



The Family Adventure Project

inspiring families to live adventurously

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Short Talks and Lectures

Families That Live The Dream - Beyond Packaged Adventure

Many independent travellers think adventurous travel comes to an end when the family begins. But it doesn't have to be that way. The Family Adventure market is booming, with an ever increasing number of companies offering adventurous travel itineraries packaged for the family market. But there's a style of family adventuring beyond the package. It's a route that can be rich, rewarding, challenging and developmental. It can build skills and confidence, enhance relationships and strengthen family ties. And it's available to anyone with the confidence and commitment to give it a go. This is the world of independently organised family adventures. Families that bike, hike, sail, canoe, ride, ski, climb or volunteer together on big-time family odysseys they've dreamed up and realised for themselves.

In this short, illustrated talk, Stuart Wickes and Kirstie Pelling, Directors of The Family Adventure Project, share some of their own experience of adventurous family travel and findings from their research with families around the world about the dramas, delights, challenges and rewards of organising your own family adventures.

Come and find out

- What families around the world are getting up to
- Just how adventurous you can be as a family
- How to overcome the biggest barriers to getting out there
- How adventurous travel shapes family life
- How you can get started on realising your own dream

About your speakers

Stuart and Kirstie Wickes are Directors of The Family Adventure Project, a family run, not for profit venture to promote the benefits of active, independently organised family adventure experiences.

They recently completed their own nine month adventure, cycling, sailing, campervanning, eco-touring, roadtripping, railroading and backpacking their way around the globe with two pre-school children. And while on the road they met with other active and adventurous families to research just what is possible beyond the world of packaged adventure and how to get out there doing it.

Their developing website, www.familyadventureproject.org, offers a mix of inspirational stories of family adventure and practical advice about what's possible and how to get started, combined with stories that chronicle their own experiences and hard won lessons.

They are authors of several published features about family adventure and are currently between adventures, awaiting the imminent arrival of another baby while compiling research into the benefits of adventurous family experiences, writing a book based on their own experiences and research, developing a radio drama about the impact of adventurous living and writing features for publication in print and on their website.

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