

# AUSTRALIA TO SWITZERLAND ON A BIKE

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Some might say that starting a round the world journey working as the crew on a steam boat transporting cargo to a little known island called Yamdena in return for transport is hardly ideal but these two Swiss guys think it's all a bit of an adventure.

Alex Kaeslin left Switzerland in 2003 to come to Australia and follow his dream of becoming a photographer. After graduating from the International College of Creative Arts in 2005 this promising young Photographer and his best friend, Albano Tundo, embarked on the bicycle journey of a lifetime - Australia to Switzerland on two wheels.

Starting in Darwin, Australia in mid April, Alex and Al have been looking for a boat to take them and their equipment from the big brown land and deliver them to an adventure that promises to result in incredible images from all over the world in both still photography and film.

Now, after weeks of searching and many destination changes they have finally hit pay dirt!

"We originally planned to start this trip in Papua New Guinea but unfortunately getting there without the aid of an aircraft proved to be impossible, at least for us. East Timor was next on our wish list but unfortunately the political upheaval in Dili has stopped tourism for the moment." says Alex.

"We did manage to find passage on a fishing boat to Kupang, West Timor for a small fee but then we met a like-minded traveller who knew of a boat that would take us and our equipment to Saumlaki, Yamdena in exchange for helping out on board during the trip. This is the perfect place to start from; the landscape and the people look amazing from what I've seen. That means that I'll soon have some great shots to upload to my website. Also, there are weekly ferries to Kupang so we know that we won't be stranded there for any longer than we want to be."

Alex and Albano have decided not to plan any more of their trip and just take it as it comes. They figure that as long as they head west they are on the right track.

You can share in the adventure online ([www.alexkaeslin.com](http://www.alexkaeslin.com)) with regularly updated photos and stories from the road and even subscribe to the newsletter for a more in-depth glimpse of life on two wheels - the boys would love you to be a part of this trip!

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