# A Journey on Three Wheels

Satyen Das is a poor rickshaw puller from Kolkata in India who suffers from wanderlust. He has already toured half of India in his tricycle rickshaw with his wife and baby girl in 2008. But this time he is determined to go alone to Ladakh in the Jamuu & Kashmir State of India that is 3000km from his home town and 11500 ft above sea level – again by rickshaw. Leaving his wife and daughter behind will not be easy.

A few days before leaving for his trip, Satyen meets filmmaker Indrani who is keen to make a film about his journey. Due to lack of funds she cannot join him and so she teaches him how to use her own handycam. Satyen, a rickshaw puller by profession, set off filming his own incredible journey.

#### Asia Less Travelled

An uncle and his nephew dig deep in Southeast Asia and discover mystical lands teeming with rich tapestries of tradition, culture, and hidden treasures. Travelling around China, Thailand and Cambodia their highlights include the world's biggest stone-carved Buddha of Le Shan, the magnificent mountain range of the Tiger Leaping Gorge, the karst limestone rock formations of southern China, and of course the jaw-dropping ancient temple complex of Angkor. This film is a mouth-watering culinary exploration of exotic foods, a glimpse into the ancient culture of the far east, and an intimate portrait of some of the lesser known places in Southeast Asia.

### **Broken Roads to Siberia**

An adventure motorcycle documentary about two Finnish office guys who ride their motorcycles from Finland to the infamous Vitim bridge in Siberia. The 10,000 km long journey through Russian wilderness, Altai mountains, Mongolian deserts and Siberian taiga take their toll as the journey progresses.

# **Cape to Cairo by Trains**

South African journalist and filmmaker Neil Shaw travels solo across the length of Africa using trains as much as possible. Along the way he interviews fellow passengers and has some surprising conversations covering topics as wide-ranging as Chinese involvement in Africa, cross border trade, philosophy and the history of the 12,500 kilometre Cape Town to Cairo route. These conversations are not only an opportunity to meet people and get to know them on a personal level but also to touch on bigger issues. Some of Africa's greatest natural and cultural wonders are also visited en route and the stunning scenery and friendliness of locals adds to the joy of this epic trip.

# Cycling the Earth

In 2004, Alice & Andoni mounted their bicycles and headed off towards the Far East to what would become a trip of a lifetime, full of surprises and uncertainties. Their trip would see them spanning five continents, visiting 56 countries and pedalling a total of 75,000 kilometres. The family of two becomes a family of four with Maia being born in Belgium in 2007 and Unai in the mountains of Bolivia, in 2011. This amazing family adventure invites us to taste the poetry of a wonderful journey full of humanity, allowing us to witness their experiences, their encounters, the surprises and the beauty of the earth that surrounds us all.

# **Himalayan Motorcycle Adventure**

"Our lands are so barren and our passes so high, that only the best of friends and the fiercest of enemies come to visit us" An old Ladakhi saying.

A chance meeting in the forests of Australia between Aussie motorcycle adventurer Dave Darcy and his Indian counterpart Nosh Mistry leads to a trip of a lifetime exploring far northern India with friends.

They leave the homicidal traffic in Delhi behind and weave their way through the Himalayas towards China. En route they find stunning mountain desert scenery with mouth-watering trails

made for adventure. Here the mountain goddess Kalimata plays havoc with their plans and they realise the need to pay homage to her before continuing their journey.

The effects of high altitude on the bikes and the group become apparent as they head toward the world heritage listed city of Leh, which has huge cultural significance for the Indian riders in particular.

This quirky film provides a unique insight into far northern India, its people and culture whilst documenting the highs and lows of a group brought together by their love of motorcycle adventuring.

# In the Starlight

During the darkest hours of the night, while the rest of the world is sleeping, outdoor photographer Paul Zizka ventures out into the wilderness in search of the world's starriest skies. His journey to photograph the celestial wonders takes him from his home amongst the peaks of the Canadian Rockies to the wild, desert dunes of Namibia and remote ice caps of Greenland. Ever the adventurer, he must balance his work and passion for photography with his equal devotion as a family man.

