

Millions tune in to epic world race

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Plucky pair: Fin Gough and Sioned Cray, childhood sweethearts from rural Wales, were just 19 and 20 years old when they started their epic televised race across China, Nepal and India.

Could travelling teach you more than university? Tonight's finale will see one resourceful pair win Race Across the World — but even the losers have learnt from the experience.

What's happening?

In last week's episode the teams raced along the coast of India towards Goa. The brothers Brian and Melvin set off in the lead, but ended up 17 hours behind the leaders.

Mother and son Caroline and Tom moved up into first place, seven hours ahead of sisters Elizabeth and Letitia. Teenage sweethearts Fin and Sioned came in less than an hour later.

Tonight we will discover who wins the £20,000 prize, after a 14,000-mile journey which started at the **Great Wall of China**.

Find out more

Now in its fifth season, *Race Across the World* has been a huge hit. The teams are not allowed smartphones or credit cards, and can only travel by land or sea.

They are given money equivalent to the airfare to their destination, and can make more by working.

Some people say

"The universe likes speed. Don't delay...when the intuitive nudge from within is there, act."

Six steps to discovery

1. Connect

How do you feel about this story? - Do you like travelling? Would you like to take part in *Race Across the World*?

The series' appeal does not lie only in the thrill of the race. How the teams respond to sudden challenges is a major attraction; most show a big growth in confidence and patience.

Tom's eyes were opened to the kindness of strangers: "The majority of people you meet go above and beyond to try and help you any way they can," he says.

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Yes! Travel broadens your mind and gives you an insight into other cultures in a way that just reading about them cannot.

Others think

No! What you learn from travelling is purely random and can often be discovered in your own country. University gives you an unparalleled chance to study a subject in depth over several years.

Joe Vitale (1949 –), American musician

What do you think?

2. Wonder

What questions do you have? - For example: How do you get chosen for *Race Across the World*? Which country receives the most visitors?

3. Investigate

What are the facts? - Pick out one thing we know for certain about this story and one thing we cannot say for sure.

4. Construct

What is your point of view? - You are given the choice between a place at university or a round-the-world ticket. Think about what you would say.

5. Express

What do others believe? - Which would be the most exciting place to travel to? Take it in turns to say.

6. Reflect

What might happen next? - Imagine you are racing to a city 100 miles away without money or a smartphone. Write a story about it.

Glossary

Goa - A state in western India, a former Portuguese colony known for its beaches and cultural blend.

Great Wall of China - Actually a number of different walls built over several millennia by different Chinese dynasties. Most of the current wall was built by the Ming dynasty between 1373 and 1644. Contrary to popular belief, the Wall cannot be seen from space.