

# One Gift, Three Rules, and a Life-Changing Journey Around the World

In 2010, I received a gift that would change my life forever. It was a simple gift, really - a leather-bound journal with the words "One Gift, Three Rules" embossed on the cover. But as I opened the journal and began to read the words inside, I knew that my life would never be the same.

The journal contained three rules, each one more challenging than the last. The first rule was to travel to a new country every year for the next three years. The second rule was to spend no more than \$10 per day. The third rule was to learn something new about the world and about myself every day.

At first, I was terrified. I had never been much of a traveler, and the thought of spending three years living out of a backpack with only \$10 per day seemed impossible. But the more I thought about it, the more excited I became. I realized that this was an opportunity to see the world, to learn about different cultures, and to challenge myself in ways I never thought possible.



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And so, in January of 2011, I embarked on my journey. I started by traveling to Southeast Asia, where I spent several months backpacking through Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. I lived on a shoestring budget, staying in hostels and eating street food. I learned about the history and culture of each country I visited, and I met some amazing people along the way.

After Southeast Asia, I traveled to South America, where I spent several months exploring Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. I hiked to Machu Picchu, visited the salt flats of Uyuni, and trekked through the Atacama Desert. I learned about the ancient Inca civilization, the Spanish conquest, and the modern history of South America. I also met some incredibly warm and welcoming people, who taught me a lot about their culture and way of life.

After South America, I traveled to Africa, where I spent several months exploring Kenya, Tanzania, and South Africa. I went on safari, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, and visited the Apartheid Museum. I learned about the rich history and culture of Africa, and I met some truly inspiring people.

My journey lasted for three years, and during that time I visited over 50 countries on six continents. I lived out of a backpack, spent less than \$10 per day, and learned something new about the world and about myself every day.

It was the most challenging and rewarding experience of my life. I saw some of the most amazing places on earth, I met some of the most interesting people, and I learned more about myself than I ever thought possible.

But the most important thing I learned is that anything is possible if you set your mind to it. No matter what your dreams are, no matter how big or small, you can achieve them if you believe in yourself and you're willing to work hard.

So if you're looking for a way to change your life, I encourage you to take a leap of faith and embark on a journey of your own. You never know what you might learn about the world and about yourself.

- **Set a clear goal.** What do you want to achieve with your journey? Do you want to see the world? Learn a new language? Challenge yourself? Once you know your goal, you can start to make a plan.
- **Do your research.** Learn as much as you can about the places you want to visit. This will help you to make the most of your time and to avoid any potential culture shock.
- **Be flexible.** Things don't always go according to plan when you're traveling. Be prepared to adjust your itinerary as needed.
- **Pack light.** You don't want to be weighed down by luggage. Pack only the essentials and leave room for souvenirs.
- **Be open-minded.** One of the best things about travel is the opportunity to learn about different cultures. Be open to new experiences and don't be afraid to try new things.

- **Have fun!** Travel is an amazing experience. Enjoy every moment and don't forget to have fun.

I hope this article has inspired you to take a leap of faith and embark



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