rules for people depending on the colour of their skin. Today, spectacular buildings and hip new neighbourhoods are springing up everywhere. Come with me and explore the new South Africa!

The Cradle of Humankind

Just an hour from Jo’burg by car and we’re at Maropeng, an area nicknamed the Cradle of Civilization.

About 40% of all the gold ever found comes from the area around Johannesburg!

Where Next?

There’s so much to see and do in South Africa, but the plane is waiting...

Fly 11 hrs 30 mins
Go to P30

Fly 15 hrs 30 mins
Go to P156

Maropeng

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Feel Alive in...

Alaska!

Welcome to the largest state in the USA. Not many people live here, which means there’s a lot of space to enjoy. If you like mountains and icy wilderness, then Alaska is just the place for you. We won’t be entirely on our own though, because it’s teeming with wildlife. Just try not to bump into a brown bear — they’re huge and not very cuddly!

When you’ve seen enough mountains and icy glaciers, we can head for Tongass — the biggest national forest in the USA. There’s no better way to explore this natural world than whizzing along a zip wire, high above the treetops. WHHHEEEEE!

The United States bought Alaska from Russia in 1867 for just two cents per acre. What a bargain!

Where next? We’ll fly out of Anchorage in Alaska. How long do you want to be in the air?

Fly 6 hrs 30 mins
Go to p54

Fly 21 hrs
Go to p36
We’ve found our way to New Zealand – Wellington to be precise – the world’s most remote and southerly capital city! It’s a beauty too, built on the shores of North Island, one of New Zealand’s two main islands. We’ll see the amazing harbour, golden beaches, lush green hill-sides and snow-capped mountains. Bring a warm coat though – it gets windy here!

In 1893 New Zealand became the first country to give women the vote.

Zealandia

Wellington has all the things you’d expect in a big city. The Museum of New Zealand, ‘Te Papa Tongarewa’ for instance, tells the history of New Zealand, including its native Maori people. But this is a country best enjoyed outdoors, so let’s head for the Zealandia wildlife reserve. Hopefully we’ll spot a kiwi — a very shy, flightless bird, and New Zealand’s national symbol.

Where next?

You’re sad to leave this amazing country, but you need to press on.

Fly 4 hrs

Go to p44

Fly 2 hrs, sail 2 weeks!

Go to p24