In the Starlight is an intimate portrayal of Paul's quest to capture the night skies, and what his time spent under the stars has taught him about life, love, adventure, and our place in the universe.

# Mina Og Meg - Toddling across the Norwegian Mountains

In 2018 2 year old Mina went on a winter expedition in the Norwegian mountains with her favourite doll and her father.

In 57 days Mina and Alexander Read skied over 500 kilometres across the Nordryggen mountain range. The expedition started in Ljosland and ended at Leirvassbu in Norway. The goal? To seek precious moments along their way. When Mina is in front leading the way through the mountains something almost magical starts to happen: the pace slows down, the focus shifts and the communication between father and daughter becomes better and stronger. Their presence in the here and now turns their expedition into a special bubble where trolls do exist.

This is the story of their magical adventure.

Mina and her father Alexander won the Norwegian Wildlife Award 2019.

#### Rêve de Mousse

An old French fishing boat, the Rêve de Mousse, is destined to be scrapped due to European quota regulations so a group of volunteers with no experience at sea decide to repair it, fill it with humanitarian aid and sail it across the Atlantic Ocean to Haiti. Here they will pass it over to Haitian fisherman who can give this 12 metre vessel a new lease of life.

Hope, good will and great expectations at the beginning would change during the journey as the true Caribbean appears in front of them. An unexpected path to a hell full of good intentions.

# **Revenir (To Return)**

Part road-trip, part memoir, part journalistic investigation, REVENIR follows Kumut Imesh, a refugee from the Ivory Coast now living in France, as he returns to the African continent and attempts to retrace the same journey that he himself took when forced to flee civil war in his country ... but this time with a camera in his hand.

For years, the stories of West African migrants and refugees have been told through the lenses of foreign journalists. Now there is a story from the inside.

Travelling alone, Kumut documents his own journey; both as the main protagonist in front of the camera, as well as the person behind it, revealing the human struggle for freedom and dignity on one of the most dangerous migratory routes in the world.

A controversial film experiment, a courageous journey and a unique collaboration between filmmaker and refugee; which is not without consequences.

# **The Nahanni Whisperer**

Four young climbers dream of climbing the Lotus Flower Tower, a legendary big wall, somewhere in the Cirque of the Unclimbables in the furthest outreaches of Northern Canada. However, for 800 m of climbing, they will have to face 550 km of dangerous Nahanni river over a whole month of total independence... or hire a helicopter, but where's the fun in that?

Given that they have only limited experience in this type of adventure, they persuade Dom, a seasoned traveller 33 years their senior, to help them get this expedition off the ground. Whereas Dom will be realising his teenage dream of riding the Nahanni rapids, he is also about to realise that the Lotus Flower will be his last 'Big Wall' climb.

A poetic and fun multi-generational adventure, a point where the dream becomes reality.

# The Passage

In 1974, film-maker Nate Dappen's 20-year-old parents and Uncle Andy built their own canoes, launched them into the Pacific, and became some the first people in modern history to canoe from Washington to Alaska up the Inside Passage. Nate and his brother grew up paddling those wooden canoes in the Virginia rivers and the 1974 adventure became legend in the Dappen family – shaping each member, forging their identities and influencing how they viewed each other.

In the summer of 2017, Nate and his brother renovated those same canoes and with their aging parents re-traced their legendary 1974 journey.

The Passage is a story about growing up, growing old, and the wild places that define us.

# The Unfamiliar Road | Overland Motorcycle Adventure

The Unfamiliar Road follows the travels of Daniel Greening and his two friends as they set off on an overland motorcycle adventure from Western Australia to London. Leaving his job and home behind and armed with a camera, Daniel documents their adventure from the scorching Australian outback to the ice and snow of the Himalayas.

