

# **10 Lessons From A Road Warrior**

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1. The world is filled with loving and generous people, and the world is a much nicer place than we are lead to believe.
2. Almost any travelling problem can be solved with time or money. If you have more time, you need less money, and vice versa. I firmly believe that during my travels, having more time was a greater benefit than having more money would have been.
3. All the material items I needed to be happy with on the road for four years could be strapped to a motorcycle.
4. Sunrise was my most fertile time to daydream and plan because the troubles, problems, restrictions, and limitations of the outside world had not yet woken.
5. By far the most difficult aspect of a multi-year trip was reminding myself everyday that I was fortunate to be on this ride, and to be acutely aware of this beautiful world that I was travelling through.
6. Married friends are jealous of the freedom and lifestyle I had on the road; but I was equally jealous of their family life, stability, and their ability to watch their kids grow.
7. A handshake, smile, and hello could disarm the grumpiest of strangers.
8. The simpler my life is, the more I am able to enjoy it.
9. There is no perfect time to leave on a big trip. It will always be nicer to have a bit more money, a bit better motorcycle, or newer gear. But this is a trap – tell everyone you know what date you leaving, and on that date, go with whatever you have!
10. Drinking beer is a great way to meet people, practice a new language, and drink a healthy, purified, tasty beverage. As a bonus, peeling labels off beer bottles makes for economical souvenirs.