

《70天游遍半个地球：从德里到伦敦的直达巴士将开通》

在没有飞机的情况下你很难在80天内环游世界，但是你却可以在70天内游遍半个地球。印度一家探险公司明年将发起一项巴士旅游服务，从印度德里直达英国伦敦，途经18个国家。游客可以在途中随时上车，也可以随时下车游览当地景点。是不是很心动？



The image above is an illustration from Adventures Overland, depicting what the bus might look like. Courtesy Adventures Overland

Would you travel halfway across the world by bus?

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Expedition company Adventures Overland is hoping you'll say yes to its new organized bus trip, which will ferry travelers from the Indian metropolis of Delhi to the UK capital of London -- no airplanes involved.

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Described as the "first-ever hop-on/hop-off bus service" between the two destinations, Bus to London will ferry 20 passengers on a modified luxury bus, inspired in part by the Hippie Trail buses that crisscrossed the world in the

1950s and 1960s.

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The bus will cross 18 countries over a period of 70 days, with passengers hopping off to marvel at the pagodas of Myanmar, hike the Great Wall of China and wander historic cities including Moscow and Prague.

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Adventures Overland was founded by entrepreneurs and enthusiastic travelers Tushar Agarwal and Sanjay Madan.

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Agarwal tells CNN Travel the idea was inspired by an incredible solo drive from London to Delhi he did back in 2010.

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"It is an absolutely fantastic journey," he says.

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Since founding **Adventures Overland**, Agarwal and Madan have organized three India-to-London expeditions, in which travelers bring their own cars and travel in a convoy. The duo has also organized driving trips across snowy Iceland and over frozen lakes in Russia.

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They've had some incredible experiences, but Agarwal and Madan were keen to do something a little different with their latest excursion.

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"There are a lot of people, travelers, who want to experience these overland journeys, but they don't want to drive," says Agarwal. "So, we came up with the idea of putting together a bus in which people can sit comfortably and go on long distance journeys. And that's how the idea of the Bus to London was born."

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Adventures Overland founders Sanjay Madan and Tushar Agarwal have done this journey on more than one occasion. Courtesy Adventures Overland

The inaugural Bus to London journey is set to take place in mid-2021, Covid restrictions pending.

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"The best time to do this journey is between April and June, because that's when the weather is favorable to start the journey from India through to Myanmar, and to cross the high mountains of China and Kyrgyzstan," explains Agarwal.

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This road trip doesn't come cheap -- Agarwal says it will cost around \$20,000, but you can opt to just do part of the journey, which is divided into four legs.

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Plus, you can pick whether you want to start in the UK or India -- once the bus reaches London, outward passengers will travel back by air and the vehicle will turn back around, kickstarting a return journey with a new group of 20 travelers.

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"This is a tried and tested route," says Agarwal, who stresses it's designed to be as safe as possible, adding that local guides also join the party as each border is crossed to assist with travel logistics.

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Since announcing the idea, Agarwal and his team have been inundated with messages from travelers around the world -- some 40,000 people have registered interest so far.

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For anyone dreaming of joining the team on the 70-day adventure, he advises approaching the adventure with "an open mind" and "open heart."

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"It's a life-changing journey, something that people will always remember and they will cherish it forever."

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