In what is a compelling story of friendship, cultural experience and determination, The Unfamiliar Road is sure to get you inspired to travel!

### Travels of TEA

Katy and John had only known each other a year when they set off on an 18,000 mile motorcycle trip from Europe to Japan, roughing it through Russia and off-roading over Central Asia and Mongolia.

They met on a website and discovered that they shared a similar viewpoint on travel; to meet people, wild camp and to use the equipment they already had. Planning took place on dummy runs to Scotland and Wales and between each other's homes which were over 200 miles apart. With no return journey booked the plan was to ride east travelling on old, cheap and high-mileage motorbikes with army-surplus gear and second hand luggage into a world unknown to them. The film documents their relationship and the motorcycle breakdowns which lead them to the most ingenious and generous people.

### Unbounded

In December 2016, a disparate team of travellers in their early twenties set out to hike for four months along the unrelenting Greater Patagonian Trail. The lives of the group hang in the balance as they are forced to traverse rapidly eroding mountain passes and whack their way through dense forests brimming with insects and void of sunlight. Battling the elements, both the physical and mental resilience of the crew is constantly tested.

Hiking over 700 kilometres and engaging with locals along the way, they are reminded of the stark discrepancy between their ways of life and are made aware of the looming developmental projects that threaten the previously untouched and untainted areas across Patagonia. In a moving display of companionship, 'Unbounded' illustrates that the future of the country rests on the preservation and protection of its breath-taking natural spaces.

# Walking for Genna

"Genna", the Ethiopian Christmas takes place on the night of the 6th of January. For the Christians in this country, this is an important moment of bliss. During the weeks running up to that particular night, pilgrims from all corners of the country, start on a journey that will take them to a place where the celebration is the most grandiose: Lalibela, the Ethiopian Jerusalem. Two Belgians, Frédéric and Olivier, set out from the Northern part of the Simien mountains on a 23 day walk and become privileged witnesses of this walk of faith. Their march takes them through stunning landscapes in very remote parts of the country. They stray off the beaten track to connect the Simien mountains to Lalibela by foot.

For Frédéric, a first timer in Ethiopia, the beauty of the land is a revelation. For Olivier who has been there 35 times already, it is a testimony to his unadulterated love of the country where chance encounters and unpredictable weather rule.

### What He's After

In 2012, 22-year-old Minnesotan, Andrew Siess, decides to try to walk around the world. To do so, he'll need to trek over 30,000 kilometres, but if he succeeds he will be the youngest person to walk around the globe. Raphaëlle Ayach, a young filmmaker, sets out to follow him in Korea, the U.S. and (she hopes) in Italy where Andrew will close his loop; but her journey following this bittersweet character is not what she expects. Raphaëlle finds herself pushed to extremes, as she struggles to understand the complex layers of Andrew's personality that push him towards such a giant feat, one step at a time.

# Wild Landings - Namibia

South African adventurer James Pitman and aviation pioneer Mike Blyth and have flown around the world in self designed aircraft, several harrowing times. Through these successful designs, they have become Africa's only truly home grown aircraft manufacturer.

Pressured by work, James persuades Mike to fly through the landscapes of Namibia, one of the best places on the planet to 'pull' a wild landing. Besides landing in remote parts of Namibia, taking local inhabitants for a spin in the air, the duo uncover a dark and little-known historic event of global relevance, meet aviators, gain insight into the country's revolutionary approach to conservation and meet a man who walked to freedom from Namibia to Tanzania. James hears of a ghost town on an island off the Skeleton Coast. Unable to resist, he has to find a way to land and explore this spooky place, though he knows he could not get permission. Will they succeed? This could best be described as a road movie in which the sky is actually not the limit.

