

### Jason Lewis: The first human-powered circumnavigation of the globe



Thirteen years after Jason Lewis left London for what would be the world's first human-powered circumnavigation of the globe his name was etched into the Guinness Book of World Records.

Q:   1  

I was 26. I had a small business cleaning windows and carpets. I felt very claustrophobic in England and I was eager to get out and see the world. The idea to circumnavigate the globe was proposed by my friend, Steve Smith, over beers at 2am. We had long hair and tattoos and weren't the kind of people that any sensible company would want to associate with. So we borrowed £10,000 from friends and family. And then we just left.

Q:   2  

To use just your mind, your body and your spirit to get somewhere sounded like the ultimate challenge. I liked the purity and the simplicity of it. If you could ride a bike, or put one foot in front of another, you could do this trip. A trip of 46,505 miles of pedalling, walking, rollerblading and kayaking. I've always been interested in sustainability. I'm always thinking about my footprint, trying not to consume without thinking.

Q: 3

The route changed often depending on how the trip evolved. The ocean sections were set because you're going on the prevailing winds and currents and trying to avoid the hurricane seasons. The land sections were more arbitrary and were dictated by political barriers. For example, getting permission to kayak across Indonesia was difficult. No one had ever kayaked through Indonesia before, so the customs and immigration authorities had no idea what a kayak even was.

Q: 4

We started by going West. Americans still have an appreciation for pioneers, the kind of spirit that built this country. When we reached Miami, after 111 days of pedalling across the Atlantic, we were at the mercy of people we met on the dockside and started networking. We got talks lined up at yacht clubs, Rotary clubs; we put the boat on display at a boat show; we printed up t-shirts that we sold. If we had landed almost anywhere else, I think the expedition would have died then and there. After six months of fundraising we had enough to pay back our friends and family in the UK and could continue on the next leg to San Francisco.

Q: 5

For every hour of travel, it took three hours of fundraising to pay for it. That was much more difficult than anything else. Arriving on a new continent without any money and trying to book talks and figure out how to raise money, that's the exhausting part. When you're from a rich country trying to raise money to cross the world, to a lot of people it seems ridiculous.

Q: 6

I was sick of travelling by the time I finally got back to London. I knew I'd been out there too long but I'd already invested so many years of my life in the expedition. And so many people had invested in me, people who had given \$20, bought a t-shirt, whatever. I felt this groundswell of support. I had to finish, if for nothing else, for all these people.

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## Tekst 6

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- 3p 13 Tekst 6 is een interview met avonturier Jason Lewis.  
Bepaal voor 1 tot en met 6 welke vraag erbij hoort.  
→ Noteer achter elk nummer in de uitwerkbijlage de letter van de vraag.

Kies uit:

- a How did you determine where to travel next?
- b How did you keep the expedition going?
- c What are your plans for the future?
- d What did it mean to you to travel only by human power?
- e What inspired you to travel around the world?
- f What motivated you to complete the challenge?
- g What was the hardest part of the expedition?

*Let op: er blijft één vraag over!*

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