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23 Western Hemisphere Countries in Under Three Years

A New York journalist and her photographer husband are planning the Trans-Americas Journey, a two to three year, 70,000+ mile overland exploration of the 23 countries in the Western Hemisphere. The two 40-year-olds will focus on the more than 850 national parks, preserves and wildlife sanctuaries, 136 UNESCO Biosphere Reserves, and a number of state, provincial and regional parks and reserves in North, Central and South America.

The team, New Yorkers Karen Catchpole and Eric Mohl, will trek, paddle, dive, climb and, drive their Silverado (Chevrolet is the main sponsor) in search of unique destinations, local cultures and outdoor activities. "As we roam from the Arctic to Tierra del Fuego, through the Rockies and the Andes, to Mt. Rushmore and Machu Picchu, we will use skills and contacts developed over 20 years in journalism and photography to sell and place stories in U.S. and international consumer magazines and newspapers," they tell EN.

The Trans-Americas Journey will depart New York in late April, returning in late 2008 or 2009. Roughly 8-10 months will be spent in the U.S. and Canada, with 24 to 28 months logged in Central and South America.

Outside the U.S. they will be traveling as the volunteer eyes and ears of Global Fund for Women (globalfundforwomen.org). In-kind and cash sponsorships are being sought for the project.

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