### SHORTS

### 3(x) + 1 (x=disabled dudes)

This is a short film about friends traveling the Carretera Austral by bicycle. Steve Bate MBE, a Rio Paralympic Games 2016 gold medallist dodges the media frenzy after the games to head away with his wife and two friends, Karen Darke MBE and Jaco VanGass to pedal the 770 mile remote highway in South Chile's, Patagonia. The team ride the challenging terrain, turning heads as their circus rolls through the amazing landscape of Patagonia. Light and fast, is not the way to describe this trip! This adventure is all about changing perceptions, pushing personal boundaries, and dealing with the famous Patagonian weather along the way.

### 66 days in a London Taxi

Three young men buy a cheap London taxi with over 500,000 miles on the clock and drive it to India in 1967 as a gap-year adventure. The cramped sleeping arrangements and squalor stretched the companion's friendships to the limit. Apart from 22 punctures, getting stuck in a snowdrift in Iran, the loss of the exhaust on two occasions, a minor collision with a lorry in Afghanistan, and another collision with a donkey, they had no serious mishaps. The taxi was still serviceable after 9000 miles of travel through eleven countries, and they were able to sell it for a small profit!

### A Teaching Experience

A Teaching Experience strings together memories collated during a five-week spell at a government school in rural Thailand by a volunteer English teacher. In the mornings during lessons the children were just students. After school however they became guides and offered a glimpse into their childhoods. Together they explored temples, paddy fields and sunflower gardens that dotted the main road. The landscape was their natural playground, children bounced around barefooted in the paddy fields, threw stones into the far distance, crossed small streams and played fetch with dogs that often ran faster than they could. A reminder of the importance of time spent away from school.

#### Chacra

In the Peruvian Amazon, the "Chacra" is the agricultural area where the jungle communities grow their essential fruit and veg.

This documentary was shot over three weeks in the Amazon in September 2017 during a slow journey by canoe that only covered 100 miles between two remote locations: Nueva Vida to Mazan. The aim was to maximise the amount of time spent with the local communities. Part photographic, part non-narrative film, "Chacra" is an exhibition observing the people and life in these remote jungle communities

### **Kayaking Nepal**

A border-to-border traverse of Nepal in kayaks; starting in the Himalayas on the Chinese/Tibetan border and paddling the length of the country to the Indian boundary at the Koshi Barrage. The journey was around 400km and took 8 days, with 3 days of very bumpy road travel. Hari Ale is the first Nepali to complete this journey unsupported and it is believed that Leanne Dyke is the first recorded female. The other team member was Neil Cox. For Leanne the learning curve was steep as she had never been on big volume rivers before and barely had any experience of being in a boat! It goes to show what can be achieved with the right mindset, lots of planning and training and a little luck.

As well as documenting the trip, this film attempts to highlight the continued plight of the Nepalese people following the 2015 earthquake.

### **Moving Mountains | Ladakh**

A ten day ride by six cyclists in extreme weather and high altitude with the aim of reaching the world's highest motorable road in Khardungla. With more than 550 km to endure no basic home comforts to fall back on the team pedal through the mud and dust, testing their physical and mental limits on a daily basis. Each night they pitch their tents amidst mountains in the hope of reaching their destination.

### **Rhythms of Peru**

There is so much more to Peru than Machu Picchu. From the heart of Lima to deep in the Sacred Valley, Rhythms of Peru takes you not only to Peru's most iconic locations, but also to places far off the tourist trail for a chance to experience a more intimate view of this beautiful country. Filmed over the course of a month, director Nathaniel Connella and his producer wife Marta Connella, travelled across the country looking for authentic and intimate moments to show a greater perspective of the country.

#### The Spaghetti Police

The Spaghetti police retells memories of a family holiday in a VW campervan. Mixing reality with fantasy, the film recounts the director's youth; being told funny stories by his dad whilst camping and exploring the UK and eating a lot of spaghetti.

#### **Time**

After years of planning and saving, John and Anna quit their jobs and travelled the world for nine months. Impossible to capture it all in a single short film, they offer us this series of time-lapses to share some of the most interesting scenery that they saw along the way.