

MEDIA ALERT

'AFRICAN MOTORCYCLE DIARIES'

6 x 30min HD Series

Adventure motorcyclist **Spencer Conway** takes on the biggest challenge of his life – to be the **first** motorcyclist to **circumnavigate Africa**.

This unique 6 part series follows Spencer's heroic adventure as he travels through **34 countries**, covers a staggering **55,000 kilometres**, riding solo and unsupported on his Yamaha XT660 Tenere.





Starting his ambitious journey in the UK, he crosses France and catches a ferry to North Africa. From Tunisia, the first leg of his journey in Africa, he rides down the east coast through its deserts, jungles and savannah's to Cape Town, South Africa.

His second leg is north up the west coast of Africa, through some of the most notorious, unstable and challenging countries in the world, returning home after **283** days on the road.

Travelling on a limited budget, he sleeps rough in his tent or cockroach infested accommodation, eats street food or what's available and fends for himself negotiating border crossings and local bureaucracy.

He endures virtually impassable mud roads in Congo, blinding sand storms in the deserts of Mauritania and navigates huge potholes in Guinea. He crashes numerous times, has all his possessions stolen in Angola and survives a near fatal shooting in Kenya.





He also experiences the majestic beauty, contrasting landscapes, diverse cultures and the welcoming people of this vast continent.

This gritty, raw and real travel series filmed predominately on Spencer's diary camera, captures his personal and candid footage revealing his fears, tears, elations and the determination of an extreme traveller.

With additional footage and a slightly observational narration, this series takes you on Spencer's spectacular journey – you'll be amused, shocked and enthralled.



'African Motorcycle Diaries' 1st episode will premier on the Travel Channel in the UK on the 8th November 2015 at 7pm. In Europe, Middle East and Africa it will premier on the 9th of November 2015 at 9pm.

Travel Channel can be found on the following platforms in the UK: Freeview 42, Freesat 150, Sky 249 and Virgin 292.

The series is available on DVD from Duke Video



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About Travel Channel

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HGTV, **DIY Network**, **Cooking Channel** and country music network **Great American Country**. **Travel Channel** can be found on the following platforms in the UK: Freeview 42, Freesat 150, Sky 249 and Virgin 292.

More information can be found at www.travelchannel.co.uk

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