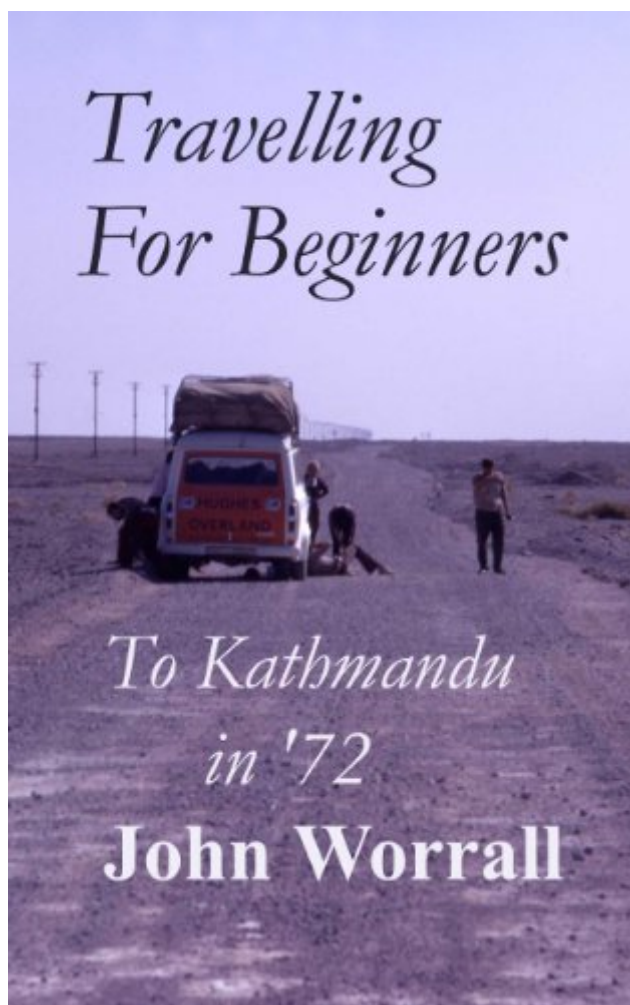


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Chapter 1 Okay. So what would you do? What would you do with your three-score-years-and-ten on a rock and water planet, circumference 24,000 miles and thirty per cent land cover? Would you stick with the places and things you were born to, happy to get by, avoiding disasters, accumulating a few comforts and possessions to flaunt to those of similar disposition while you peeped out just occasionally at the wider world? Or would you look around a bit, take more time than is allowed by convention, time enough to range over horizons and see, and perhaps get to know, more? Would discovery be the food of the spirit while convention and its constrictions be the death? Would doing things be more important than having things to the point where, given the bare necessities, what might be around the next corner held greater promise than any figure on the bottom line? Well, each to his own.

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This charming book deserves to be in traditional print. It is the trip of the first reviewer, a trip that I took myself in 1968 by myself and in 1972 with my unsuspecting and patient wife. What I liked especially about this book is Worrall's reflections on how the pace of his particular trip militated against his understanding, especially of Isfahan, one of the great cities of the world. I also related to

his ill-ease in Benares: what were we doing ogling devotion? Another take on this scene is Jeff in Venice, Death in Benares. Anyway, takes off to Worrall who I hope will get his book into print while he checks periodically the "Hippie Trail" page on Facebook.

John Worrell tells a tale of his overland trip in 1972 from London to Kathmandu. He traveled with one of the van companies that took mostly young and inexperienced travelers along the Hippie Trail, and as the circumscribed adventure goes on, he begins to yearn for travel that is free to follow a lead, to explore at will, to escape the bubble of the familiar. All told with charm, humor, and with a fine eye for detail. A delightful read especially for those who traveled in those days, which I did. I've written about it in a book called Wander Year, and appreciate John's take on this forty-year-old peak experience.

What a fantastic read! Well written, funny in parts, thought provoking in others. Up there with the best travel books I've read (and I've read a few!). Perhaps the best compliment I can give is that I just finished it and am moved to a) give a rare review and b) go buy his other book about his travels in South America.

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