

Africa by public transport

Ian Packham

Not many of us would choose to spend a year sitting on public transport; however, this is precisely what King's alumnus Ian Packham (Biomedical Science, 2005) is planning to do in the name of research.

Packham is circumnavigating Africa alone and using only the public transport available to local populations. His project seeks to promote a wider understanding of coastal Africa, particularly among the general UK population. Ian is brushing up on his French, Arabic and Portuguese with weekly lessons to enable him to chat with fellow passengers as he feels these conversations will help him to gain a greater understanding of the everyday issues as these countries increasingly become a part of the developed world.

Starting this September in Morocco, Packham will travel along the west coast, planning to reach South Africa in March and arrive back in Morocco by August. The original plan was to travel from London to Australia

applying the same principle. However, Packham says he 'suddenly realised that Africa would be much more interesting and diverse in every way'.

Packham would be delighted to hear from any alumni who may be living along the African coast. He can be contacted via his website www.encircleafrica.org, where you will also find all the details of his adventure.



Seeing Africa one bus at a time