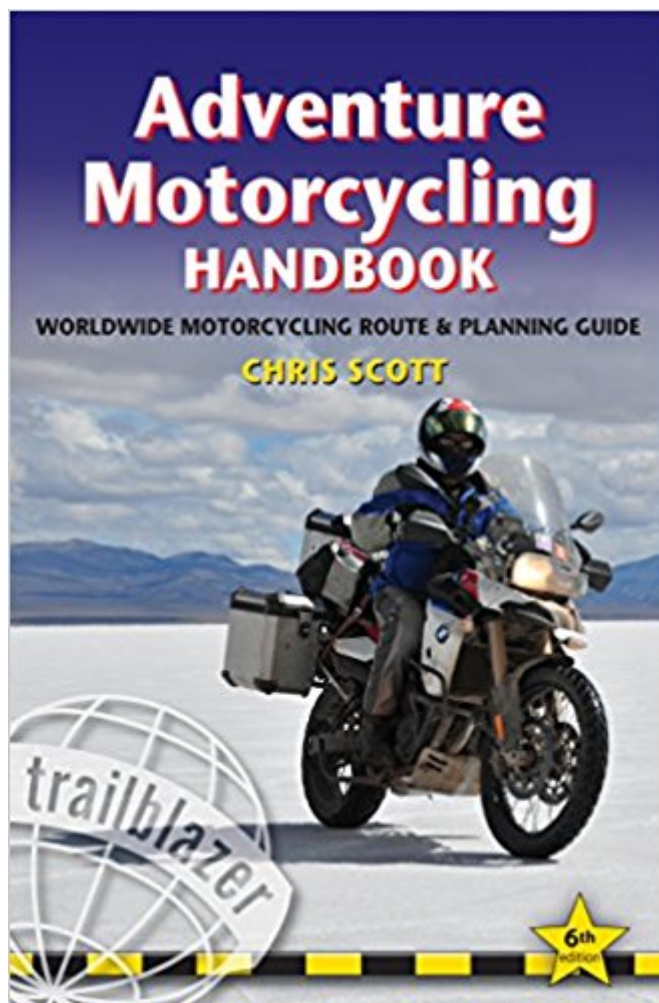


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# Adventure Motorcycling Handbook: A Route & Planning Guide



## Synopsis

Every red-blooded motorcyclist dreams of making the Big Trip--the Adventure Motorcycling Handbook is the comprehensive manual to make that idea a reality. Timbuktu to Kathmandu or Patagonia to Mongolia--it's all here. Expanded by 100 pages, this new edition includes: Practical information, essential documentation, ten overland machines rated, preparation and gear for riding in or across the countries of the developing world (the AM Zone) as well as dealing with culture shock, borders, robbery, medical emergencies, accidents, shipping, navigation, wild camping, highway and off-road riding, fault diagnosis plus filming and also overlanding on quads. Trans-continental route outlines Across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Improved mapping shows overland routes. Tales from the Saddle Spoke-bending moto adventures from the earliest two-wheel pioneers to contemporary first-hand accounts from India, Morocco, South America, Pakistan, and Siberia.

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Motorcycles (Canada) "As essential as a set of tyre levers, and as dependable as the sunshine in the Sahara. Highly recommended." *Trail Bike Magazine* (UK) "Invaluable." *THE TIMES* (UK) "Does for adventure riding books what 'Saving Private Ryan' does for war movies." *Motorcycle Consumer News* (USA) I remember the first time I met Chris Scott, on a cold Colorado morning near Durango. He had decided to fly all the way to the US to buy an inflatable kayak, a plan that would save him nearly the cost of the trip in taxes and shipping. I do suspect the decision was made partially for practical reasons, but I think Chris just wanted to get lost for a weekend- in reality, Chris has been trying to get lost his entire life. As a traveler and editor, Chris is infinitely likable, and not because of his extensive experience (which he has in spades), but because of his honest, genuine and simple approach to equipment, vehicles and travel. Even a casual review of Chris' travels show a fantastic diversity and infinite practicality. From traveling in Australia by BMW motorcycle to bouncing around Morocco in a Mercedes sedan, Chris has made a lifetime emphasis on the pursuit of approachable adventuring. It is that emphasis that makes the *Adventure Motorcycling Handbook* so incredibly valuable. It is not a glossy sales brochure for Triumph or BMW, but a gritty, honest, hard won review of what actually works and what you really need to ride a motorcycle overland. The *Adventure Motorcycle Handbook* follows a logical review of pursuing moto travel, starting with planning and preparation before selecting a bike and then ultimately living on the road and selecting individual routes. Chris does a great job of interjecting the thoughts, musings and opinions of other experts, all lending to a broader perspective and more interesting read. The book also includes some important updates regarding new models, current route conditions and improved technologies for equipment. While the book is absolutely a definitive guide to preparing for a round-the-world expedition or even a short jaunt to Baja, it most importantly serves as an inspiration to the reader, an impetus to venture further. - Scott Brady, Overland International

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Even if you have a well worn copy of the last edition, it's worth upgrading to the latest (Nov, 2012 - 6th ed) of the AMH. Tons of new material and the same solid format that made this book great in the first place. Buy the book, read the book, ride out to an Overland Expo or a Horizons Unlimited meetup, do a few exploratory journeys (mostly to see how \*little\* you need to be comfortable on the road then go for it...

This book makes me want to hop on a motorcycle and ride everywhere! This book gives the aspiring ADV rider the recommendations necessary to get going. It's suggestions are extensive and cover many things that would have otherwise been overlooked (travel visas, international insurance, carnets, etc). I've found it very easy to read for both short and long stints. It's spectacularly well-edited, you rarely find yourself having to turn the page to read the last two sentences of a section before putting the book down. The writing is concise and gives examples and alternatives that might be helpful to riders of all skill levels. If you're even a bit interested in overland travel via motorcycle you should absolutely get this book. You won't be disappointed.

I love this book because it gets me excited about getting on my motorcycle and going for an adventure, but there's very little information in it that I'd feel comfortable relying on as a single source. The world is a fast-changing place. Motorcycle models, political boundaries, border relations, the bureaucracy of international travel and international routes are different today than they are yesterday. This book provides a great foundation on HOW to think about these things, but no book can be used as an authority on these subjects anymore; especially when you can tap in to fantastic internet sources reporting on daily changes in the territories (such as crossing South America's Darien Gap, where options are constantly changing thanks to new providers coming in, others leaving and laws governing the crossings changing regularly). There's very little information in this book that can't be found more reliably in online forums like Advrider or Horizons Unlimited. That said, there's something romantic about holding the pages between your fingers and getting excited about a big trip, and this book does that.

I don't have enough superlatives to describe this book. It's meticulously detailed, incredibly informative, and offers been-there-done-that guidance on practically every aspect of adventure touring. Of note: Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman of "Long Way Round" fame note that this was the first book they purchased in preparing for their journey. I've committed large sections of it to memory--if you're in the serious planning phase of a long motorcycle adventure, I'd recommend you do the same.

This, my Haynes manual, and 'Proficient Motorcycling'... all great books for someone who just bought a bike and honestly intends on doing something with it. I have been through it once, and I'm going back making notes for my upcoming TransAmerica Trail trip.

a wealth of well written information from the foremost authority on motorcycle adventure travel, wish I got it sooner ! a must have.

Being the 6th edition, the handbook is right up to date and covers everything you would ever want to know about Adventure Motorcycling . A must have in your travel kit!

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